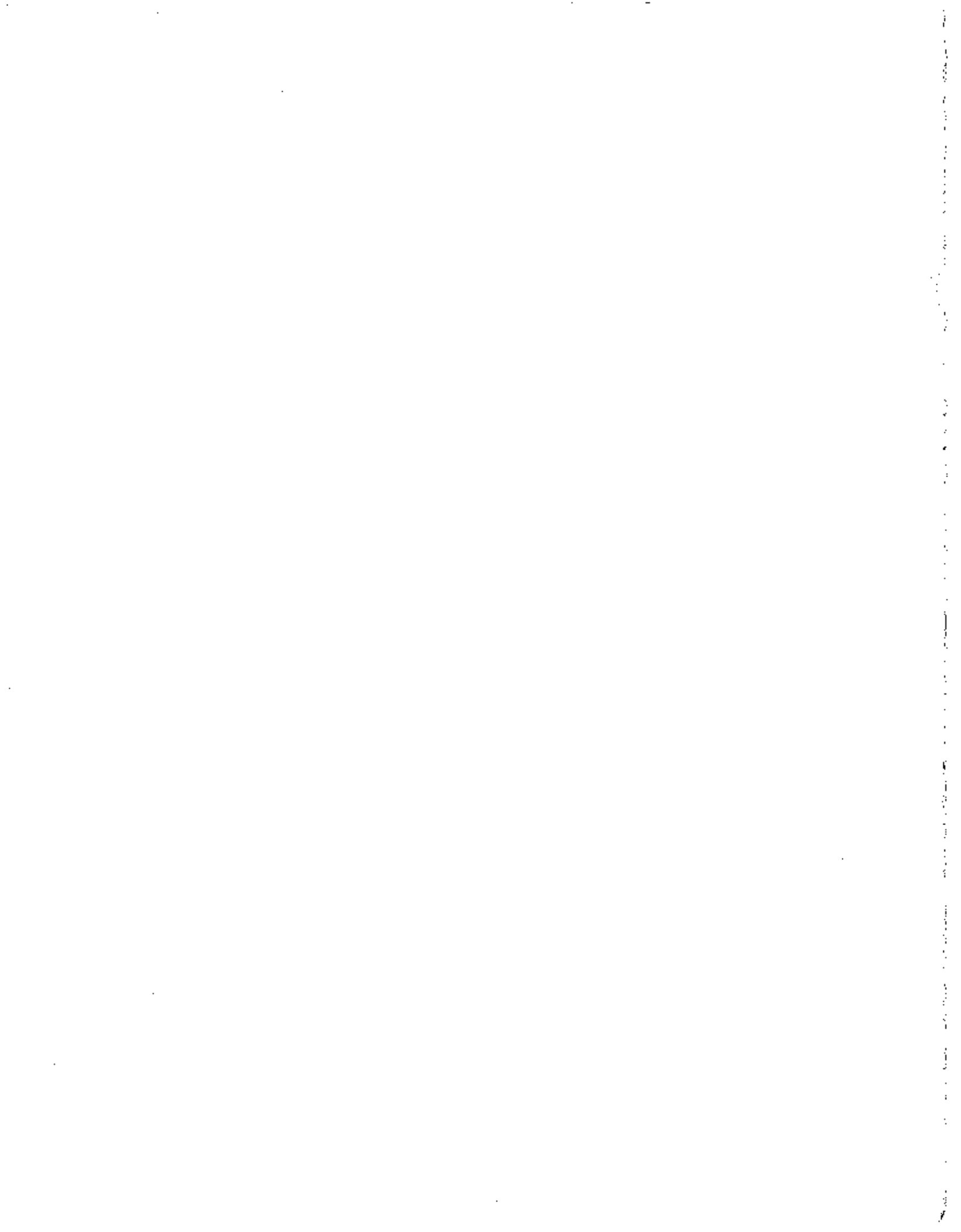


Best wishes  
Dad.



To my  
mother  
MARY EMILY RANGER

WITHOUT WHOM A PAINTING  
WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN PAINTED  
NOR A SKETCH SKETCHED.



Born in Nanaimo in 1935, Al is a self-taught artist who began his full-time art career in 1979. His paintings are a part of many corporate and private collections in Canada, United States, England, Germany and Mexico. He is represented in galleries in British Columbia and Alberta.

The sketches contained herein are from a private collection dating back to 1963.

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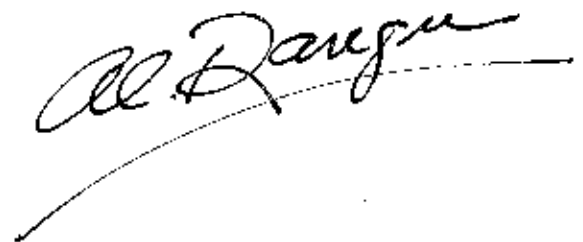
# NANAIMO- A SENSE OF PLACE

We shall not cease from exploration  
and the end of all our exploring  
will be to arrive where we started  
and know the place for the first time.

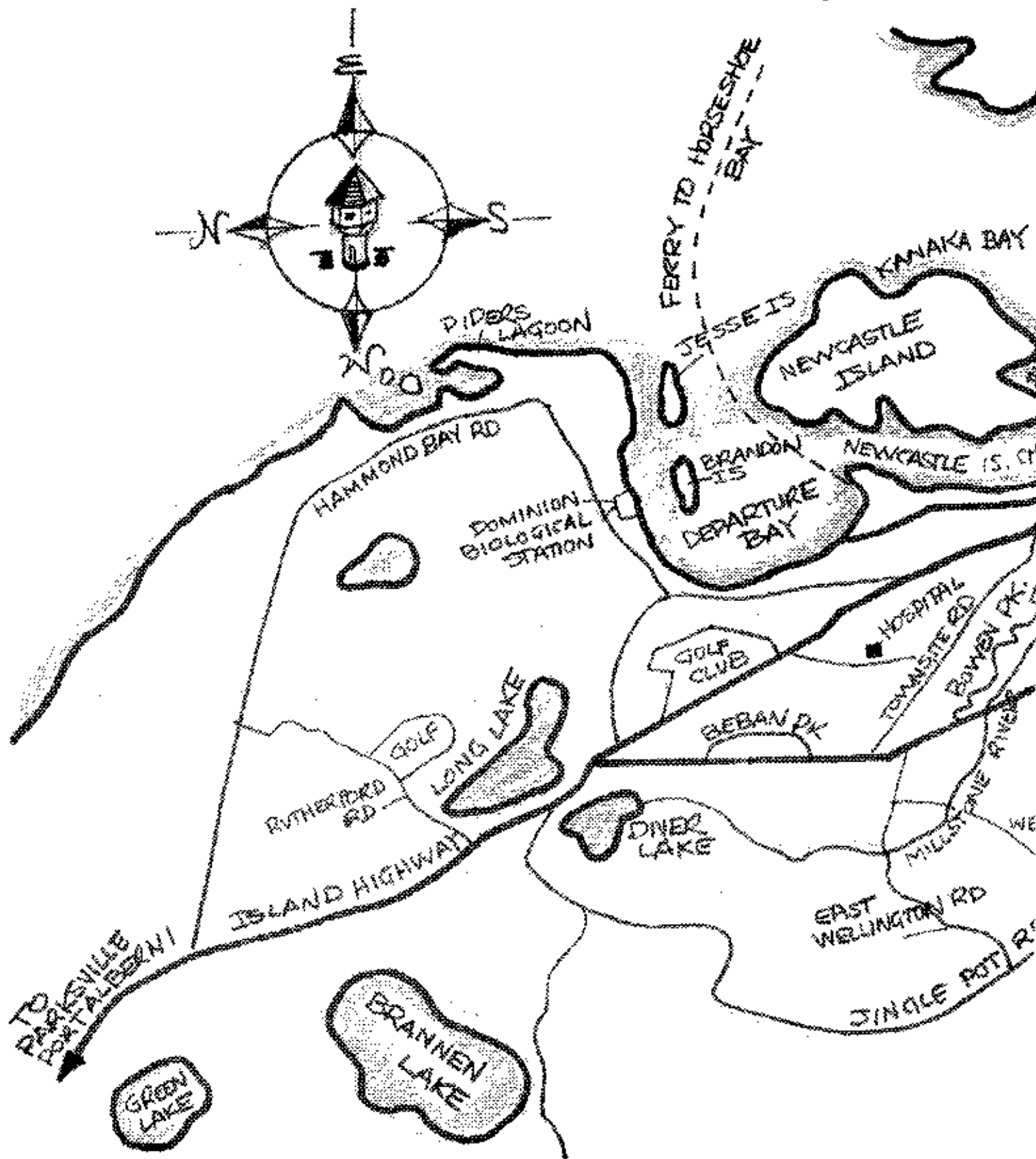
T.S. Eliot

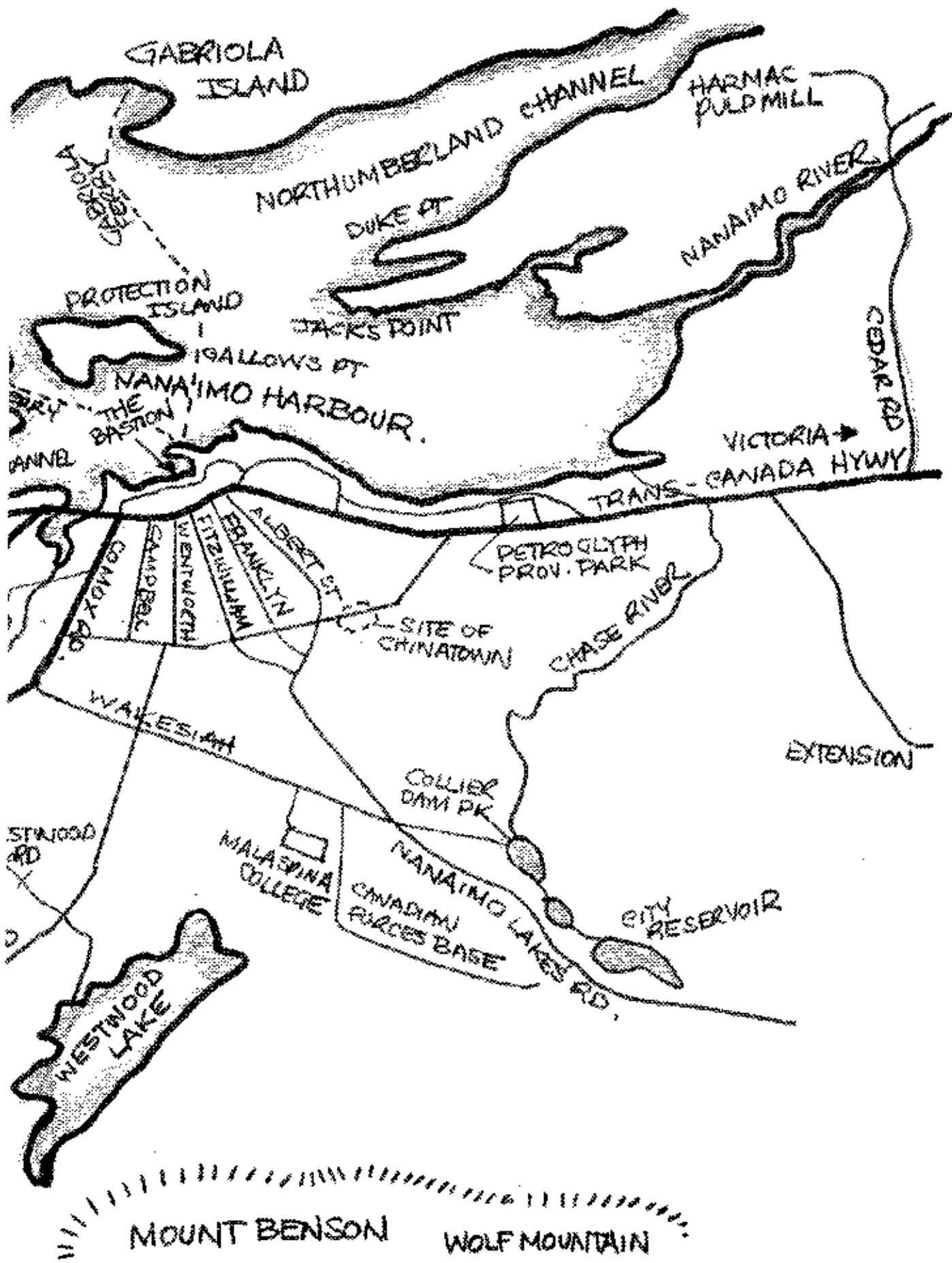
All of us have our loved places, all of us have laid claim to parts of the world, and all of us, whether we know it or not, are in some measure, the product of our sense of place.

In the following pages, I hope to share my sense of place with you. It is for the most part, a sketch book. However, I have used some copy to contain and perhaps enhance the sketches, much like a picture frame. I hope you like the pictures and I hope you agree with my choice of framing.

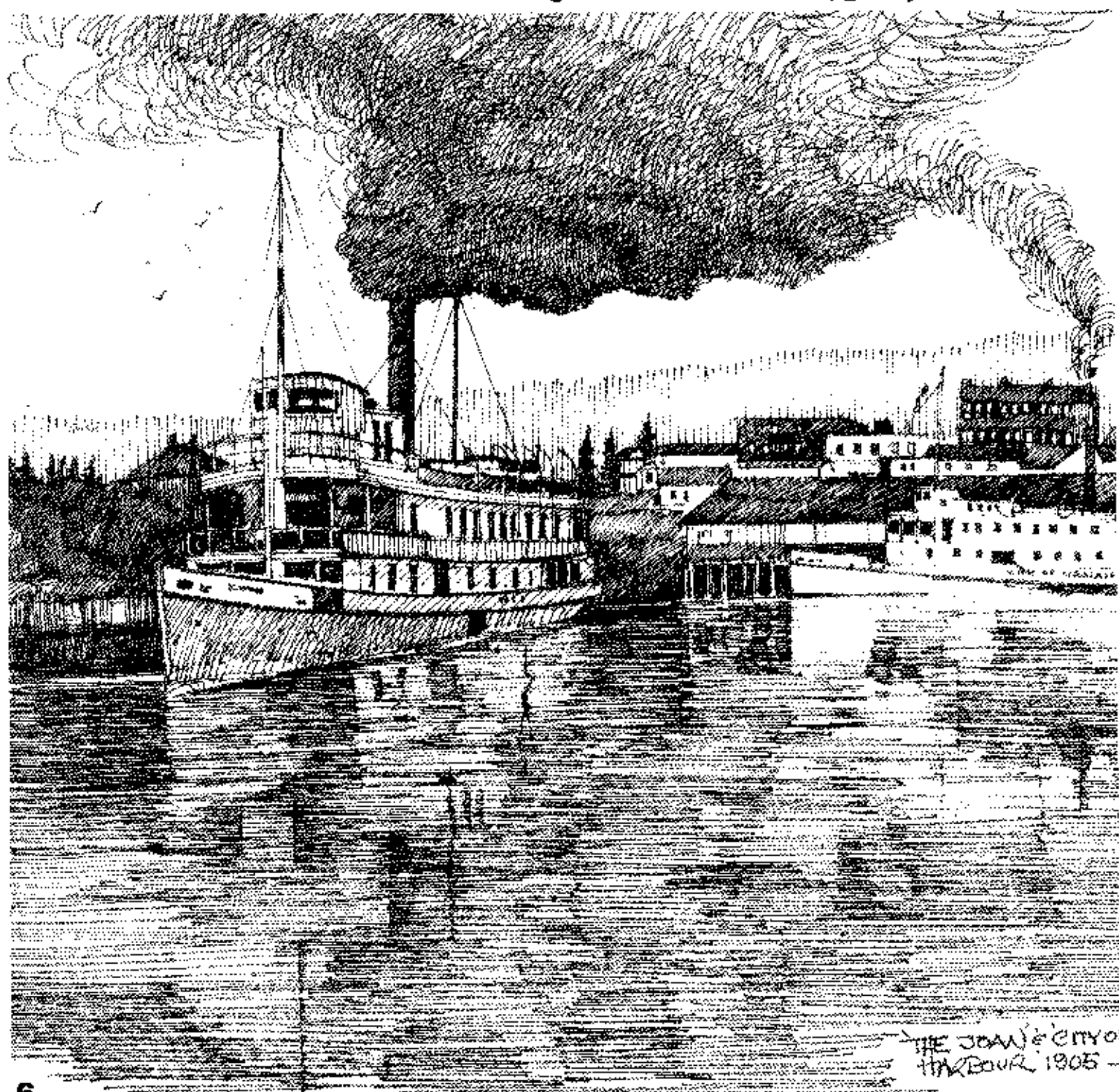
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Al. Dawson", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

# NANAIMO - The Harbour City



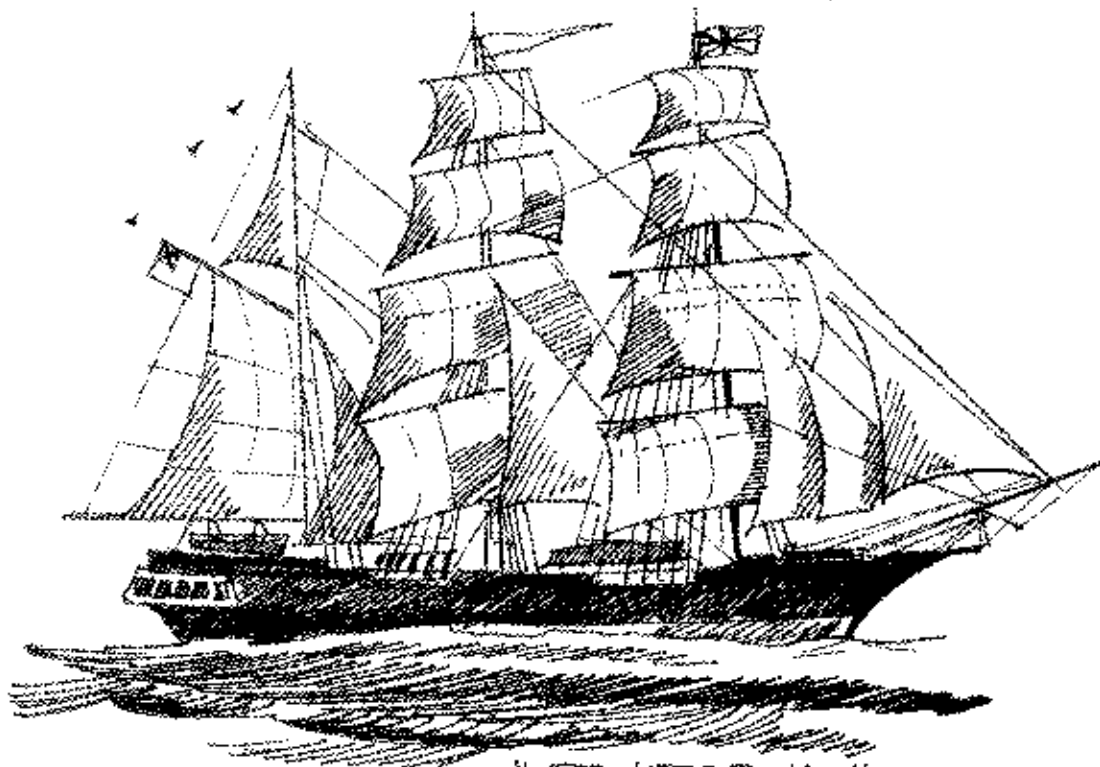


THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF MAN'S PRESENCE IN THE NANAIMO AREA CAN BE FOUND IN THE PREHISTORIC PETROGLYPHS ON THE CITY'S SOUTHERN BORDER. THE COAST SALISH INDIANS WHICH INHABITED THE AREA BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF EUROPEANS WERE GROUPED IN SEVERAL TRIBES. THE CONTINUAL RAIDS BY THE MORE NORTHERLY HAIDA PROMPTED THEM TO BAND TOGETHER INTO SNE-NY-MO (ONE STRONG TRIBE)



THE JOAN & EMY  
HARBOUR 1905 -





"PRINCESS ROYAL"



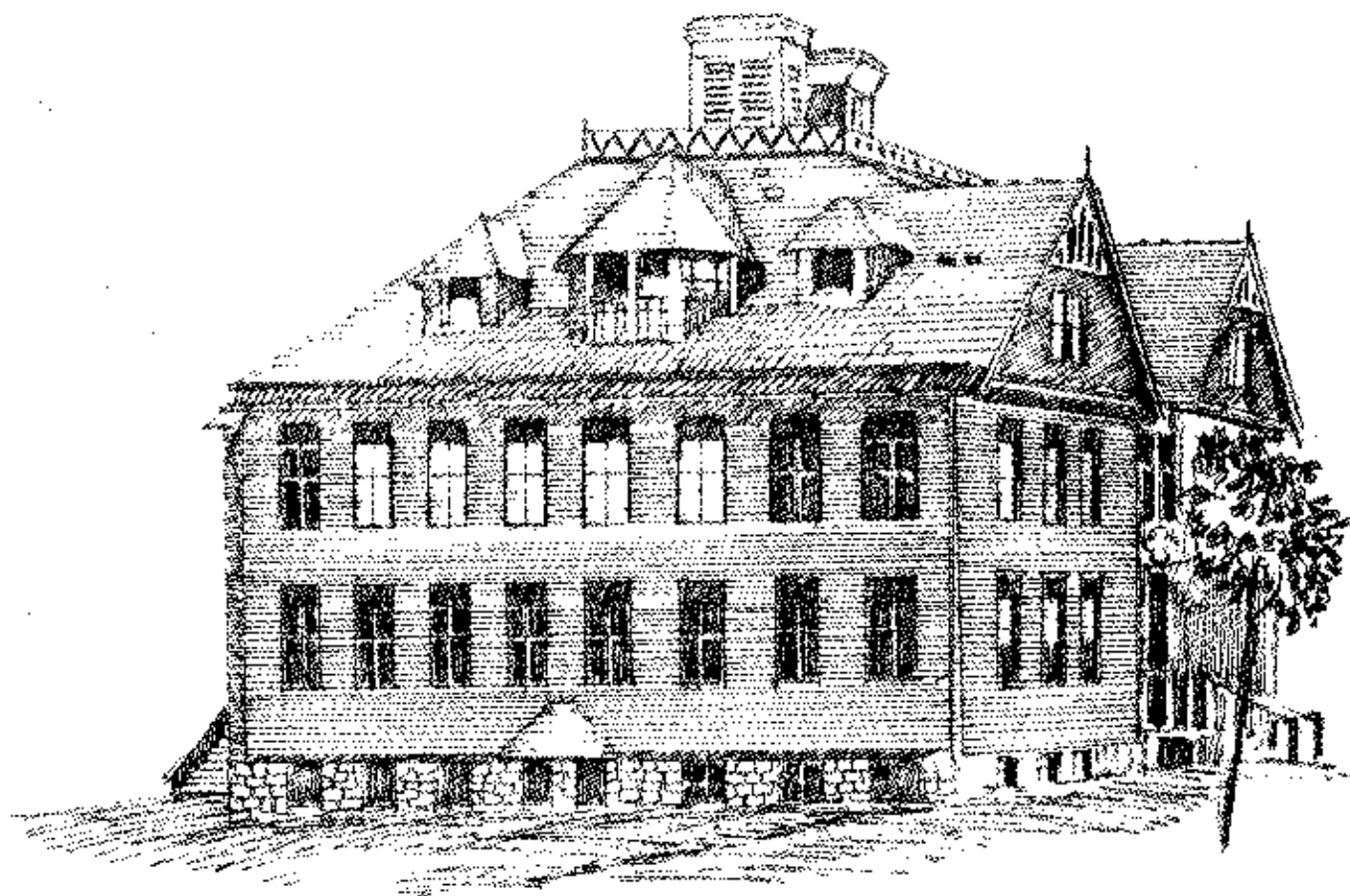
F NANAIMO IN NANAIMO  
FRANCIS

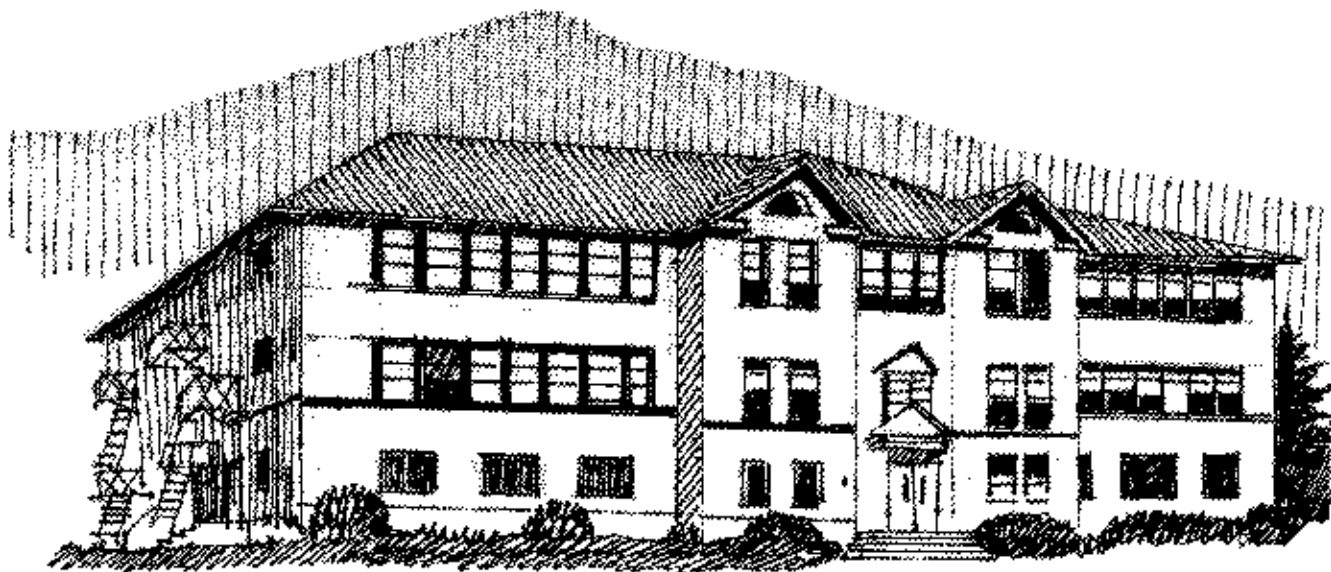
PICTURED ABOVE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT SHIP IN NANAIMO'S PAST THE PRINCESS ROYAL, A 700 TON WOODEN BARQUE, EMPLOYED BY THE HUDSONS BAY COMPANY TO BRING THE FIRST COAL MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO NANAIMO FROM BRIGLEY HILL IN STAFFORDSHIRE ENGLAND. WE KNOW THIS SHIP MAINLY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ONE OF NANAIMO'S MOST TALENTED PIONEERS MARINE PAINTER EXTRA-ORDINARY JACK HARDCASTLE.

ALTHOUGH I NEVER MET JACK I HAVE MET MANY OF HIS PAINTINGS AND THROUGH THESE ACQUAINTANCES I HAVE BECOME A HARDCASTLE FAN

# THE JOHN SHAW HIGH

THERE WAS A SPECIAL SPIRIT THAT WENT WITH THIS OLD THREE STOREY WOOD FRAME STRUCTURE THAT GRACED THE CORNER OF SELBY AND FRANKLIN STREETS TO GRADUATE WEARING THE GREEN AND WHITE MEANT YOU WERE A PART OF NANAIMOS HISTORY. MY MEMORIES OF JOHN SHAW WERE OF TEACHERS LIKE OZIE WARDLE WHOSE ART ROOM WOULD BE ON THE SECOND STOREY ON THE SKETCH BELOW AND WHO COULD PASS THROUGH THESE HALLS WITHOUT ADMIRING ONE OF B.C.'S FINEST MUSIC TEACHERS ANDREW DUNSMORE HIS MUSIC ROOM WAS BEHIND THE DORMER WINDOW ON THE TOP FLOOR. I REMEMBER CLEANING BRUSHES ON THE WOODEN LANDING AT THE BACK AND THE LIBRARY LOCATED TO THE RIGHT OF THE FRONT DOOR. THE FRANKLIN STREET GYM NOT SHOWN IN THE SKETCH HOUSED MANY A GREAT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT





HAREWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - HOWARD AVENUE



I KNEW HASLAM HOUSE AS A RUN DOWN HAUNTED HOUSE AND AS A RECONDITIONED APARTMENT BLOCK. I WISH I HAD KNOWN IT AS THE ELEGANT MANSION OF ANDREW HASLAM. UNFORTUNATELY FIRE CLAIMED THIS UNIQUE STRUCTURE AT THE CORNER OF WALLACE AND COMOX ROAD

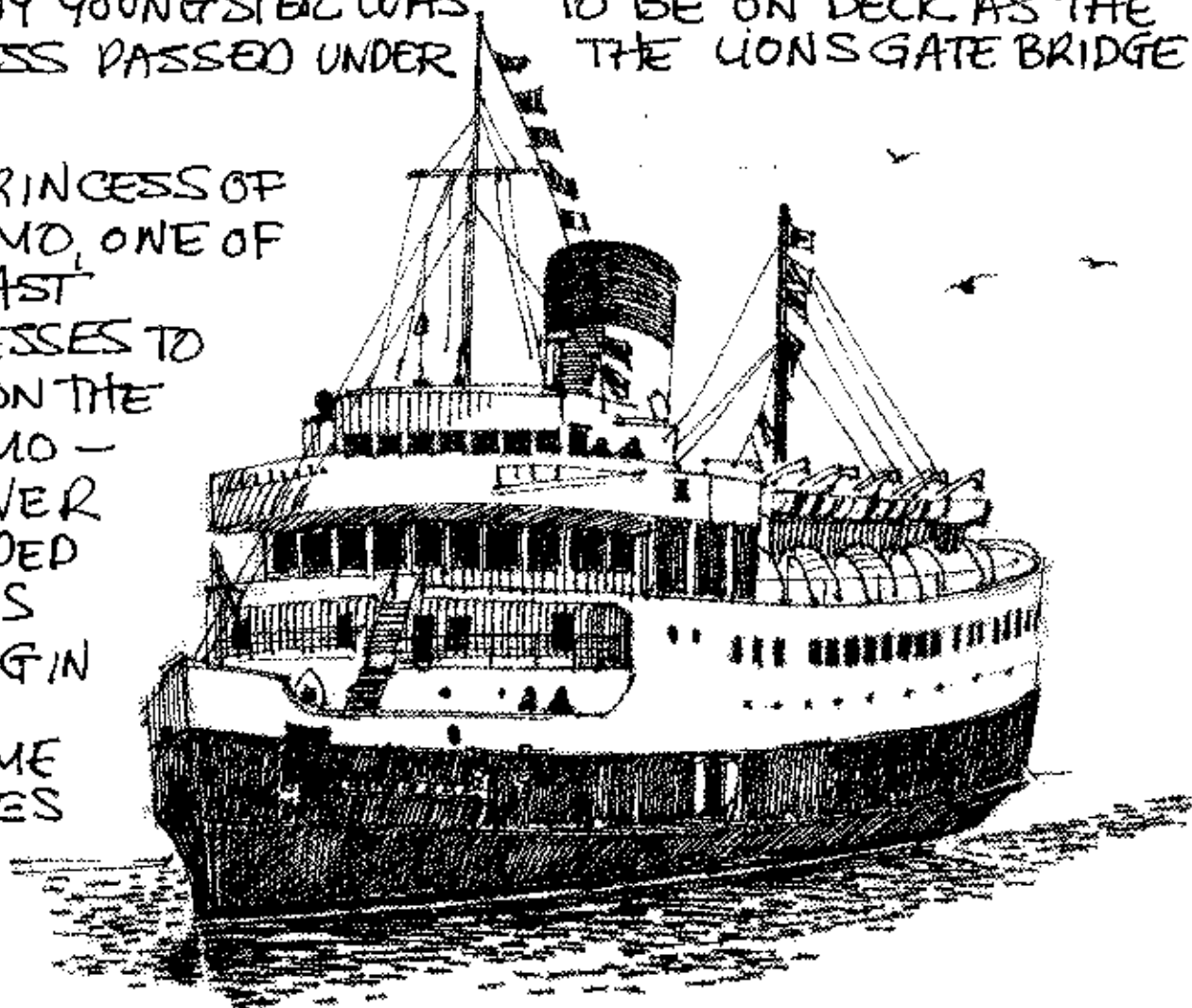
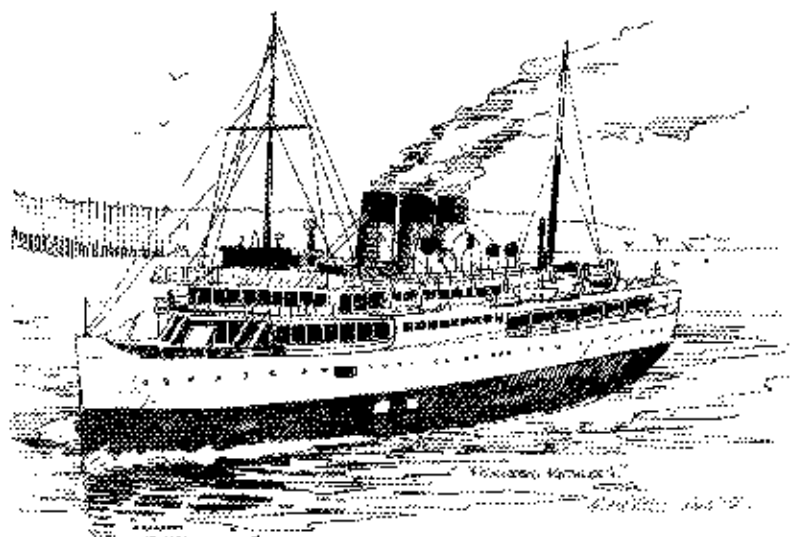
## "OUR PRINCESSES"

TO TRAVEL ABOARD THE CPR'S PRINCESS LINE WAS TO TRAVEL WITH CLASS.

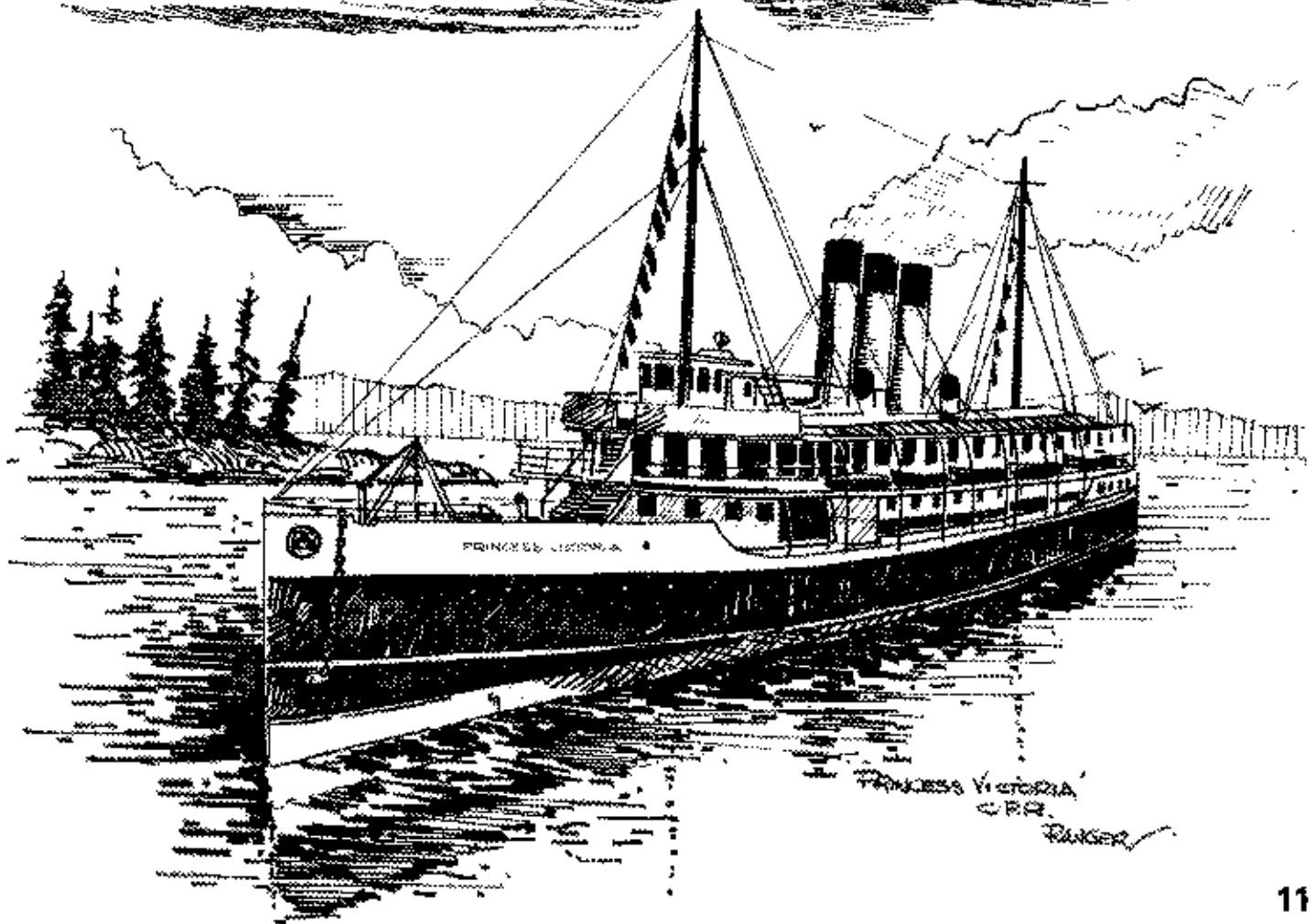
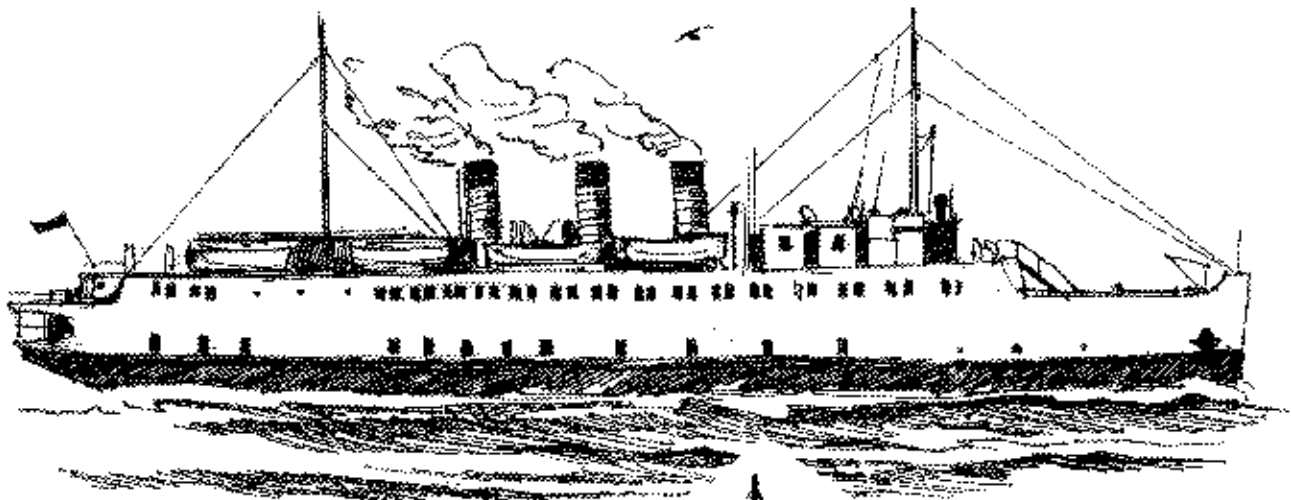
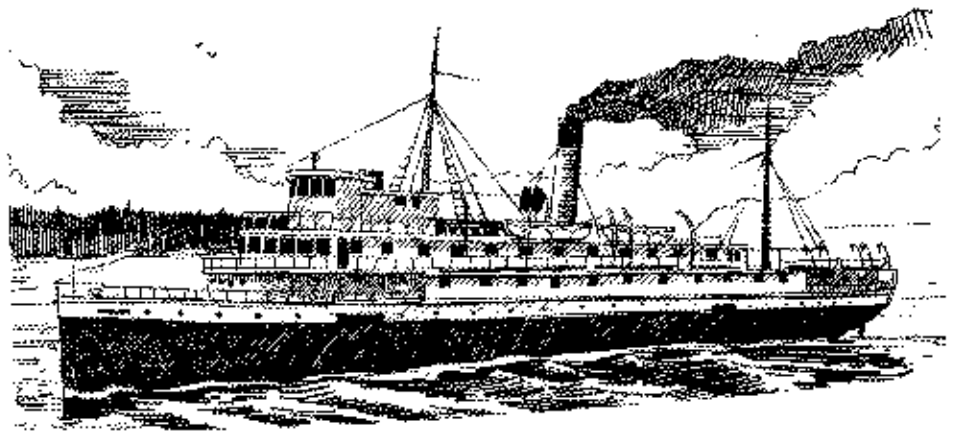
THE SPIT 'N' POUSS STANDARD SET DURING THEIR ERA I'M AFRAID IS GONE FOREVER. TO DINE ABOARD DURING THE 2 1/2 HOUR CROSSING WAS A

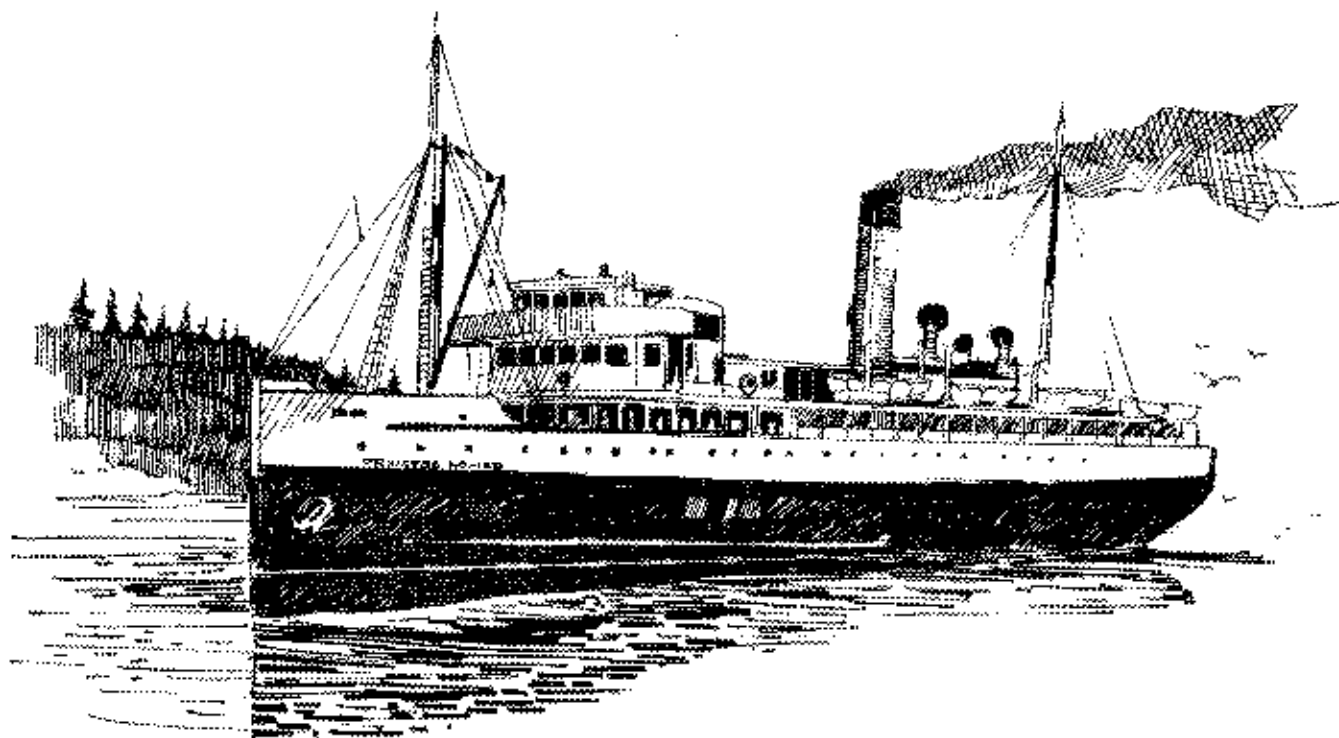
TREAT RATHER THAN A MEANS OF KILLING TIME. THE SILVER CUTLERY, THE CLOTH NAPKINS, THE FINGERBOWLS AND THE STEWARD IN STARCHED WHITE SHIRT AND NAVY BLUE SLACKS WAS SECOND ONLY TO THE BIG EVENT AND THAT FOR ANY YOUNGSTER WAS TO BE ON DECK AS THE PRINCESS PASSED UNDER THE LIONS GATE BRIDGE

THE PRINCESS OF NANAIMO, ONE OF THE LAST PRINCESSES TO SERVE ON THE NANAIMO - VANCOUVER RUN ENDED HOLIDAYS SERVING IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES

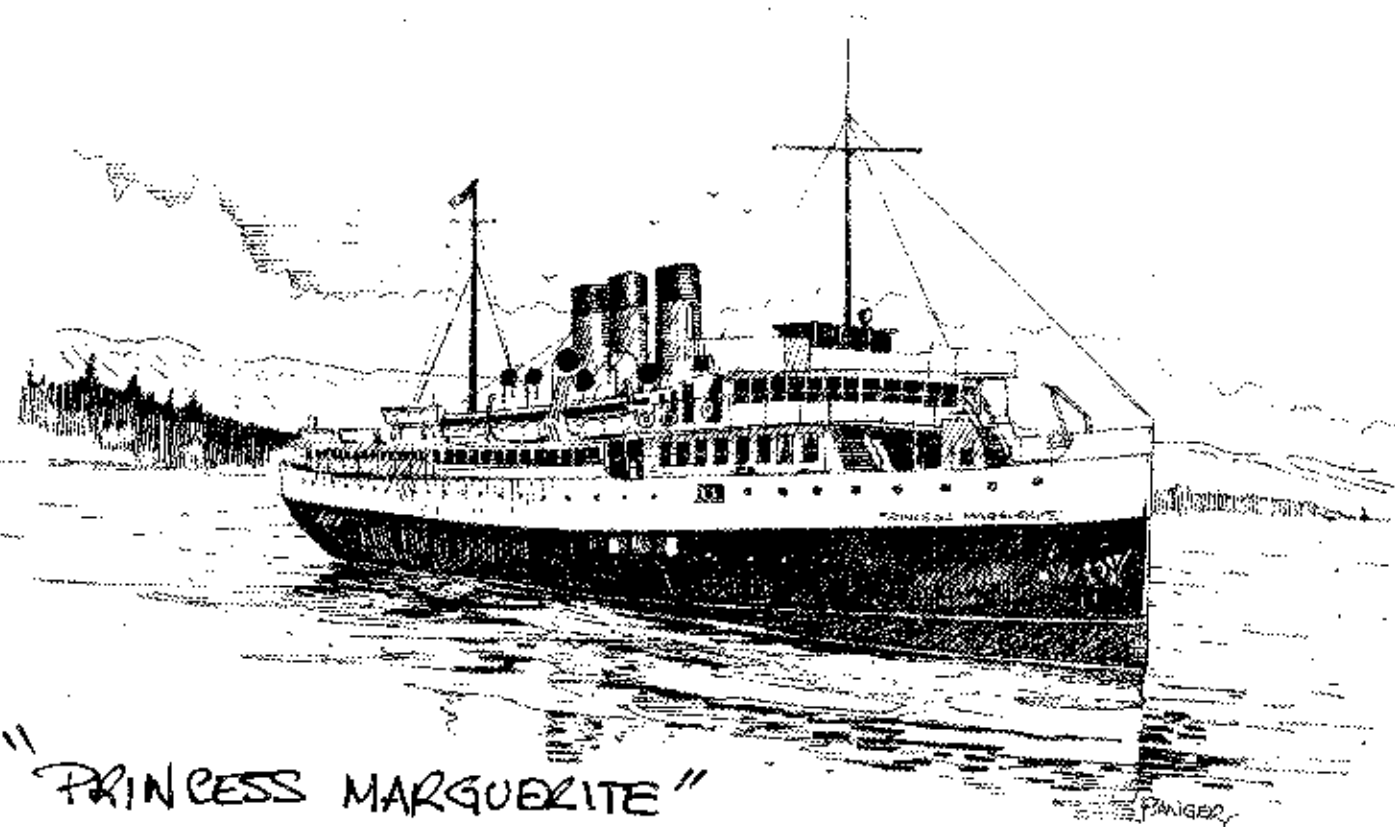


"PRINCESS  
ROYAL"  
"PRINCESS  
ELAINE"  
AND  
"PRINCESS  
VICTORIA"



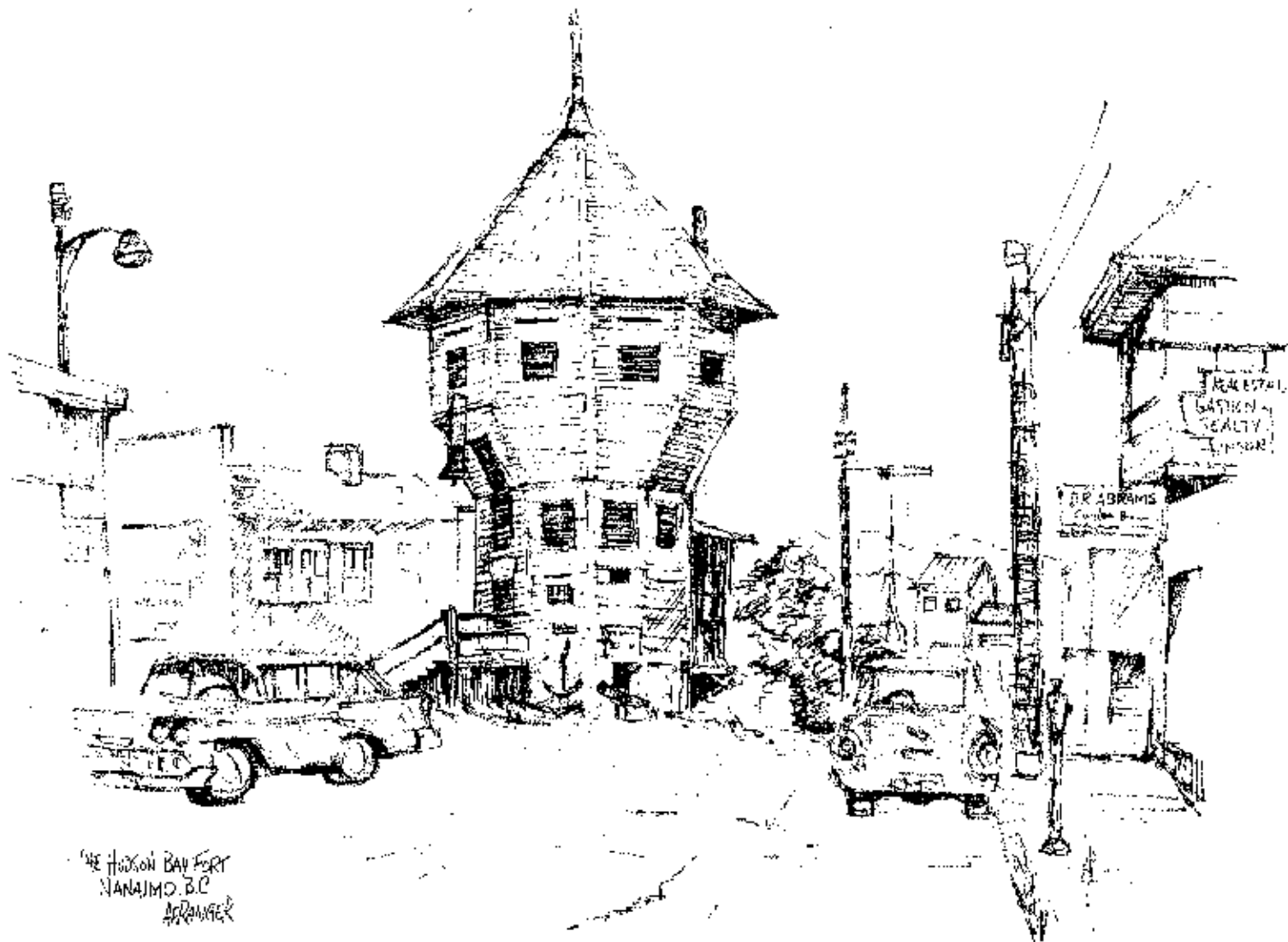


"PRINCESS LOUISE"



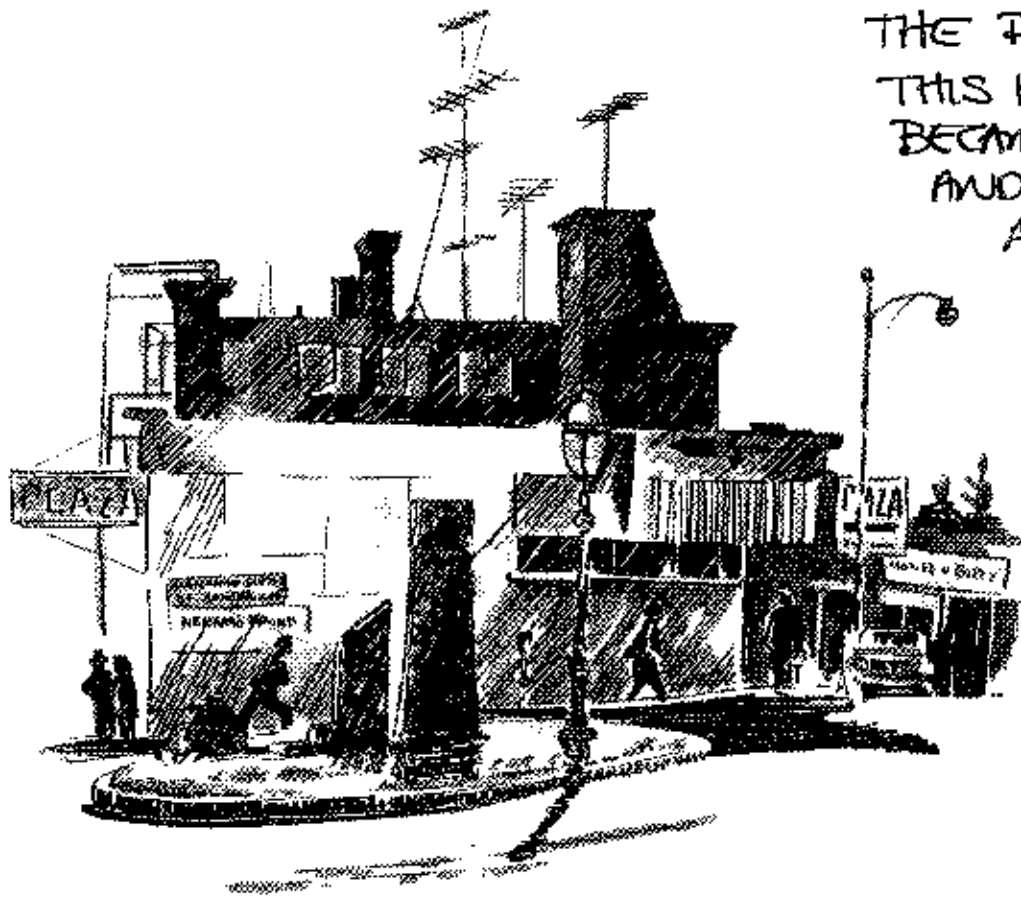
"PRINCESS MARGUERITE"

# NANAIMO - THE 60'S



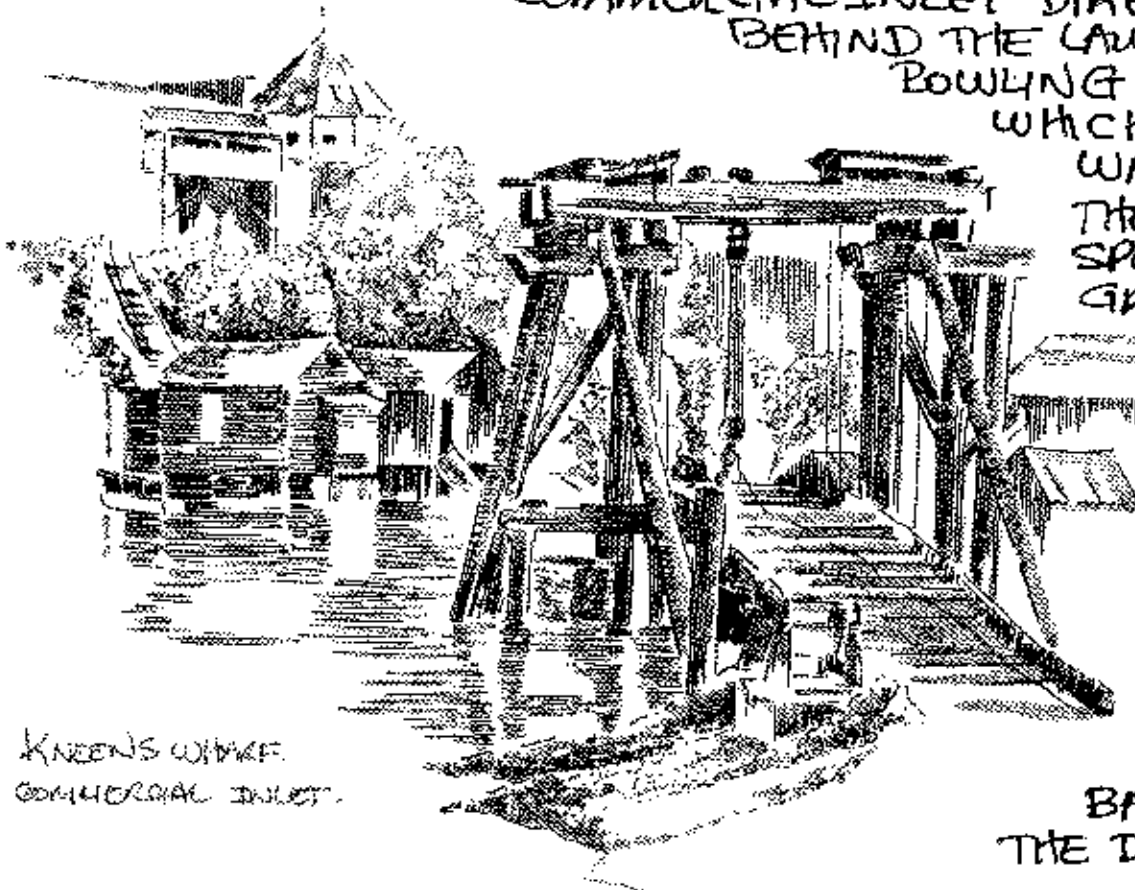
THE HUDSON BAY FORT  
NANAIMO, B.C.  
A. BRANDEGGER

PAGES 13-49 ARE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM MY FIRST SKETCH BOOK, A BOOK I CALL NANAIMO, THE SIXTIES' I HAVE MADE NO ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE UPON THEM FOR FEAR OF LOSING THE ESSENCE OF ANY SKETCH 'ITS FRESHNESS'



THE PLAZA CORNER  
 THIS HOTEL LATER  
 BECAME THE SHORELINE  
 AND THEN THE VILGA.  
 A HUGE CHUNK OF  
 COAL AND A  
 MARKER  
 COMMEMORATES  
 100 YEARS OF  
 COAL

KNEEN'S BUILDING SUPPLIES WAS LOCATED ON  
 COMMERCIAL INLET DIRECTLY  
 BEHIND THE LAWN  
 BOWLING GREEN  
 WHICH IN TURN  
 WAS BEHIND  
 THE CENTRAL  
 SPORTS  
 GROUNDS

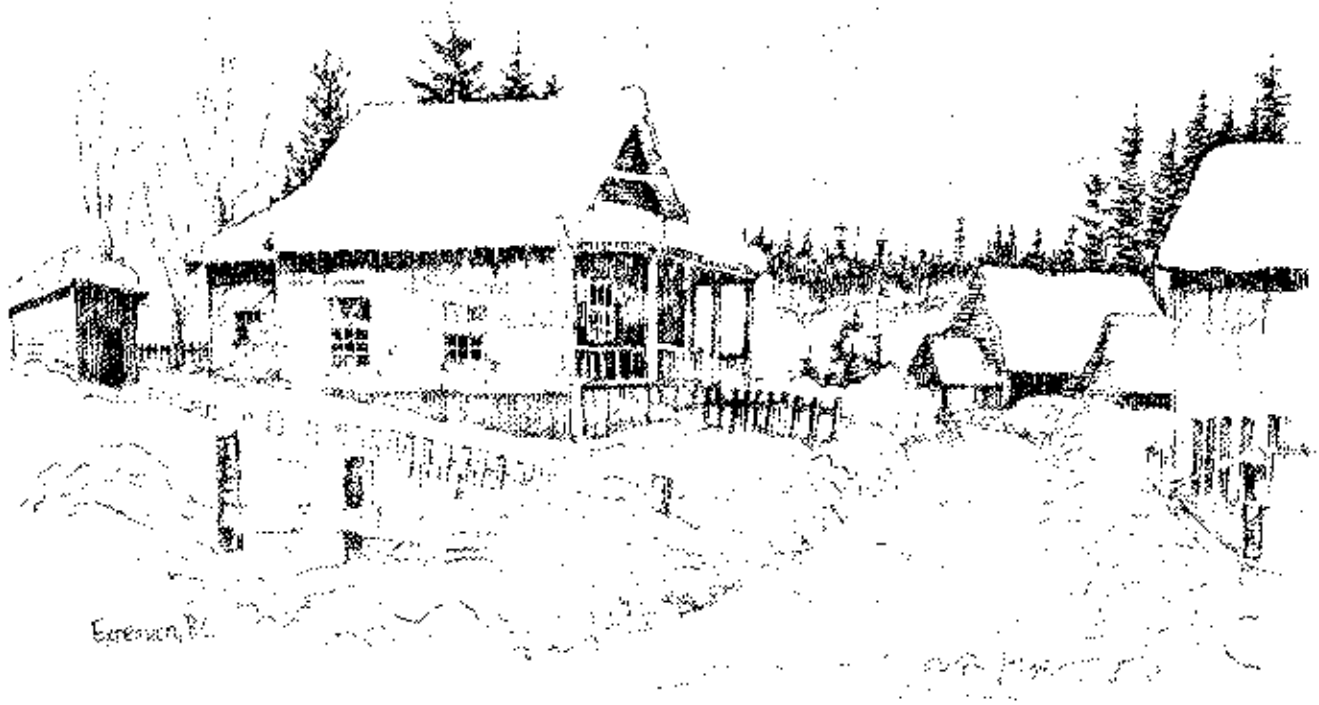


NOW  
 THE  
 SITE  
 OF  
 SEARS

KNEEN'S WHARF  
 COMMERCIAL INLET.

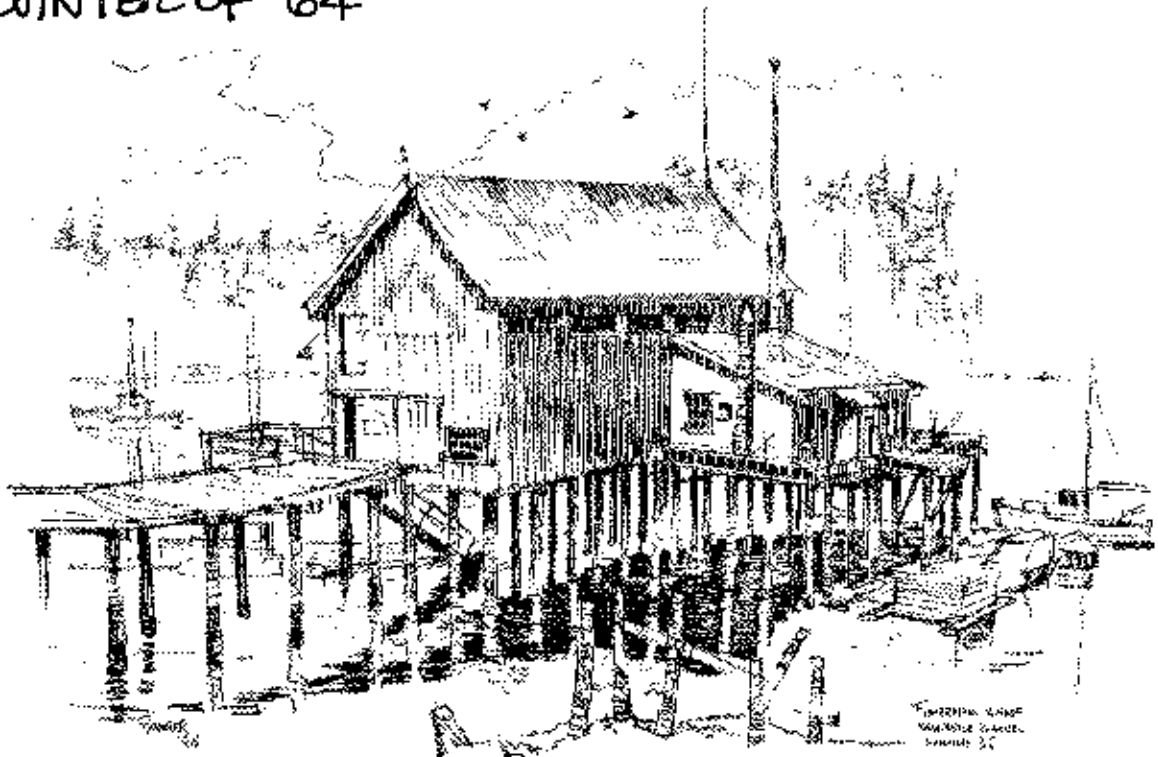
NOTE THE  
 BASTION IN  
 THE DISTANCE.





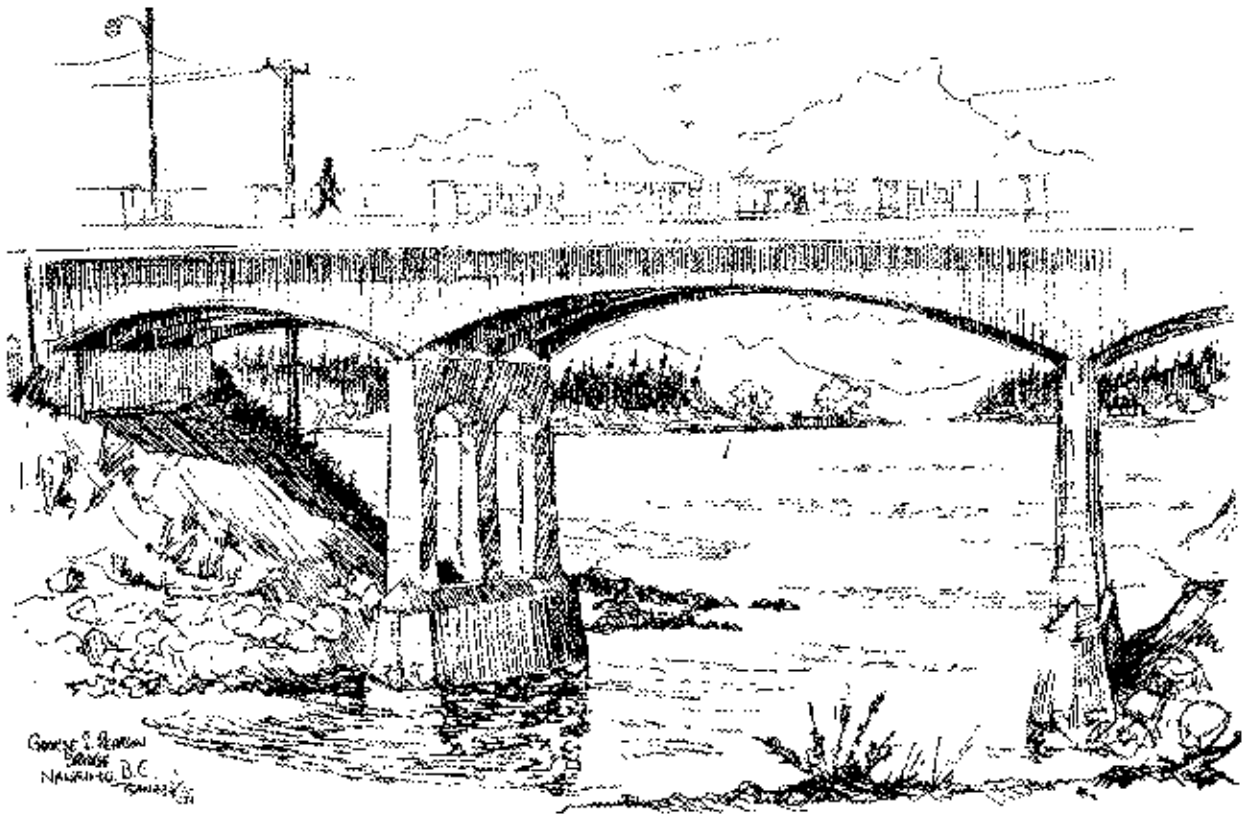
Exton, Pa.

EXTENSION, ONCE A BUSTLING COAL MINING CENTRE WITH SEVEN DRINKING ESTABLISHMENTS NOW SITS QUIET AND PEACEFUL ESPECIALLY UNDER THIS HEAVY SNOWFALL IN THE WINTER OF '64

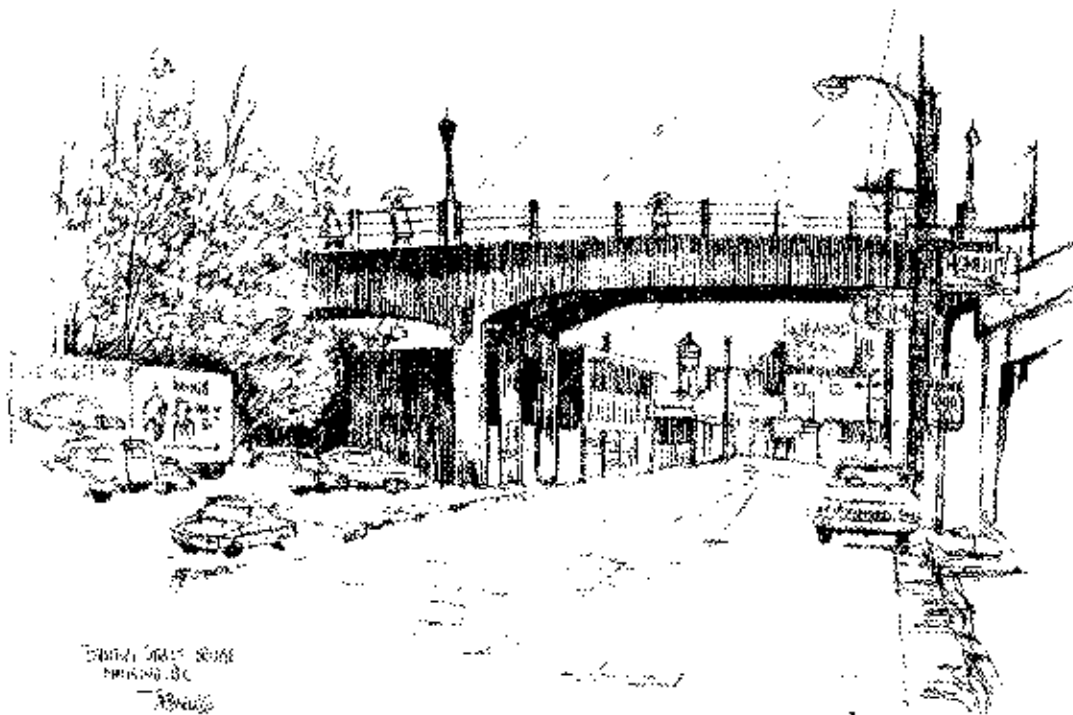


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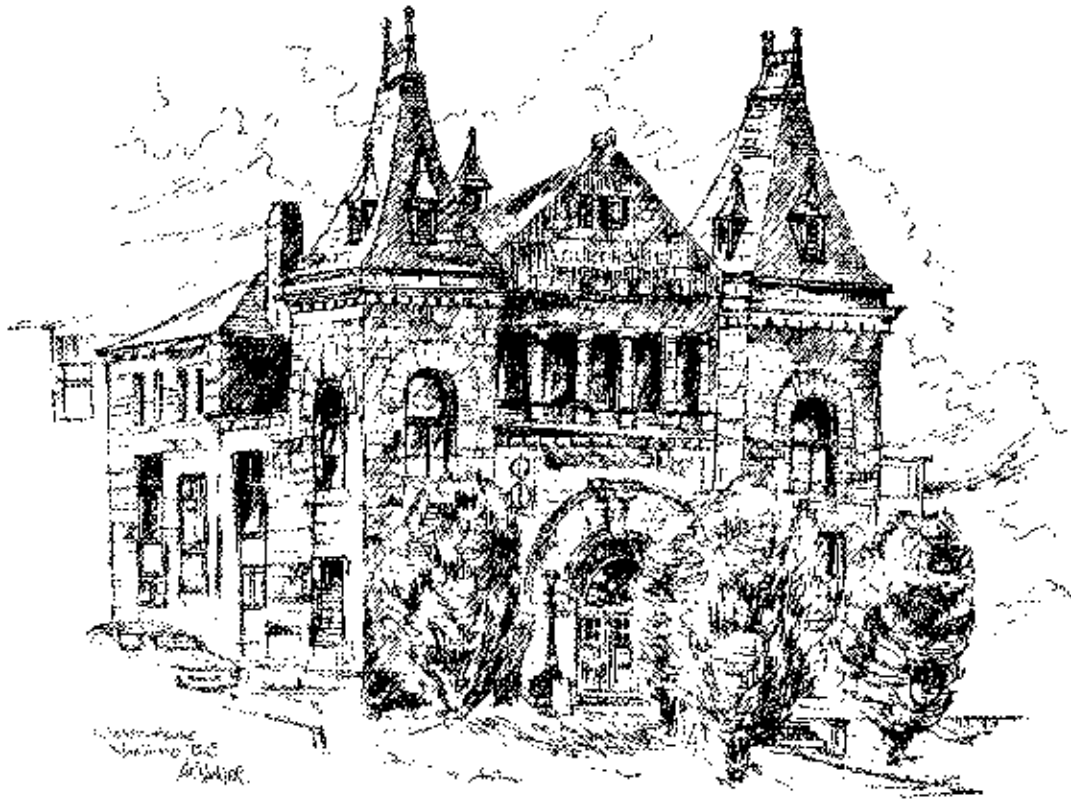
THIS OLD BRECHIN POINT BUILDING ONCE SERVED AS A COAL STORAGE PLANT ITS WALLS CONTAINED A FOOT WIDE INSULATION OF SAWDUST. WHEN I SKETCHED IT IN 1964 IT WAS USED ONLY TO STORE FISHERMENS NETS.



GEORGE S. PEARSON BRIDGE IN 1964. FRAMED UNDER THIS SPAN ARE NEWCASTLE AND PROTECTION ISLANDS

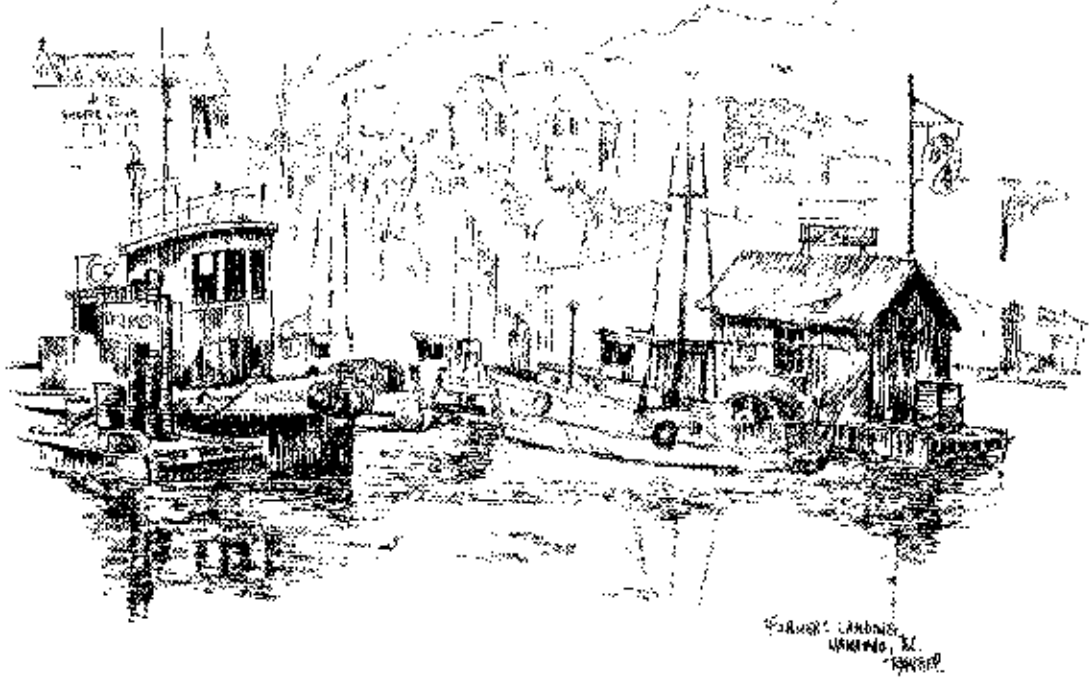


" BASTION STREET BRIDGE  
IN 1964 "



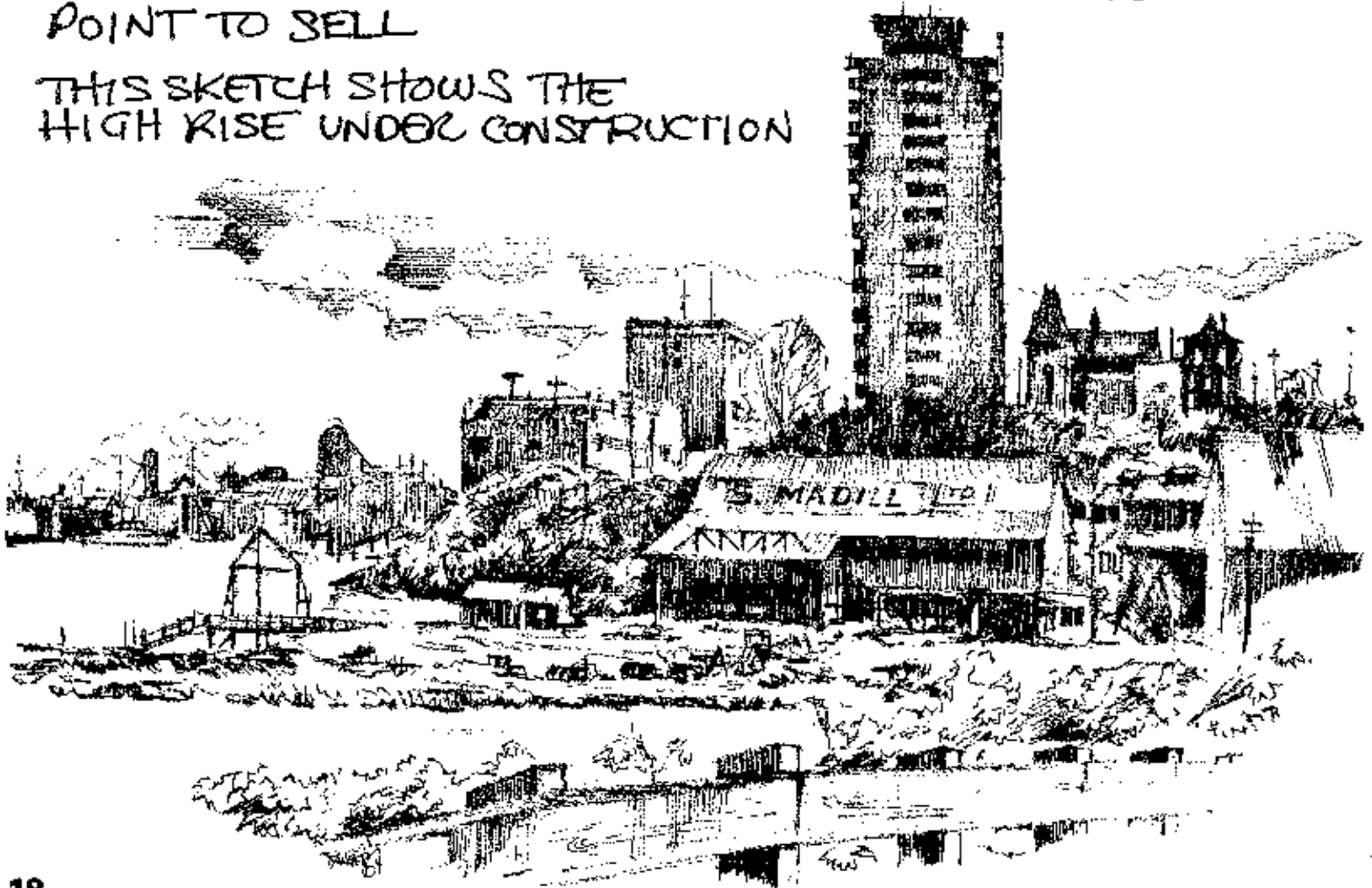
NANAIMOS COURT HOUSE

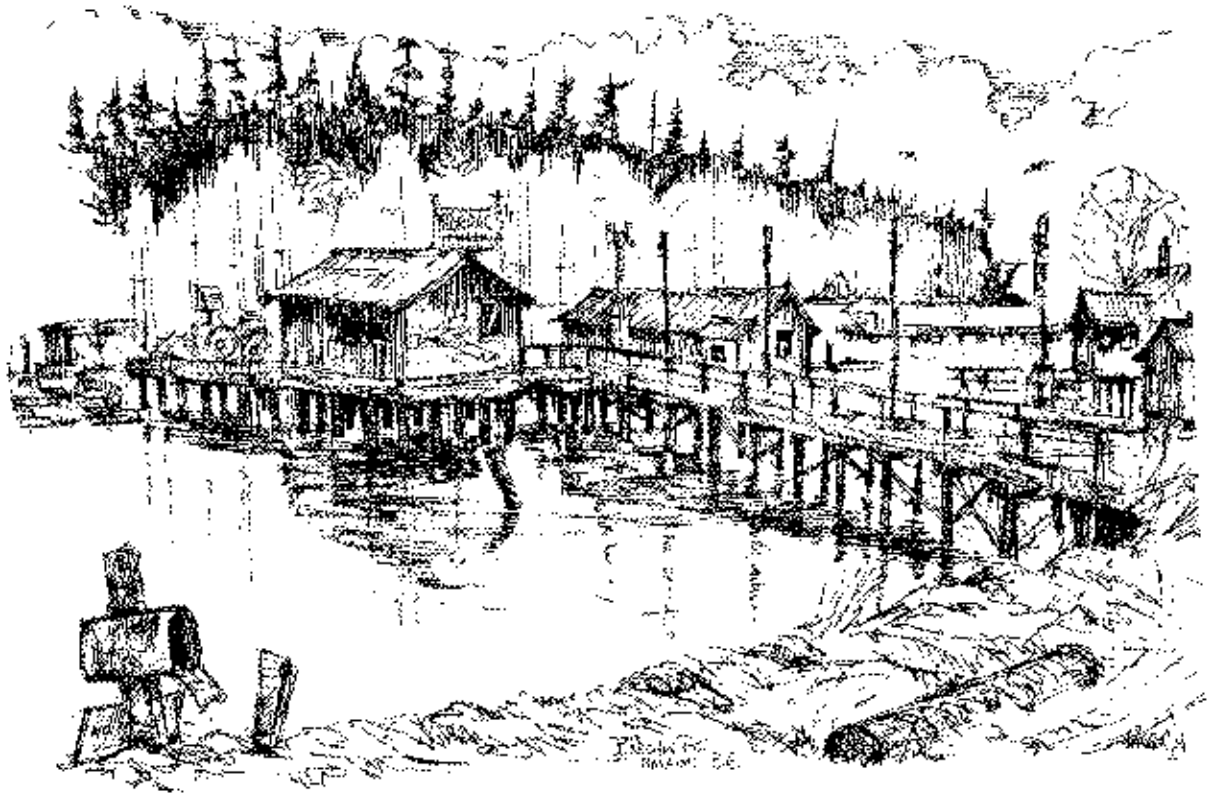




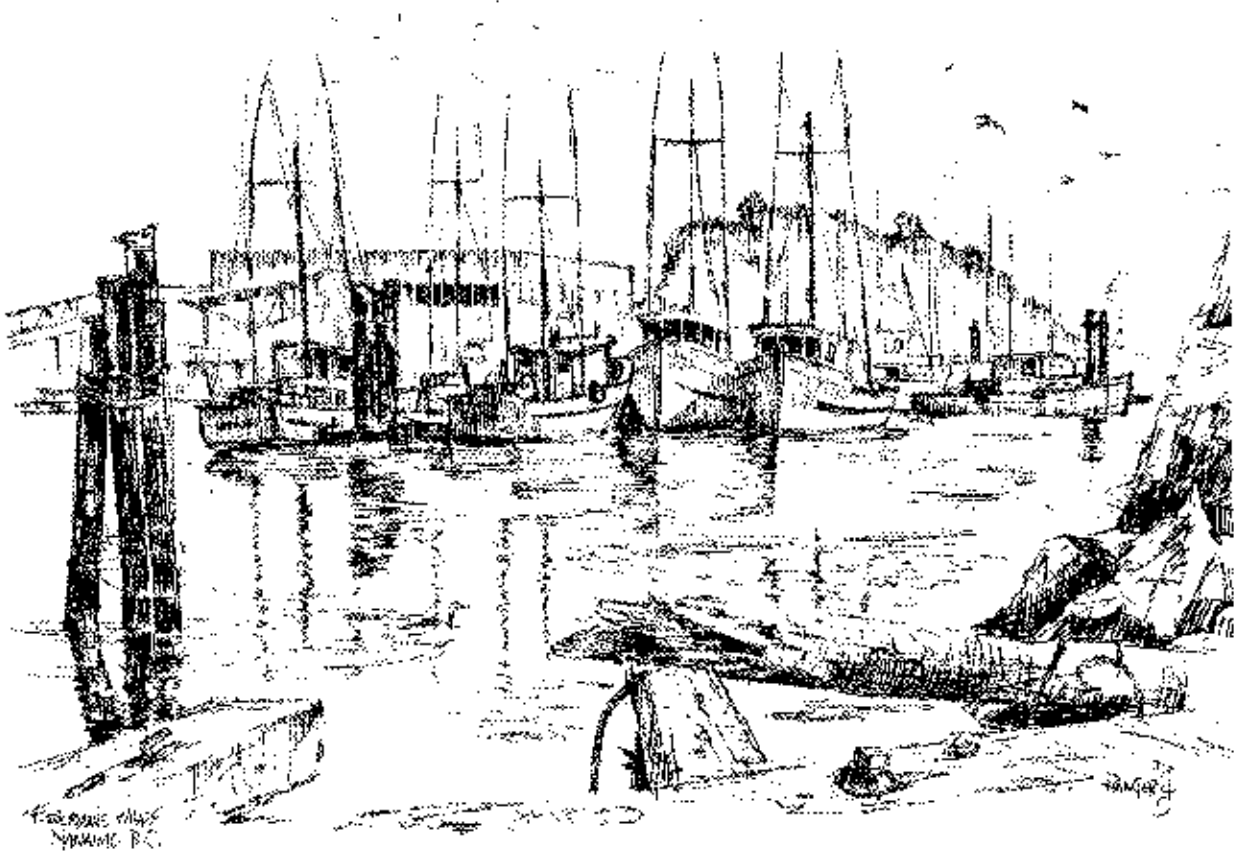
THIS WAS KNOWN AS "FARMERS LANDING" SO NAMED  
BECAUSE THE FARMERS FROM GABRIOLA ISLAND  
WOULD BRING THEIR PRODUCE ACROSS TO THIS  
POINT TO SELL

THIS SKETCH SHOWS THE  
HIGH RISE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



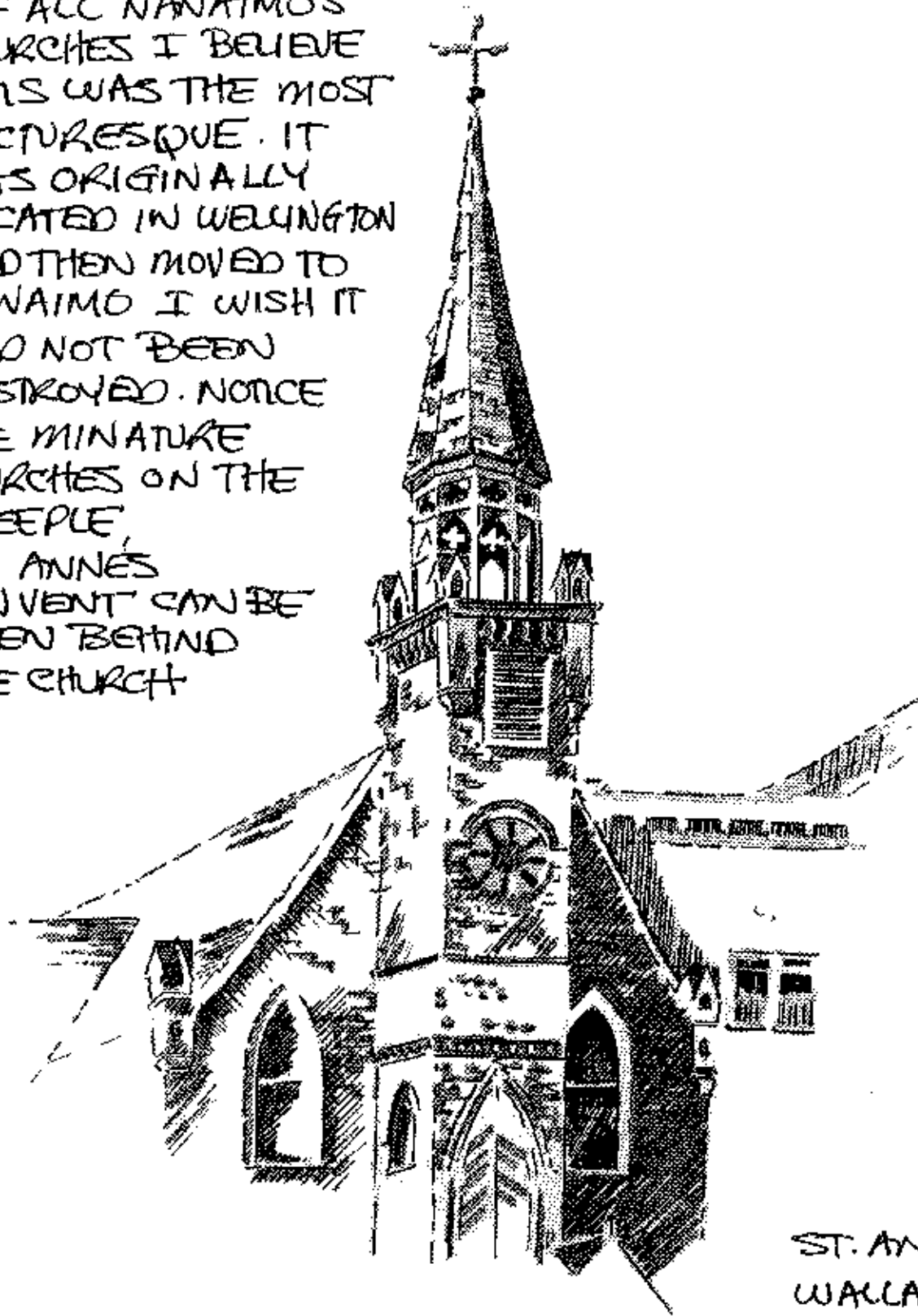


NORPAC, BRECHIN POINT NOW NEWCASTLE MARINA



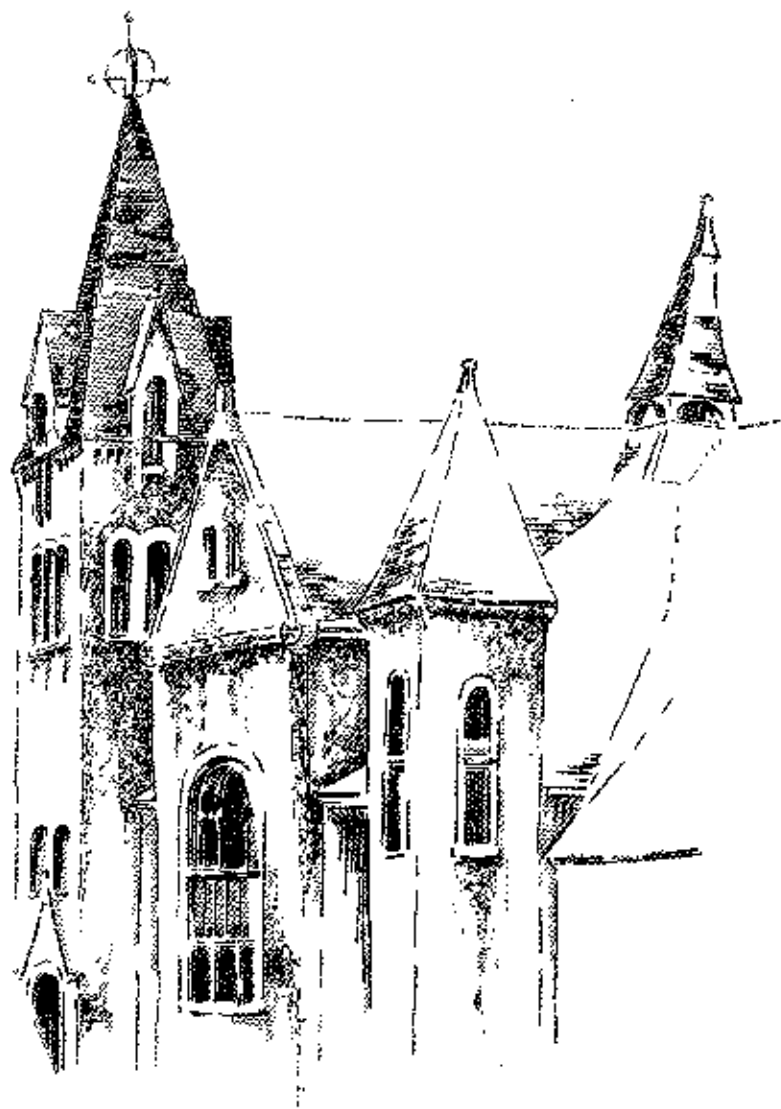
COMMERCIAL INLET, FISH DOCKS AND THE CPR WHARF  
IN THE DISTANCE. NOW THE GORDON STREET PARKADE 19

OF ALL NANAIMO'S  
CHURCHES I BELIEVE  
THIS WAS THE MOST  
PICTURESQUE. IT  
WAS ORIGINALLY  
LOCATED IN WELLINGTON  
AND THEN MOVED TO  
NANAIMO I WISH IT  
HAD NOT BEEN  
DESTROYED. NOTICE  
THE MINATURE  
CHURCHES ON THE  
STEEPLE,  
ST. ANNE'S  
CONVENT CAN BE  
SEEN BEHIND  
THE CHURCH

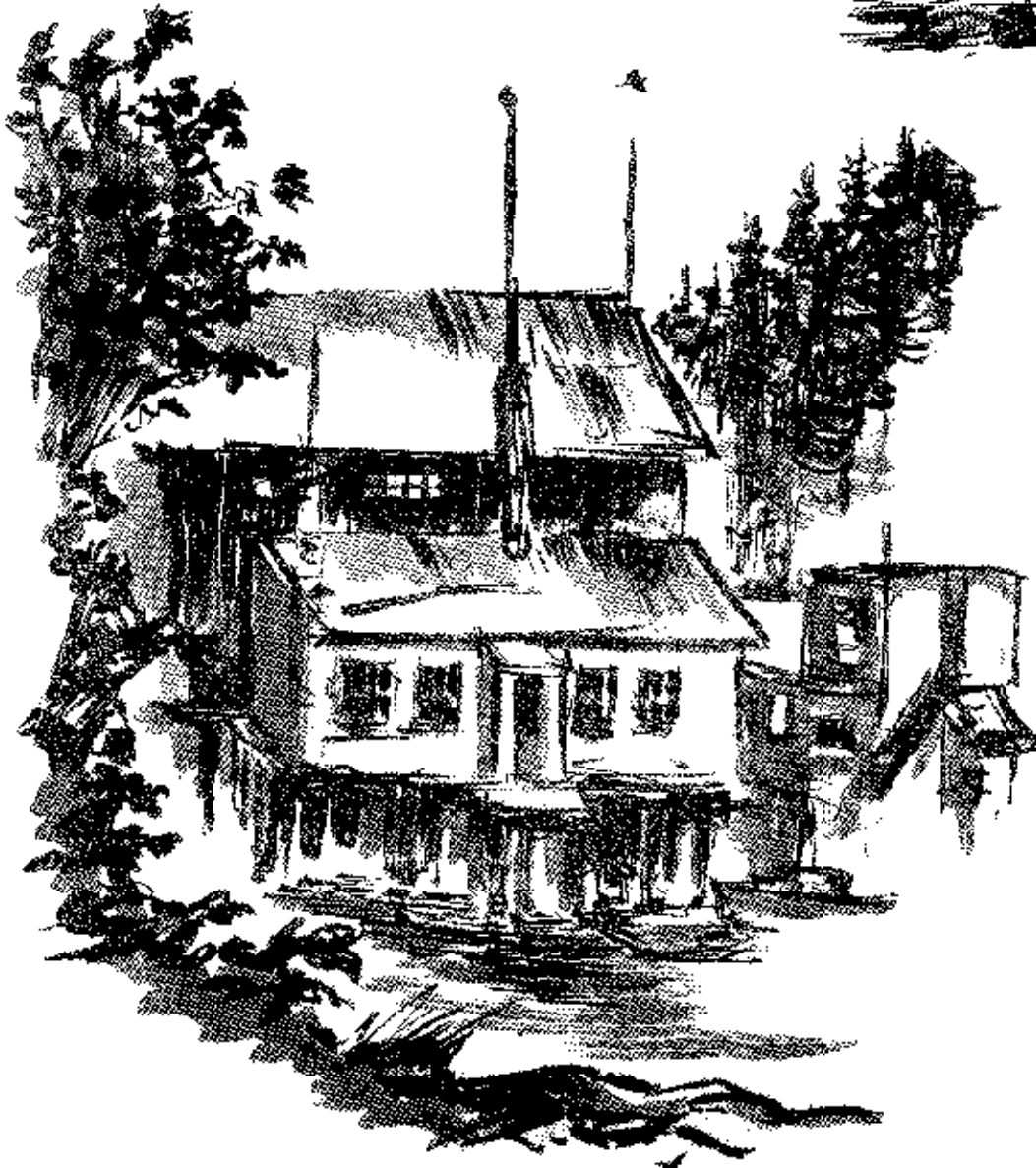
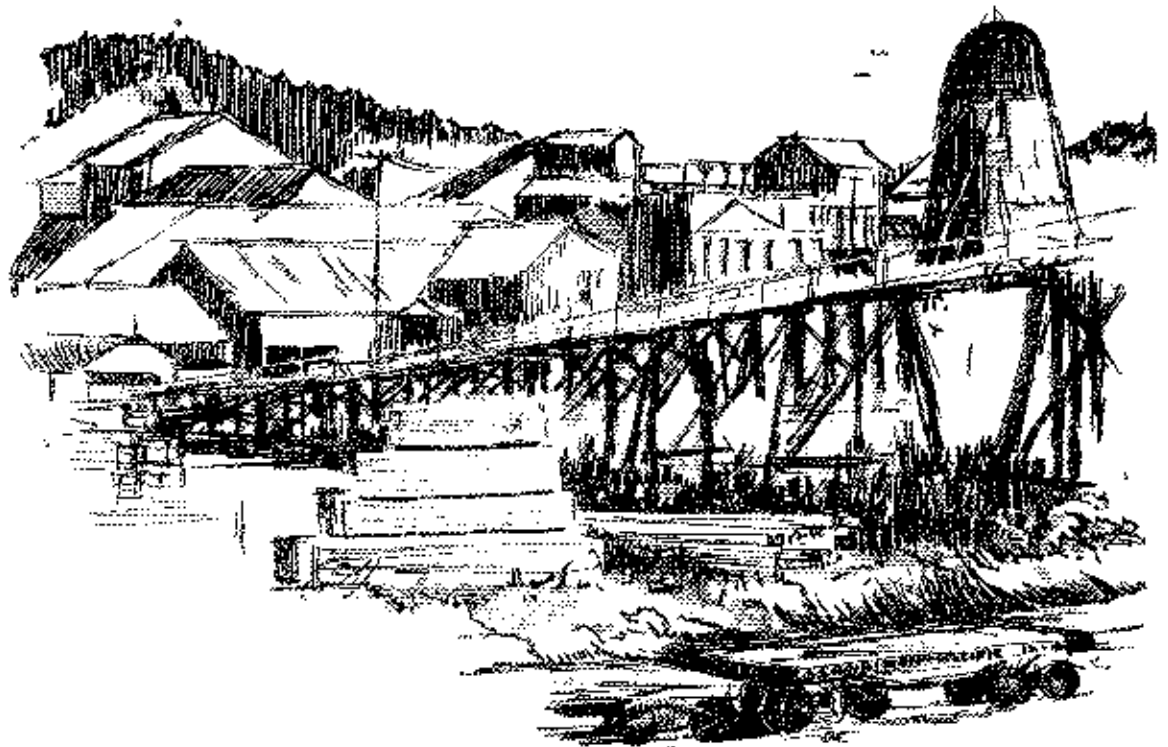


ST. ANNES  
WALLACE ST  
NANAIMO

ST. ANDREWS  
UNITED CHURCH  
FITZWILLIAM AND  
WESLEY STREETS

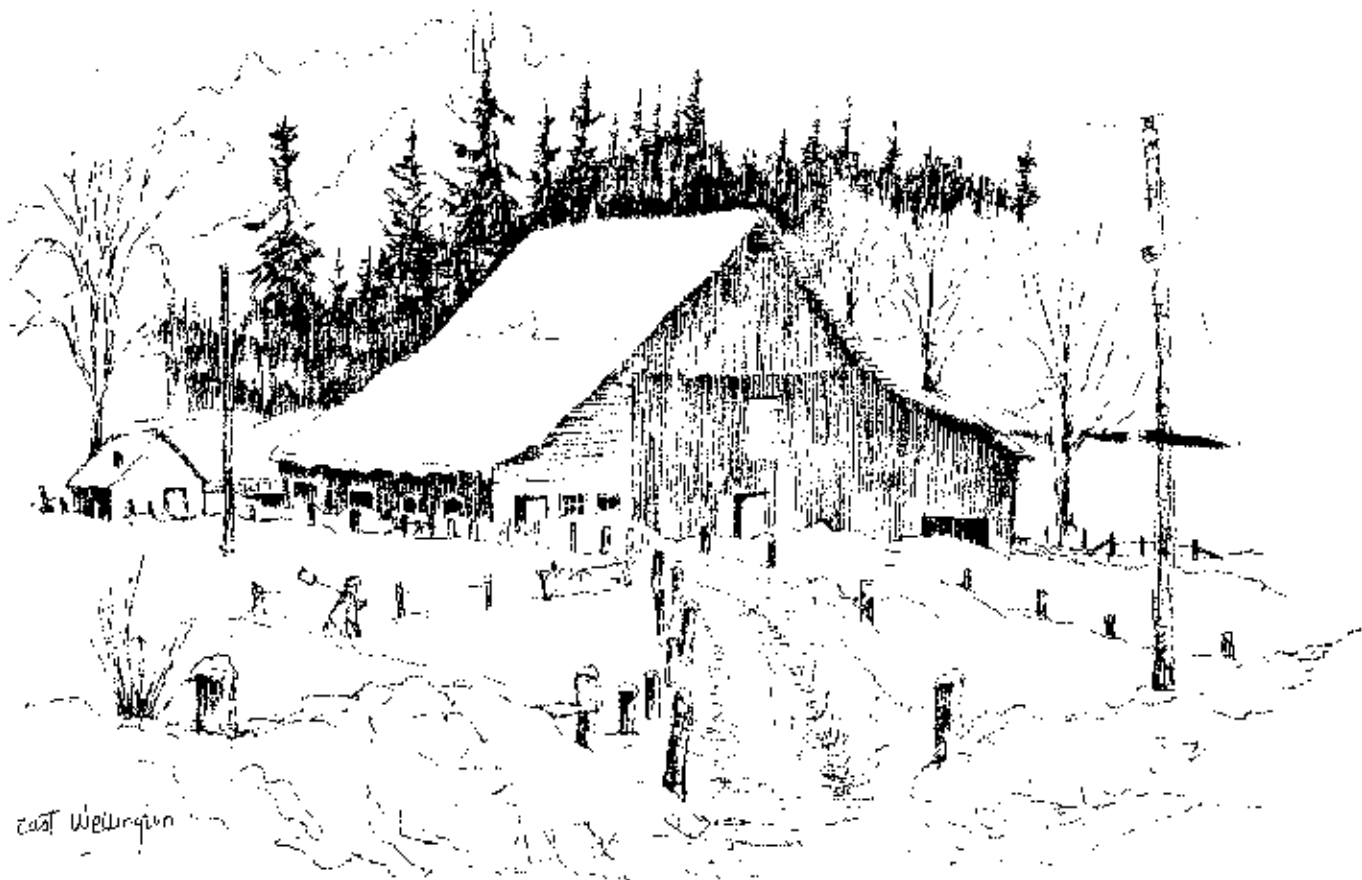


THIS PICTURESQUE  
LITTLE CHURCH WAS  
ON NANAAMOS  
NO. 1 INDIAN  
RESERVE. IT  
IS NOW A  
CULTURAL OR  
ACTIVITY CENTRE



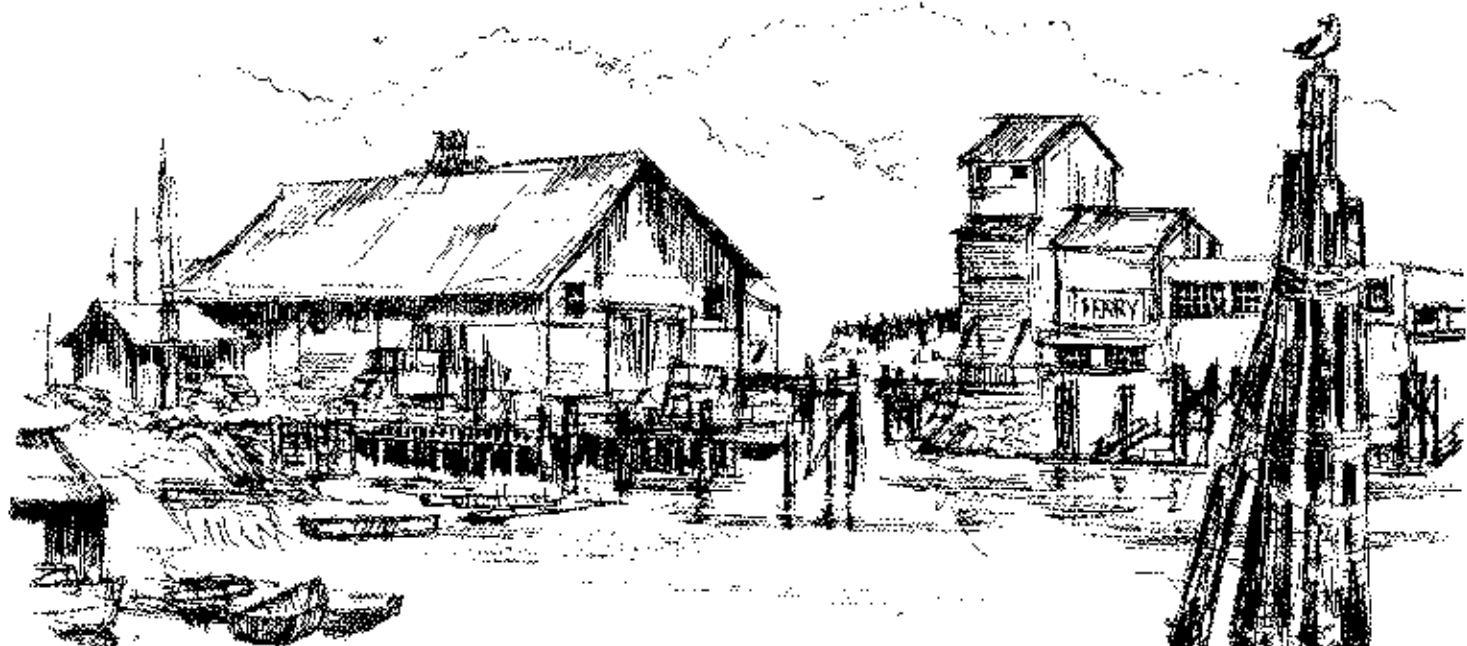
PICTURED ABOVE  
IS THE EUREKA  
SAWMILL LOCATED  
IN THE SOUTHEND  
OF NANAIMO OR  
AS THE AREA WAS  
ONCE CALLED  
"THE TAR FLATS"  
WITH THE ADVENT  
OF THE PULP MILL  
MOST OF THE  
BEE HIVE BURNERS  
HAVE DISAPPEARED  
SINCE THIS WASTE  
CAN NOW BE  
USED TO HEAT  
BOILERS





east Wellington

THE HEAVY SNOWFALL OF '64 HITS EAST WELLINGTON



Empire  
NANAIMO, BC

COMMERCIAL INLET, TO THE  
LEFT VANCOUVER BARGE AND  
TUG WHARF TO THE RIGHT THE  
THEN NEW C.P.R. DOCK



PORECHIN PT.  
NEAR NEWCASTLE MARINA

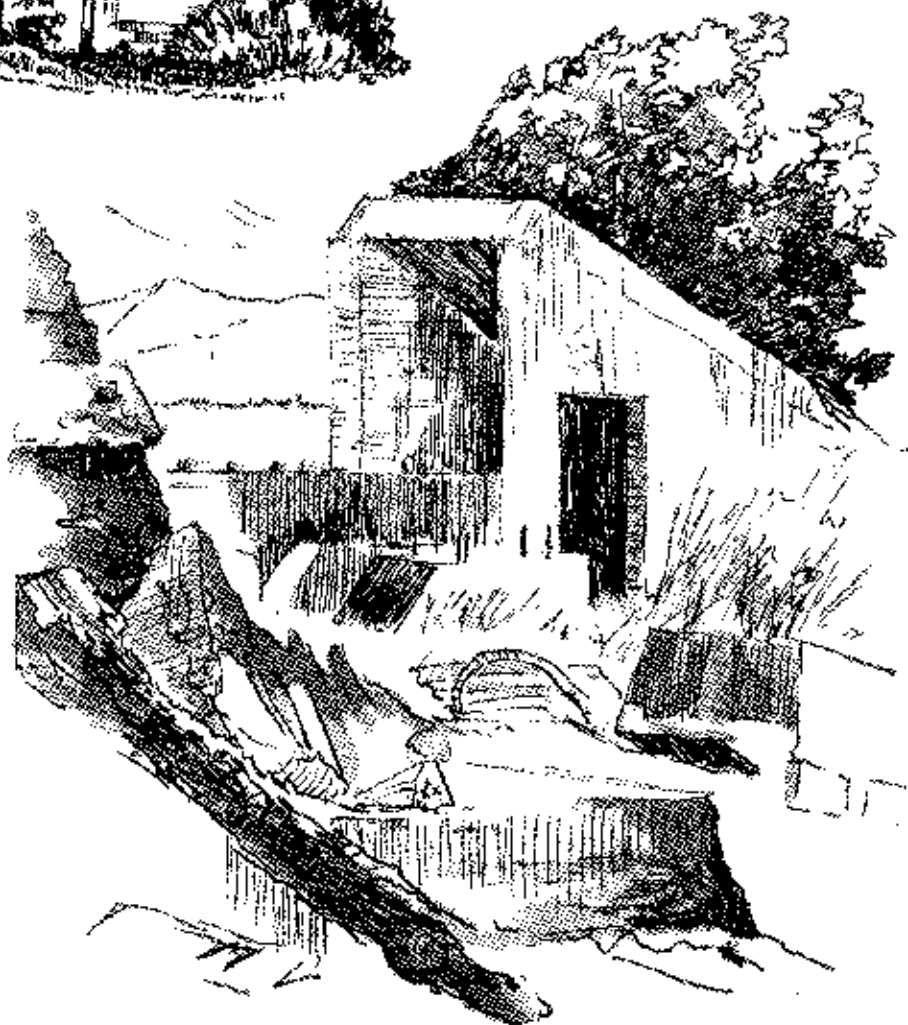


COMMERCIAL TULET  
NOW THE GORDON ST.  
PARKADE.

AS I SKETCHED  
THIS CABIN AT  
HAPPYLAND ON  
PROTECTION ISLAND  
A SUMMERC RESIDENT  
CUT WOOD FOR HIS  
MORNING FIRE



EVEN IN THE  
60'S LITTLE  
REMAINED OF  
NANAIMOS  
ROBUST COAL  
MINING ERA  
THIS AIRSHAFT  
AT GALLOW'S PT.  
ON PROTECTION  
ISLAND MADE  
ONE THINK OF  
HOW IT MUST  
HAVE BEEN.



AIRSHAFT  
OLD COAL MINE  
PROTECTION ISLAND

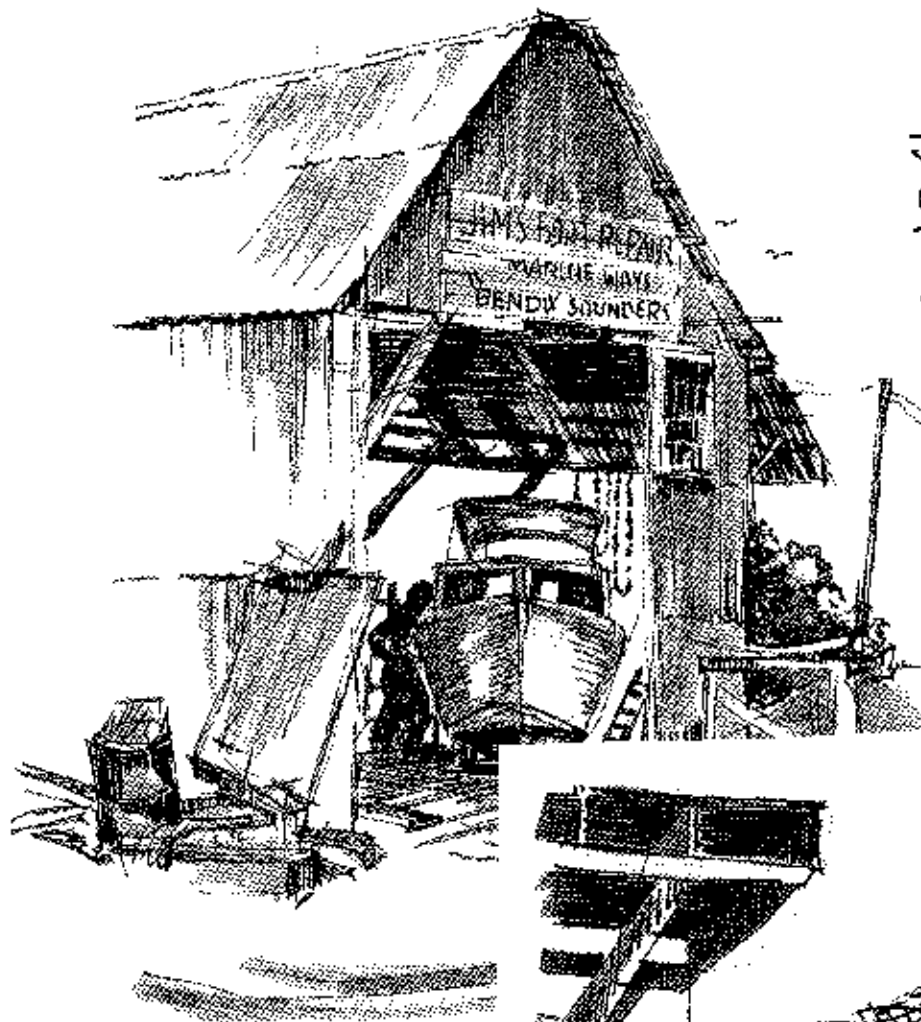


CHARLIE METCALFE  
SKETCHING  
AFTER LUNCH ON  
STACK ISLAND

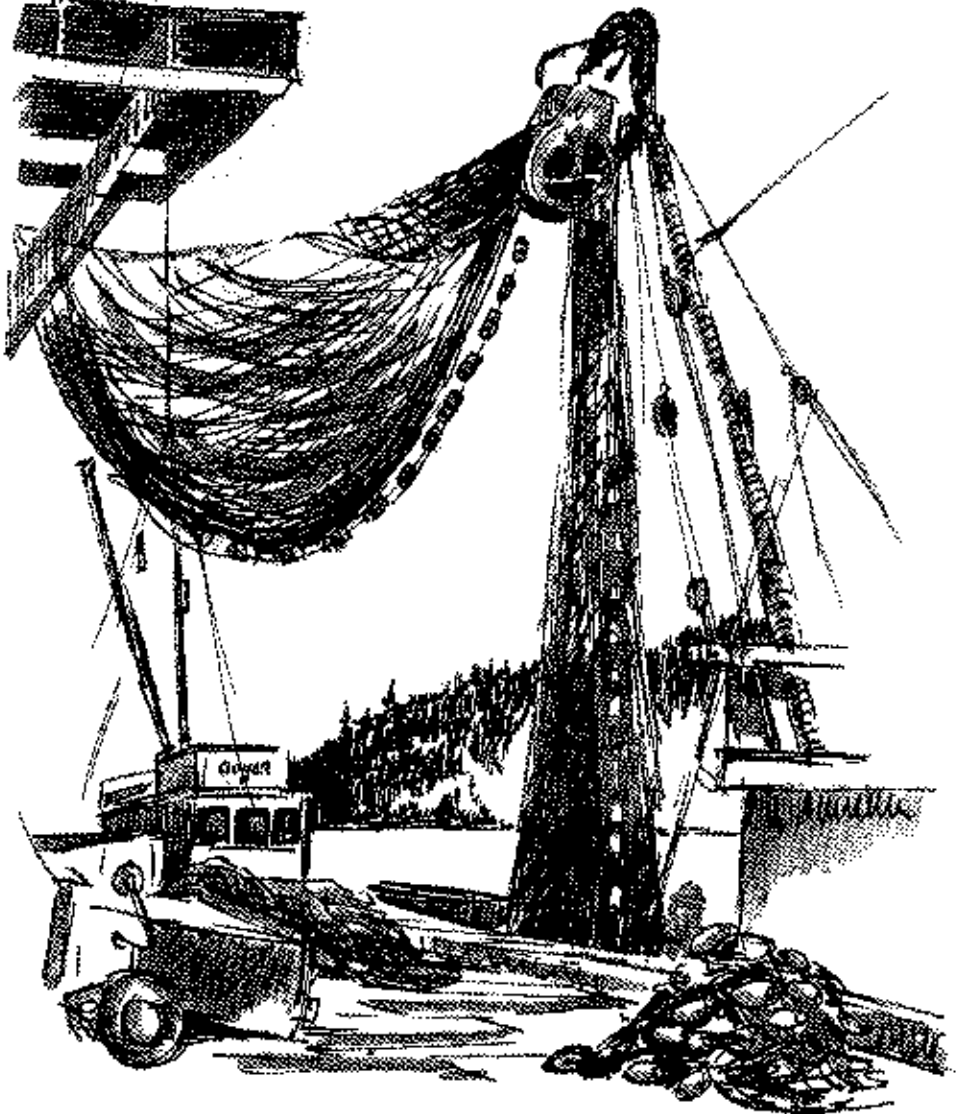
TO THE LEFT IS A QUICK  
SKETCH OF CHARLIE  
METCALFE. CHARLIE WAS  
A LONG TIME MEMBER  
OF THE NANAIMO ART  
GROUP AND HE AND I  
SHARED MANY  
SKETCHING & VENTURES  
HIS SMALL WATER-  
COLORS INSPIRED  
ME AND MANY  
OTHER ARTISTS

THIS OLD BARN  
ON THE HARMACK RD  
PRESENTED A QUIET  
PASTORAL SCENE  
WHILE ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF  
THE HILL NANAIMO'S  
LARGEST EMPLOYER  
PRODUCED PULP  
FOR THE WORLD  
MARKET.

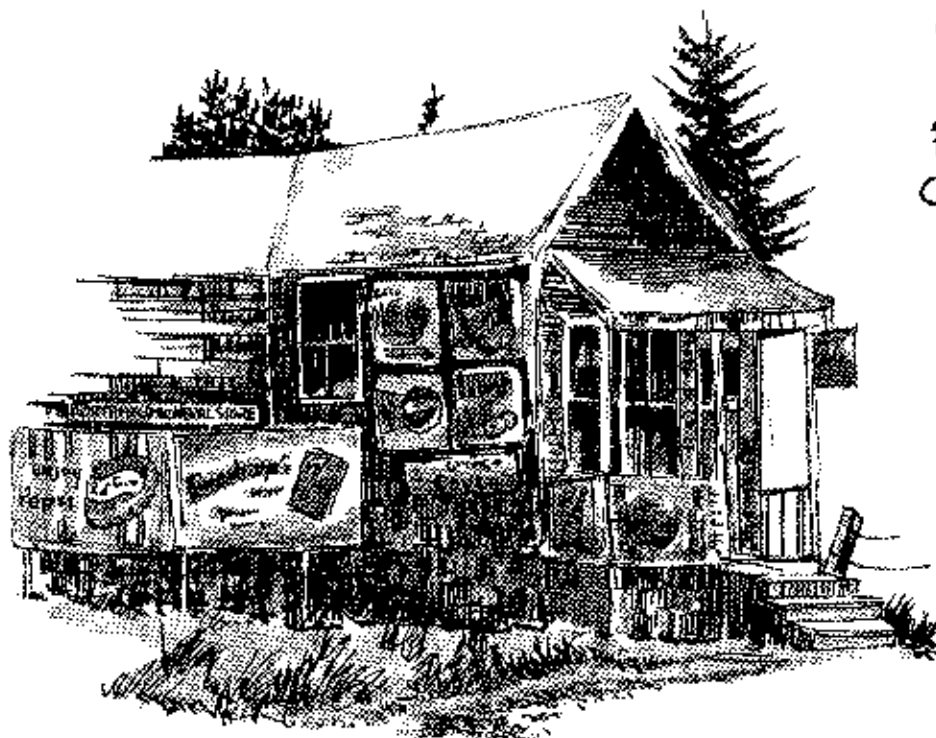
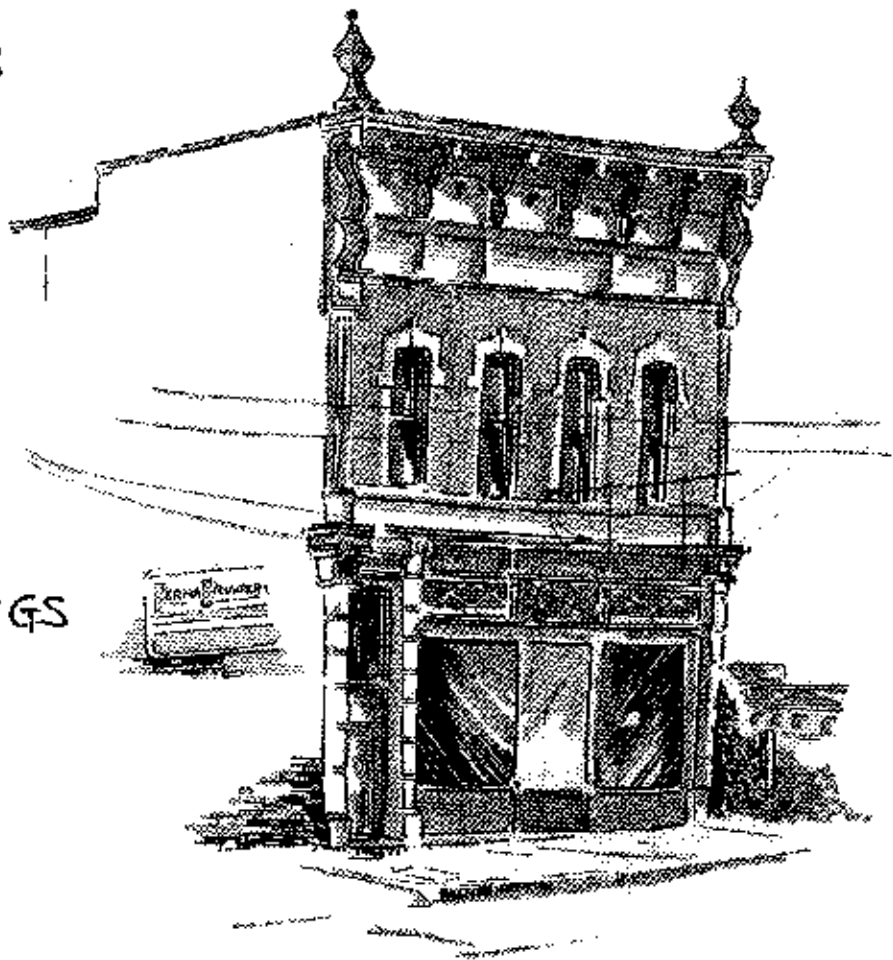




JIM'S BOAT REPAIRS  
WAS LOCATED ON  
BRECHIN POINT NOT  
FAR FROM THE  
ANCHORAGE MARINA.



IN THE SIXTIES THIS WAS THE HOME OF LEO. F. LEDAS AND SONS INSURANCE AND ALSO PERMA PRINTERS. IT WAS LOCATED ON WALLACE STREET ACROSS FROM THE LEGION. I REMEMBER SOME VERY LARGE HARDCASTLE PAINTINGS IN THE OFFICE OF LEO. F. LEDAS



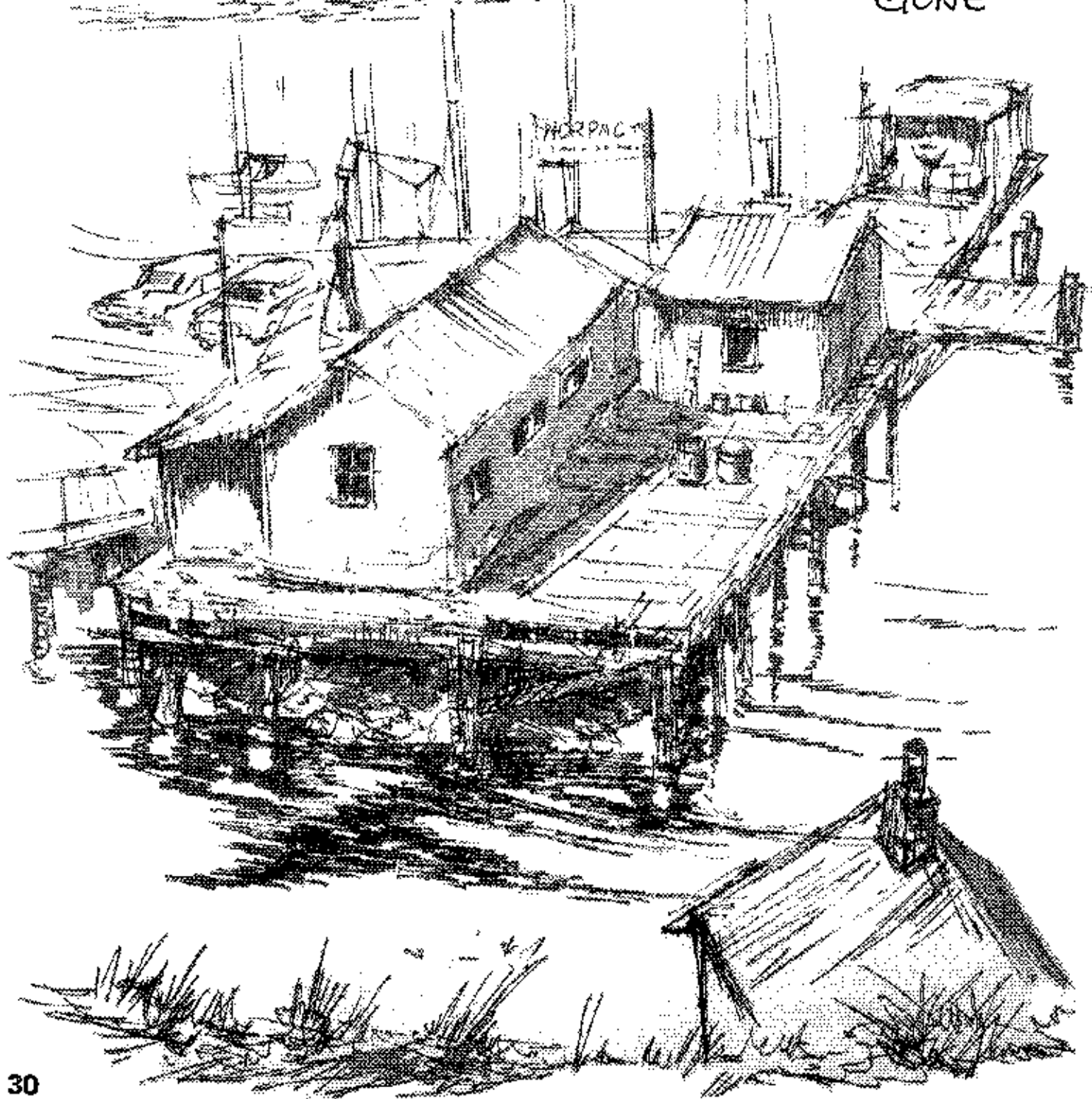
EDWARDS  
NORTH FIELD  
GENERAL STORE  
I'M SURE THE  
FANTASIC COLLECTION  
OF TIN SIGNS WHICH  
ADORNED THIS  
TINY STORE WOULD  
BE WORTH A  
FORTUNE TODAY.

THIS OLD HOME  
ON ST. GEORGE ST.  
NEAR THE RAILWAY  
TRACKS HAD BEEN  
THE MARSHALL  
HOUSE, OWNED BY  
THE FAMILY WHO  
OPERATED  
MARSHALLS  
DAIRY.

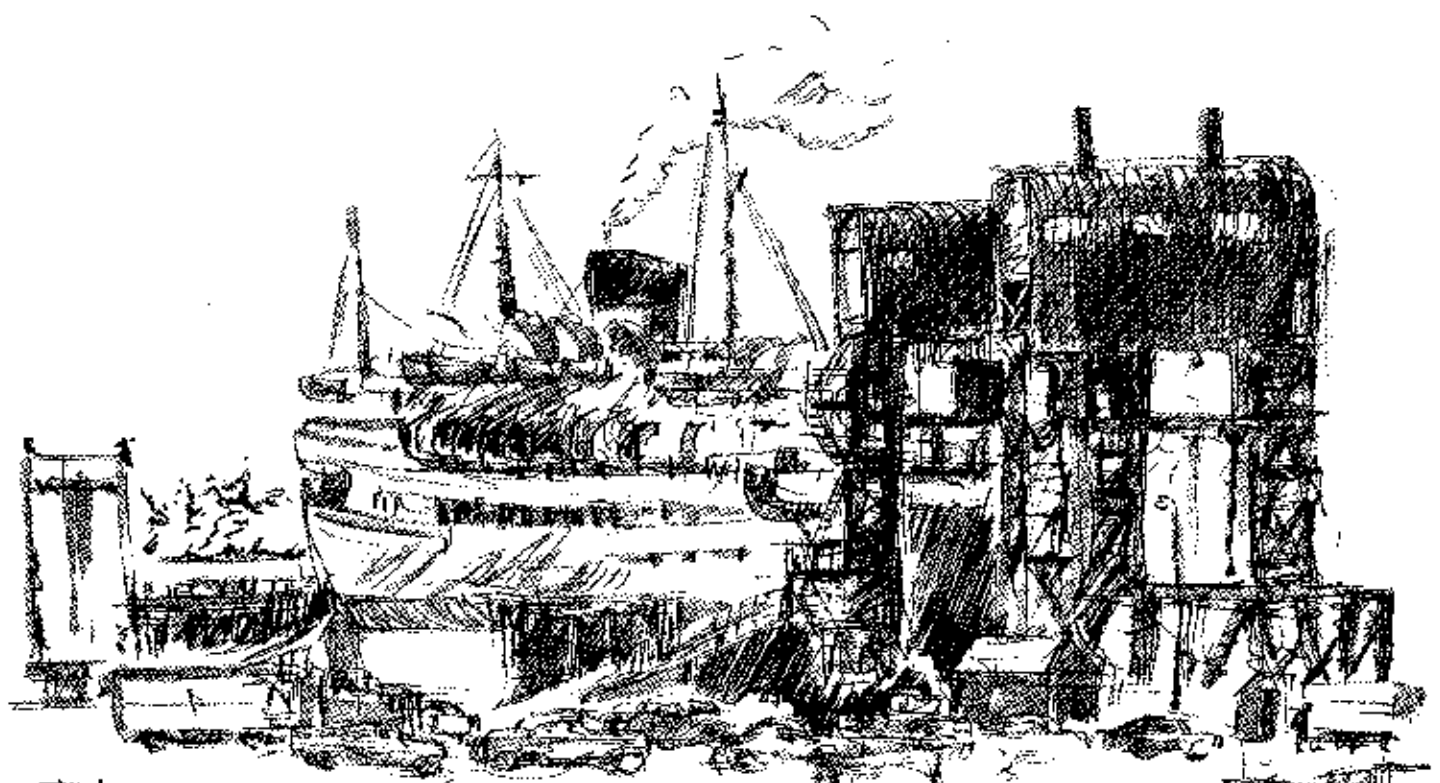


GOODS SECOND HAND  
FURNITURE STORE SAT  
ACROSS FROM THE OLD  
FIRE HALL. THIS  
SKETCH SHOWS A  
BILLBOARD  
ADVERTISING  
THE PACIFIC  
NATIONAL  
EXHIBITION IN  
THE SUMMER  
OF '64

THIS BRECHIN POINT  
DOCK WAS THE HOME  
OF NORPAC IN THE  
SIXTIES. IT LATER  
BECAME NEWCASTLE  
MARINA AND THE  
BUILDINGS AND  
WHARF ARE NOW  
GONE







THE  
PRINCESS OF  
VANCOUVER  
LOADING. SHE  
WAS TO BE THE  
LAST OF HER  
LINE TO SERVE  
NANAIMO

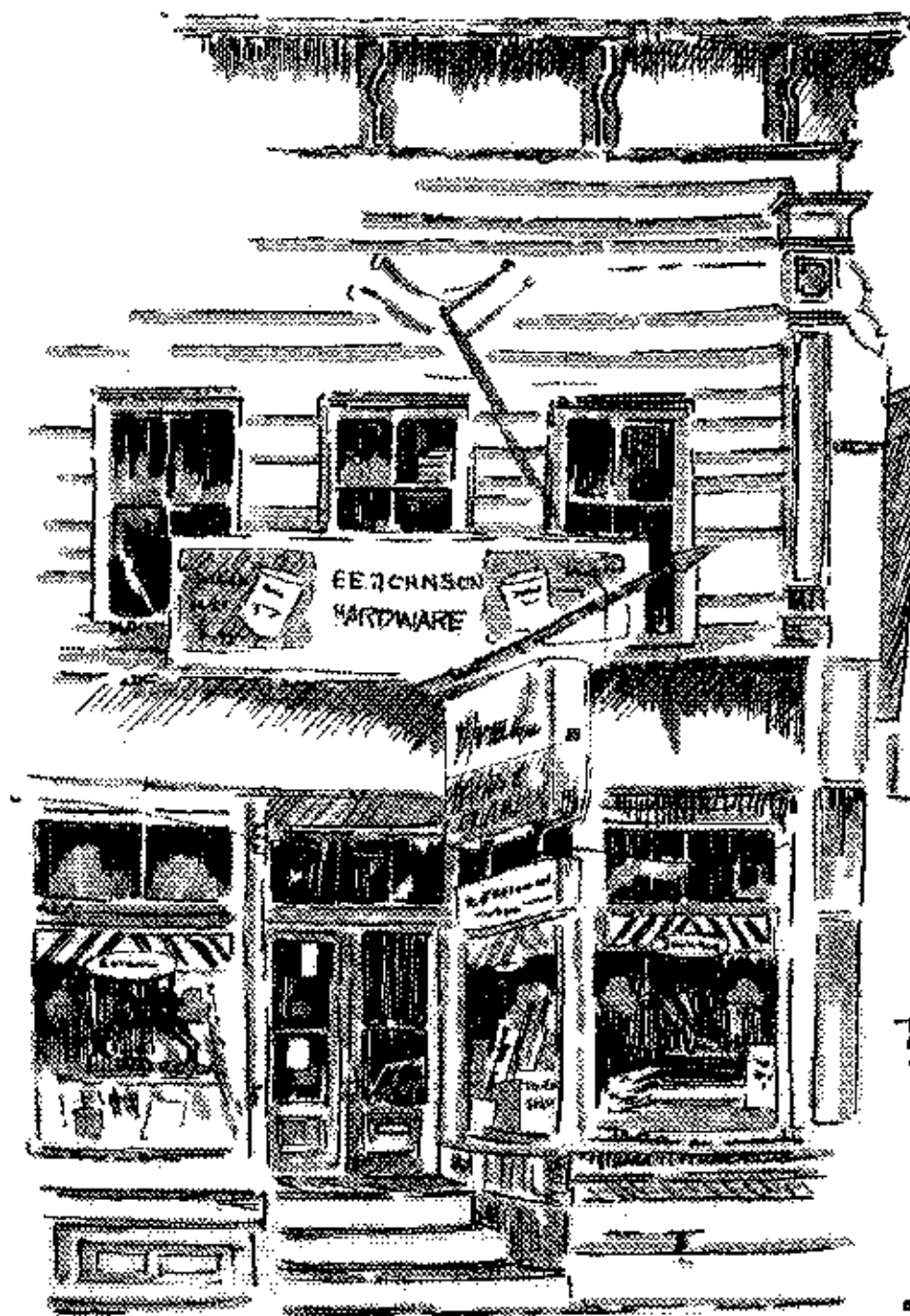


A FURNACE SALES OUTLET, A  
CLEANERS AND A THRIFT  
SHOP CLUNG TO THE OLD  
FIRE HALL AT THE  
FOOT OF NICOL  
ST.

THE BELL  
TOWER  
REMAINS  
TODAY  
BUT THE  
BELL  
AND  
SUPPORTS  
ARE GONE



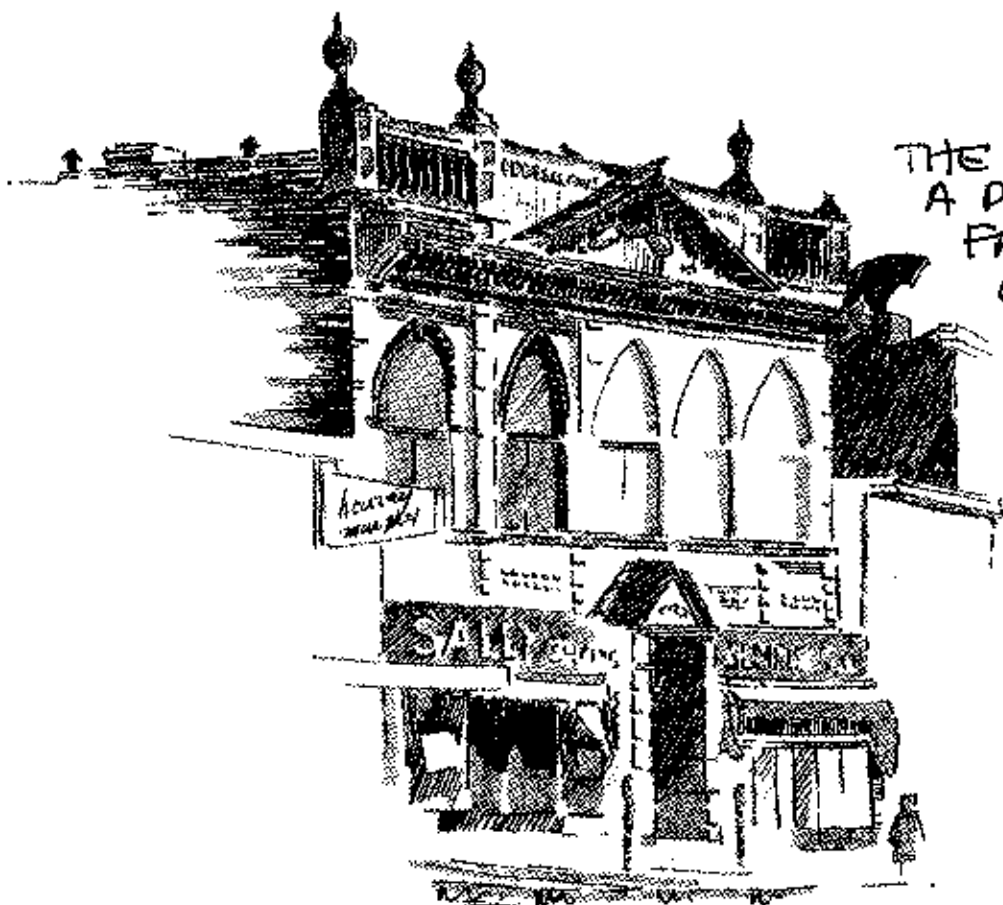
JOHNSON'S HARDWARE HAS CHANGED VERY LITTLE OVER THE YEARS. TODAY IT LOOKS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS IT DID TWENTY YEARS AGO WHEN THIS SKETCH WAS DONE. NO PLACE IN NANAIMO HAS MORE ATMOSPHERE WHETHER ITS FISHERMEN OR HUNTERS SWAPPING STORIES AROUND THE POT BELLED STOVE OR ERNIE UP THE LADDER MIRACULOUSLY FINDING SOMETHING UNAVAILABLE ANYWHERE ELSE IN TOWN



THE WINDOW DISPLAY SHOWING A STUFFED COUGAR ALSO HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED FOR DECADES

• NOTE THE THREE STEPS UP TO THE STORE

THIS OLD  
 CANADIAN  
 COLLIERIES  
 LOCOMOTIVE  
 ONCE PULLED  
 COAL FROM  
 WELLINGTON TO  
 DEPARTMENT BAY  
 THE PARK ALSO  
 INCLUDES AN  
 EARLY MINERS  
 HOME. A  
 LAWN  
 BOWLING  
 GREEN  
 ONCE  
 OCCUPIED  
 THIS SPOT.



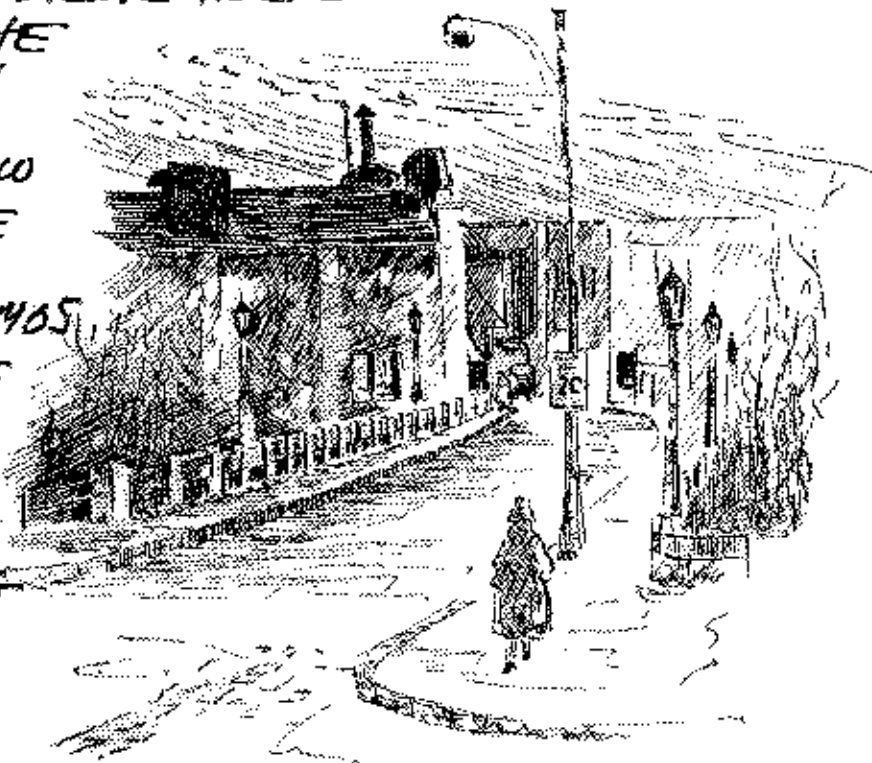
THE ODDFELLOWS HALL HAD  
 A PARTICULARLY DECORATIVE  
 FACING. AT THE TIME  
 OF THIS SKETCH IT  
 HOUSED SALLY  
 SHOPS, LADIES  
 WEAR AND SEMPLER  
 SHOES  
 HARVEY MURPHY'S  
 MENS WEAR ON  
 THE LEFT AND  
 FLETCHER'S MUSIC  
 STORE ON THE  
 RIGHT.



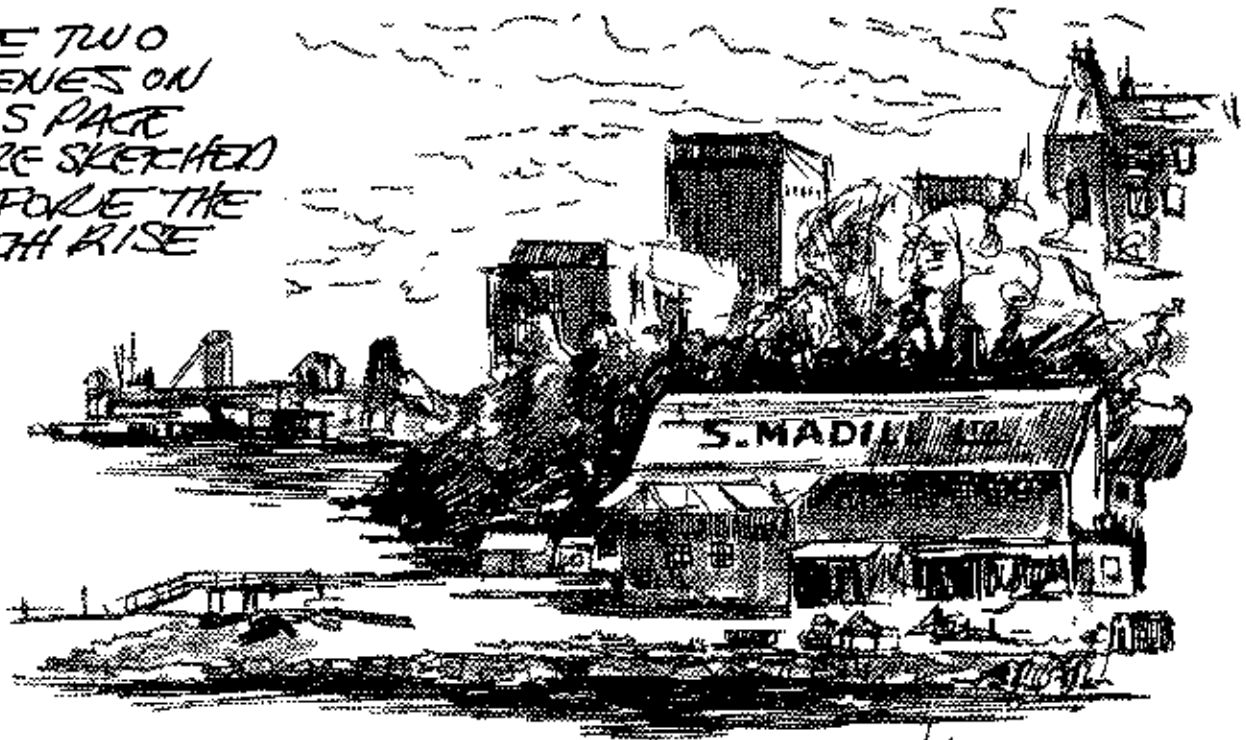
BASTION ST BRIDGE

THE BASTION STREET BRIDGE PROVIDES SOME VERY PICTURESQUE VIEWS OF NANAIMO. THE EAST END OF THE BRIDGE WAS THE LOCATION OF THE CAPITAL THEATRE MANY IM SURE WILL REMEMBER

LINING UP BEHIND THE MAPLE TREES SHOWN ABOVE. THE CAPITAL MANAGED BY MEL GOO PRESENTED THE "GONE WITH THE WIND" TYPE MOVIE WHILE NANAIMOS OTHER THEATRE "THE STRAND" MANAGED BY ERNIE CARY WOULD RUN A DOUBLE BILL STARRING ROY ROGERS IN ONE AND CHARLIE CHAN IN THE OTHER



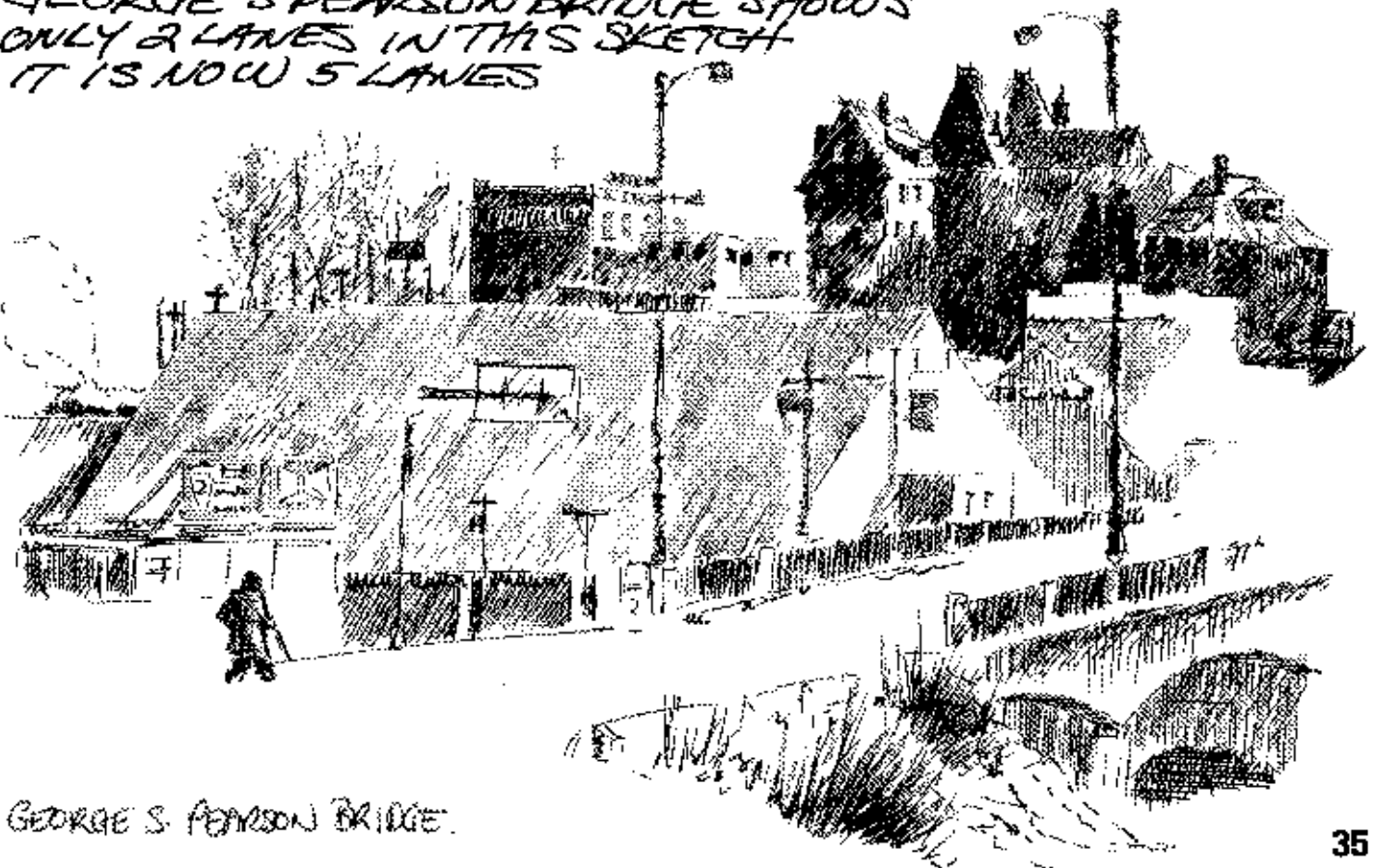
THE TWO  
SCENES ON  
THIS PAGE  
WERE SKETCHED  
BEFORE THE  
HIGH RISE



VIEW FROM MEMORIAL AVE



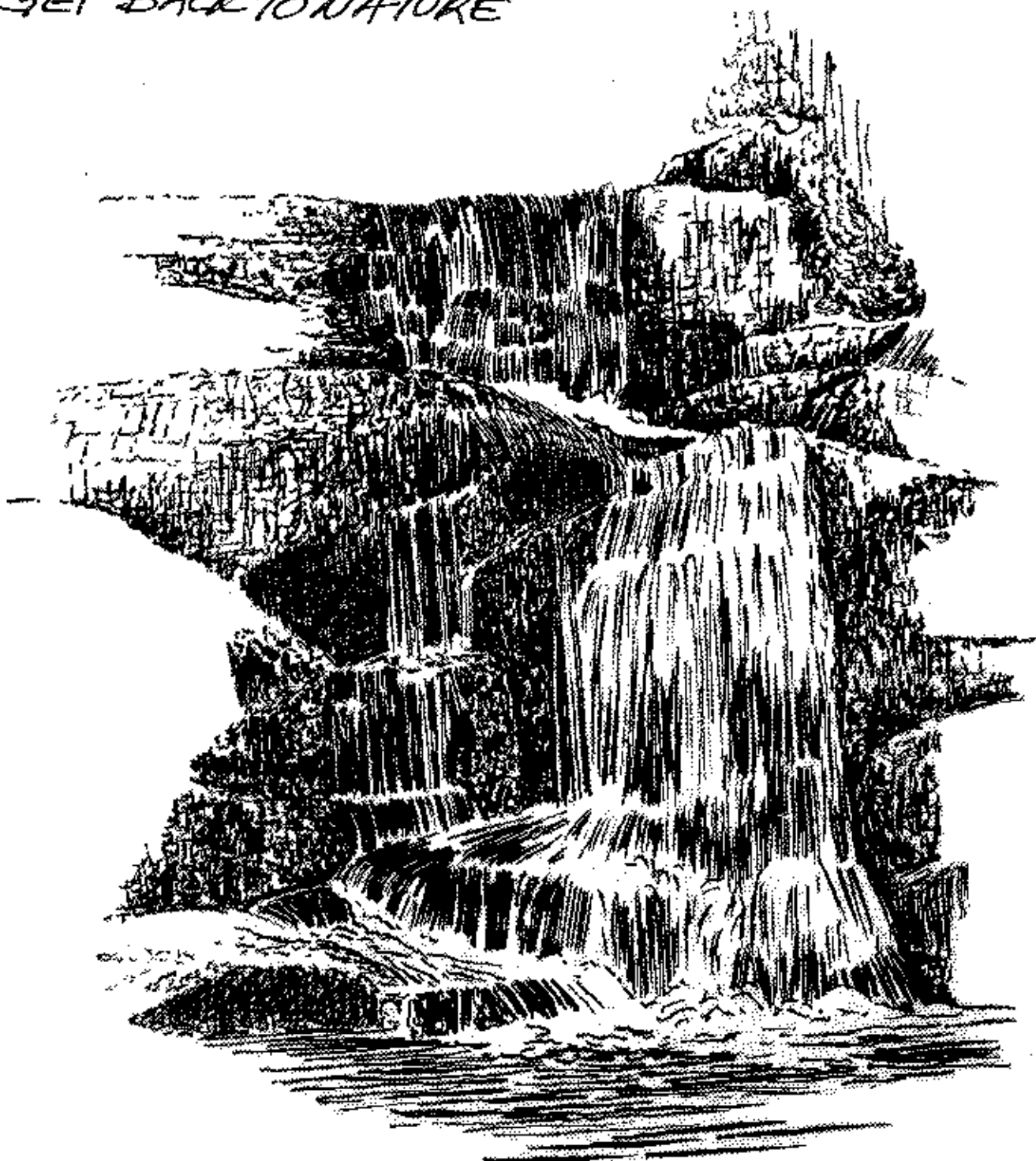
THE NEAR NEW  
GEORGE S PEARSON BRIDGE SHOWS  
ONLY 2 LANES IN THIS SKETCH  
IT IS NOW 5 LANES



GEORGE S. PEARSON BRIDGE.

# BOWEN PARK

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF NANAIMO  
ON BOWEN ROAD, THIS REFRESHING  
GEM OF A PARK OFFERS A QUIET ESCAPE  
AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
GET BACK TO NATURE



WHEN I WENT BACK  
TO COMPLETE THIS BOOK  
I WAS PLEASED TO SEE  
THAT NANNAMOS  
YOUTH STILL SWAM AT  
"THE FALLS" THAT  
"DADDY LONG LEG  
TYPE INSECTS STILL  
SKIMMED OVER  
QUIET POOLS AND THAT  
THE EARTHEN PATHS  
STILL FELT GOOD TO  
BARE FEET



BELOW... DEAD  
MAN'S HOLE AS WE  
CALLED IT WHEN WE  
WERE KIDS. THE STORY  
GOES THAT A FELLOW FELL, BUMPED HIS  
HEAD AND DROWNED AT THIS SPOT



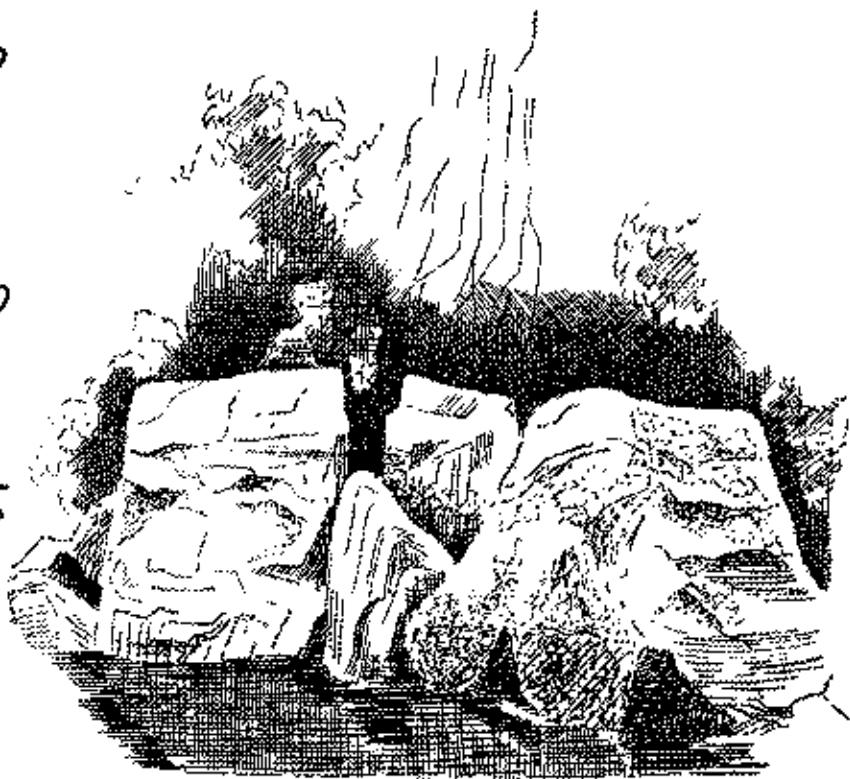
A SERIES OF  
SMALL FALLS  
ARE FOUND  
NEAR THE  
RIVERSIDE  
ENTRANCE  
TO THE PARK  
THIS IS  
REACHED  
BY TAKING  
TOWNSITE  
RD AND  
TURNING  
AT  
LENHART



Bowers Park.

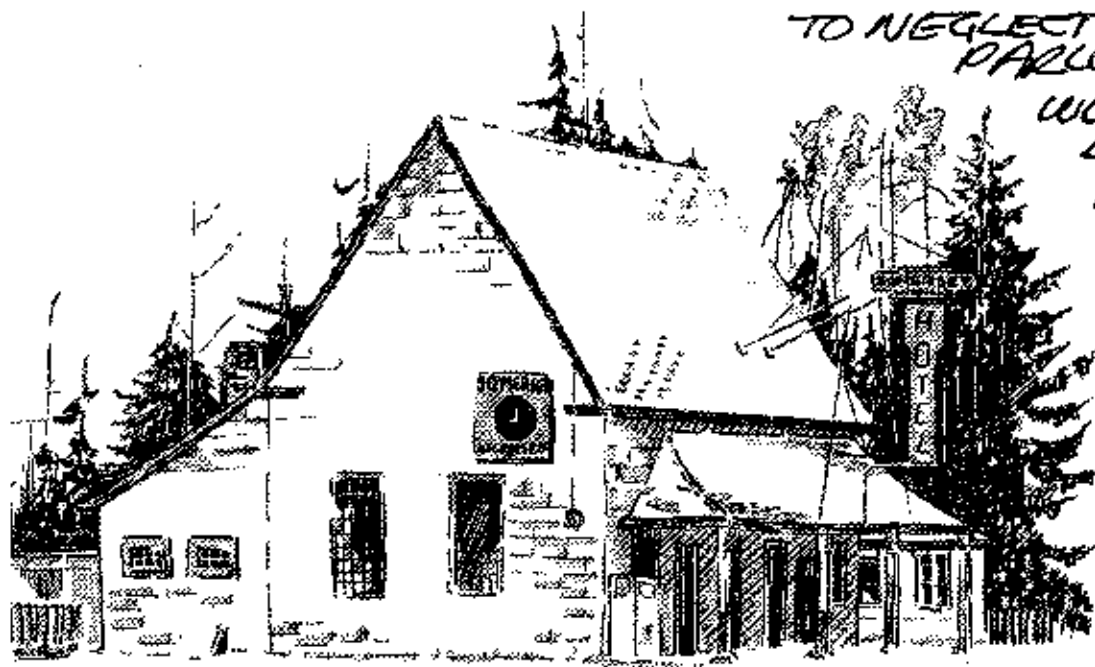


QUIET POOLS AND  
LARGE ROCKS  
DISTINGUISH THE  
WALL STREET END  
OF THE PARK. ONE  
LARGE FLAT FACED  
ROCK ALWAYS  
APPEARED TO HAVE  
FACIAL FEATURES  
THIS AREA FEATURES  
PICNIC TABLES AND  
COOKING SHELTERS  
WITH STOVES



I HAVEN'T SKETCHED MANY OF THE PARK'S  
FEATURES SUCH AS THE DUCK POND, PET FARM  
SWIMMING POOL SOCCER  
FIELD CURLING RINK  
AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS  
CENTRE





TO NEGLECT THE BEER  
PARLORS OF NANAIMO  
WOULD BE  
LEAVING OUT  
AN ESSENTIAL  
PART OF THE  
PAST. IT WAS  
OFTEN STATED  
THAT NANAIMO  
HAD MORE BEER  
PARLORS PER  
CAPITA THAN  
ANY OTHER  
CITY IN  
CANADA  
SOME WOULD  
SET OUT TO HAVE  
A GLASS IN EACH  
FINGER  
I'M  
SURE EVERY  
MADE IT TO  
THEM  
ALL

CLAIMED TO HAVE ONCE BEEN A  
STAGE COACH STOP THE SOMERSET  
WAS A UNIQUE LITTLE WELLINGTON  
BEER PARLOR

QUARTERWAY SO NAMED  
BECAUSE IT WAS ONE  
QUARTER OF THE  
WAY TO  
WELLINGTON  
THE HOTEL  
WAS VERY  
CONVENIENTLY  
LOCATED AT  
THE HALF  
WAY POINT  
ON THE OLD  
GOLF COURSE  
THIS OF COURSE  
WAS QUITE BY  
ACCIDENT



PUB  
INTERIOR  
"THE"  
BALMORAL



ONE OF THE  
OLDEST INNS  
IN B.C. THIS  
FORMER  
STAGE COACH  
STOP WAS  
DESTROYED  
BY FIRE AND  
REBUILT IN  
1926



THE OLD GOLF COURSE MAY NOT HAVE  
BEEN THE GOLFER'S IDEAL BUT IT SURE  
WAS A GREAT LANDSCAPE FOR  
A YOUNG ARTIST. LINED  
WITH FEATHERLIKE  
LOMBARDY POPLAHS  
THE ROLLING  
COUNTRYSIDE  
PRESENTED  
A PAINTING  
AT EVERY  
TURN. MY  
FIRST  
WATERCOLORS  
WERE OF  
THE POPLAHS  
THEIR  
VIBRANT  
YELLOW  
LEAVES  
FLUTTERING  
IN A BREEZE  
OFF BENSON



ABOVE  
LOOKING  
BACK FROM  
THE 6TH  
GREEN

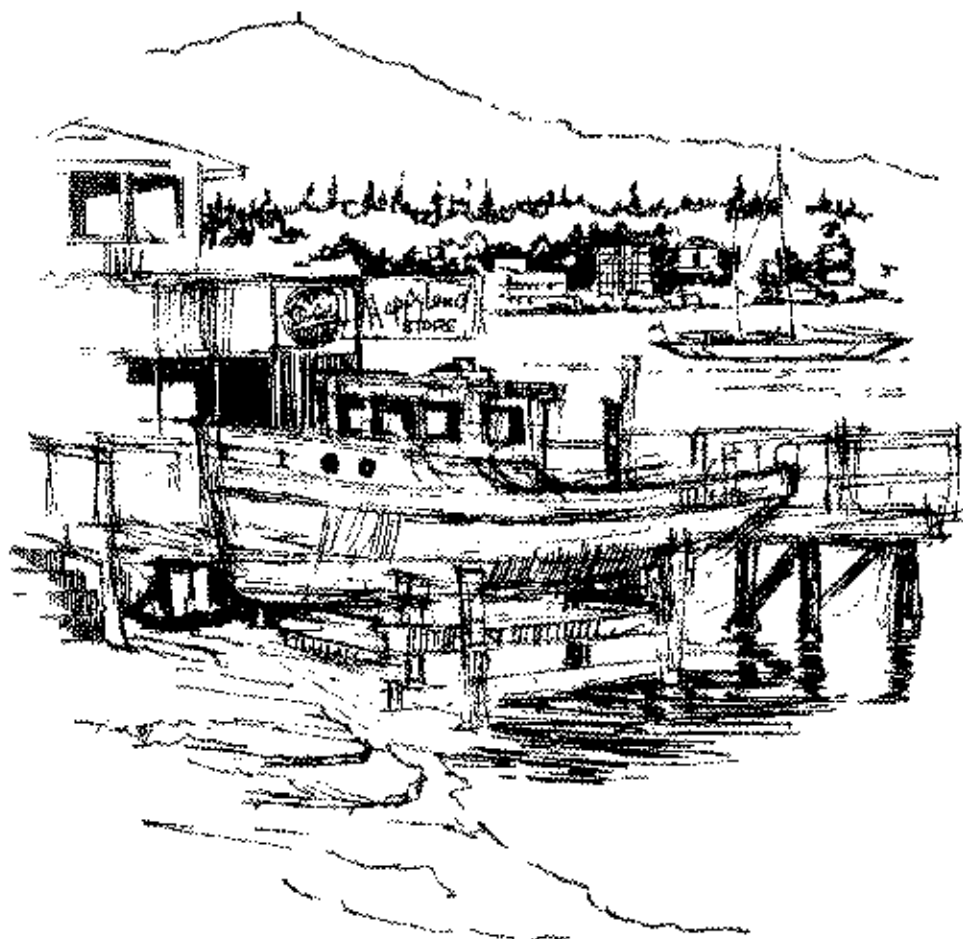
RIGHT..  
THE  
FIFTH  
HOLE



# PROTECTION ISLAND

## GALLOWS PT. LIGHTHOUSE

GALLOWS PT. WAS  
THE SCENE OF A  
HANGING. A  
HAWAIIAN  
(KANAKA) WHO  
HAD BEEN  
CHASED THROUGH  
CHASE RIVER  
AND CAUGHT AT  
KANAKA BAY  
ON NEWCASTLE  
ISLAND, WAS  
HANGED HERE



A FERRY RAN  
REGULARLY FROM  
FARMERS LANDING  
AT NANAIMO TO  
THE NORTH END OF  
PROTECTION ISLAND  
THE COLLECTION OF  
CABINS, BOATS  
AND A STORE  
WAS KNOWN AS  
HAPPYLAND AND  
WAS THE SCENE OF  
MANY A CHURCH  
PICNIC

OLD  
HOME  
NOB HILL



NOB HILL WAS THE  
PROMONTORY DIRECTLY  
BEHIND THE OLD EATONS  
STORE. IT HAD MANY  
FINE HOMES AND A GOOD  
VIEW OF THE DOWNTOWN  
AREA. THE DICTIONARY  
GIVES THE DEFINITION  
OF NOB AS "A  
PERSON OF WEALTH  
OR SOCIAL  
IMPORTANCE

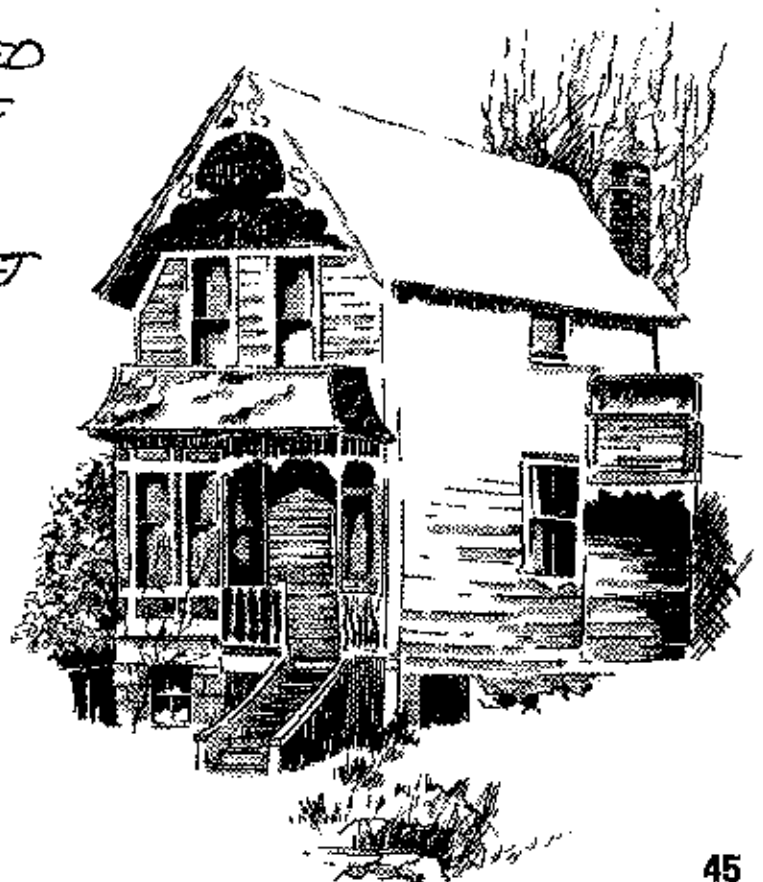
FORMERLY THE HOME  
OF A MINE BOSS THIS  
OLD HOME ON FRY ST.  
ONCE LOOKED ACROSS  
TO NO. 1 MINE. THE  
INDUSTRY HAS  
CHANGED FROM COAL  
TO LUMBER BUT  
SHE HAS REMAINED  
UNAFFECTED





ONCE A STABLEY  
NEIGHBOUR OF HASLAM  
HALL ON WALLACE STREET  
THIS OLD HOME'S TURNED  
VERANDA SUPPORTS  
WERE STARTING TO  
LEAN AND HEIL  
FRONT YARD WAS NOT  
A SHADOW OF HEIL  
PAST BEAUTY.

SOMETIMES REFERRED  
TO AS "TRIBUTES TO THE  
FRET SAW" THE  
DECORATIVE FACIA  
OF THIS MILTON STREET  
HOME WAS DESTINED  
TO BE REPLACED BY  
AN APARTMENT  
BLOCK.





THIS OLD BRICK HOME ON THE CORNER  
OF NORTH FIELD ROAD AND BOWEN ROAD  
WAS TORN DOWN TO WIDEN BOWEN ROAD  
IN 1985. SOME SAY IT HAD BEEN A  
HOUSE OF ILL REPUTE IN EARLIER TIMES

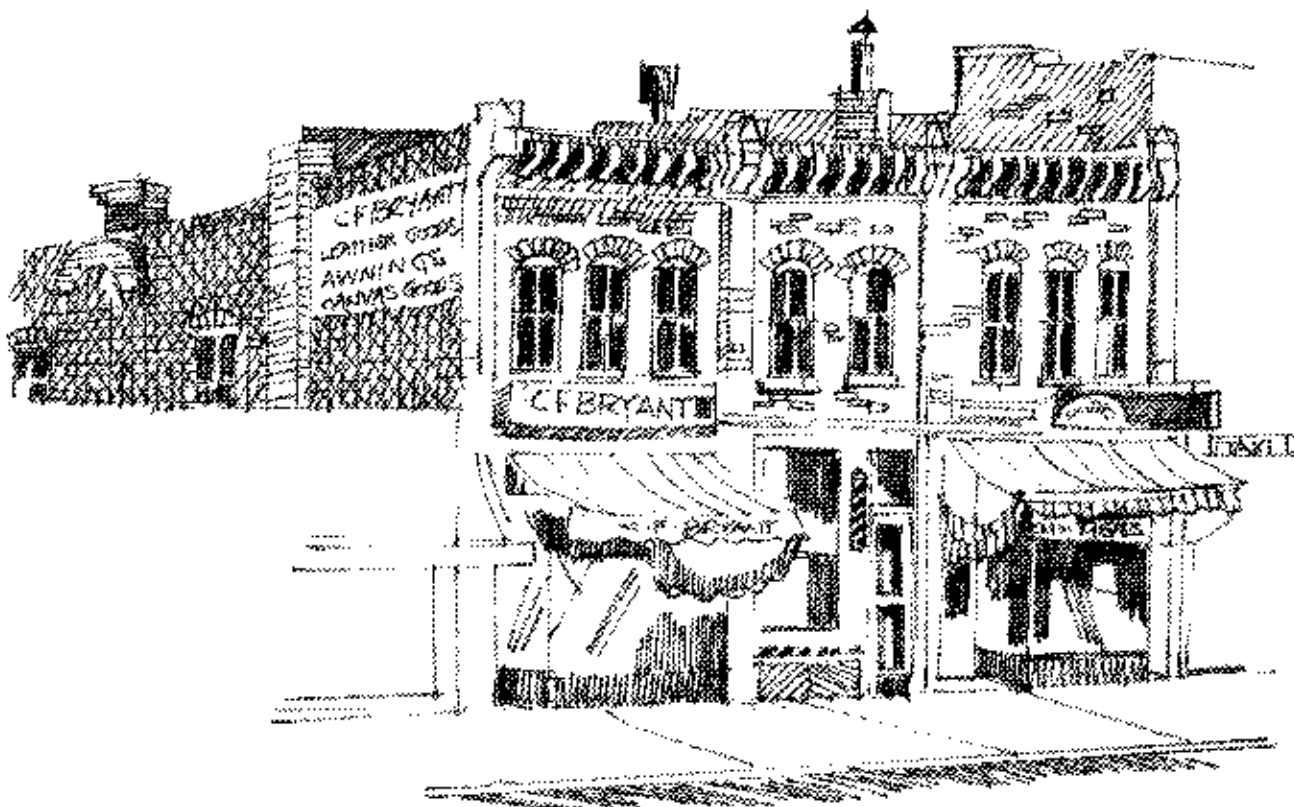




THIS OLD HOME WAS  
LOCATED ON MILL STREET  
NOT FAR FROM THE  
PRESENT DAY TALLYHO  
A LARGE BRICK  
BOTTLING WORKS  
WAS ITS NEIGHBOUR  
THE MILLSTONE  
RIVERS BANKS IN  
FRONT OF THE  
HOUSE WERE  
BUILT UP WITH  
OLD SHINGLES  
FROM A MILL  
WHICH OPERATED  
HERE YEARS  
AGO.

THE OLD HOME  
TO THE RIGHT  
WAS LOCATED  
ON NORTHFIELD  
ROAD.



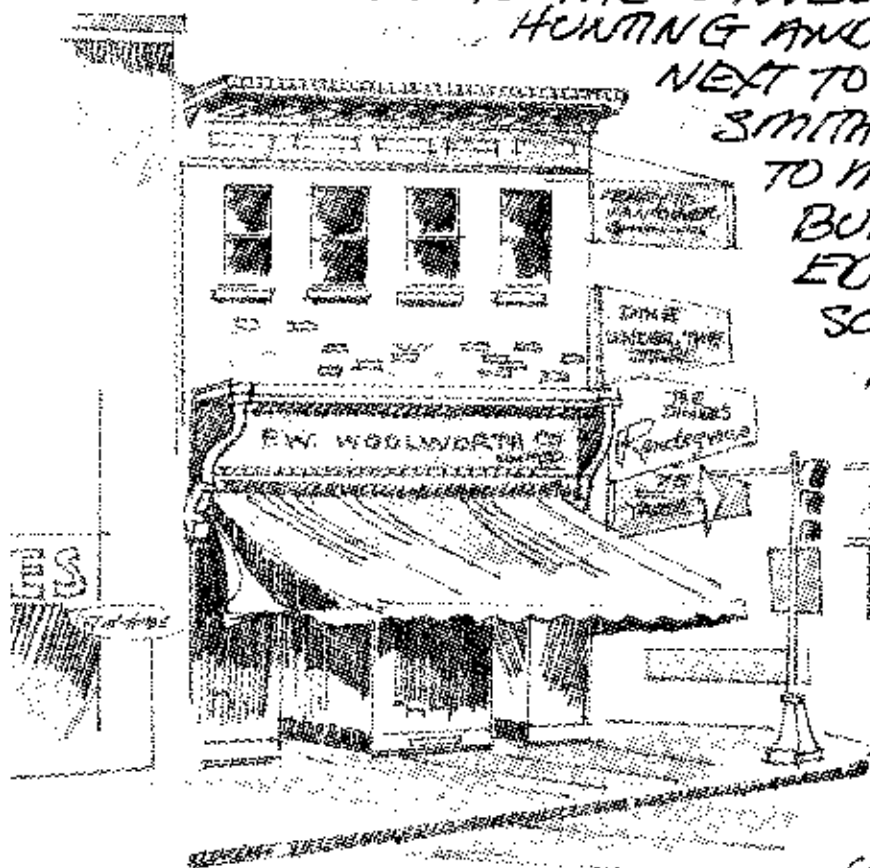


MY MEMORIES OF CHARLIE BRYANT'S ARE OF HIGH  
 CEILINGS WITH LIGHT BULBS ON SINGLE CORDS AND THE  
 SMELL OF LEATHER AND CANVAS. THE NEXT DOOR BARBER  
 SHOP BRINGS MEMORIES OF SATURDAY MORNING HAIR  
 CUTS TO THE CONVERSATION OF SPORTS, FISHING  
 HUNTING AND OTHER MALE PURSUITS  
 NEXT TO THE BARBER SHOP WAS  
 SMITH'S MEAT MARKET. IT CALLS

TO MIND ROSY CHEEKED  
 BUTCHERS WITH RED STAIN-  
 ED APREONS. ALSO THE  
 SOUND OF HEAVY CATCHES  
 AS FROZEN DOOR  
 SNAPPED CLOSED

THE CONDITION OF  
 CHARLIE BRYANT'S  
 RUNNING MAKES  
 ME THINK OF THE  
 COBBLERS SONS  
 SHOES.

- TO THE LEFT IS THE  
 WOOLWORTH CORNER  
 WITH A DENTIST OVERHEAD

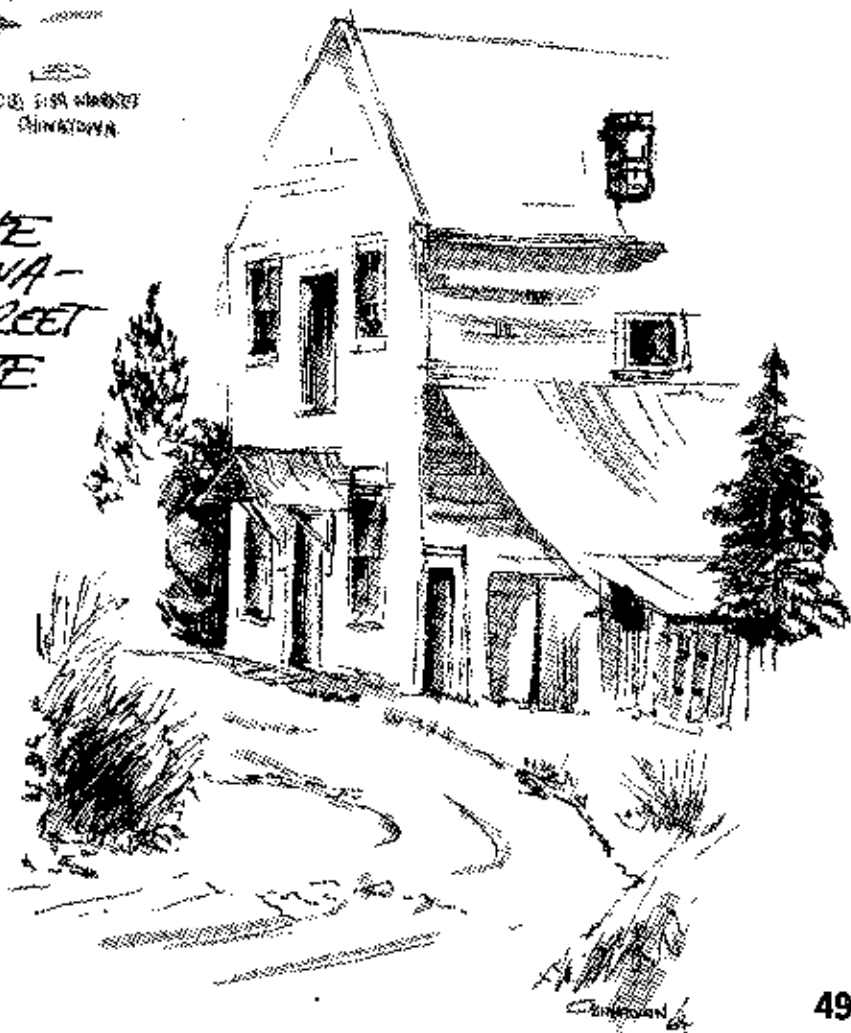




THIS BUILDING WAS  
A FISH MARKET AND  
WAS LOCATED AT THE  
INTERSECTION OF  
KENNEDY, HECATE  
AND THE EEN  
RAILWAY TRACKS.

OLD FISH MARKET  
CHINATOWN

THE BUILDING TO THE  
RIGHT WAS IN CHINA-  
TOWN ON A SIDE STREET  
LEADING OFF HECATE  
AND CLOSE TO THE  
HOME OF MR  
CHARLIE YORK  
THE TAILOR



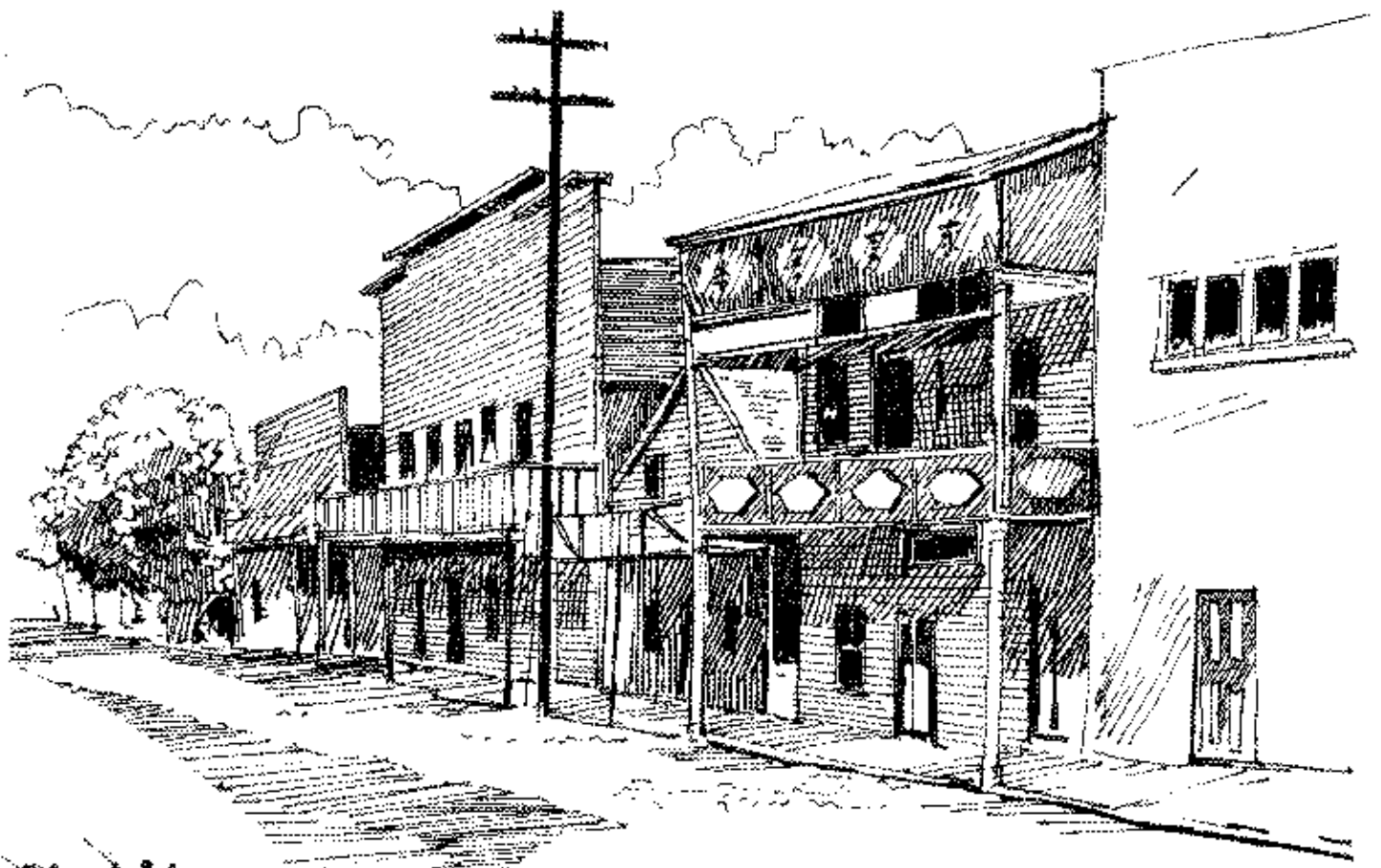
# CHINATOWN

THE CHINATOWN THAT MOST NANAIMOITES REMEMBER WAS ACTUALLY THE THIRD CHINATOWN. THE PRECEDING SITE WAS ON WHAT IS NOW CALLED BOU KEE STREET CHINATOWN WAS MOTIF #1 FOR A SKETCHER LIKE MYSELF. I CAN STILL RECALL THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHINATOWN. THE CLICK CLICK OF THE MAHJONG GAME IN THE OTHER ROOM AS I BOUGHT FIRECRACKERS. THE LONG STAIRWAYS LEADING UP TO THE 'END HOUSE' OF THE CANTON. THE HEARING BOWLS OF FRIED RICE FOR ONLY 50¢. THE EXCITEMENT OF THE DRAGON AS IT PROCEEDED DOWN THE MAIN STREET ON CHINESE NEW YEAR. THE MACHINE GUN LIKE SOUND AS A COMPLETE STRING OF FIRECRACKERS WENT OFF. THE SHUFFLE OF AN ELDERLY CHINA MAN AS HE WENT DOWN THE WOODEN SIDEWALK HAND ON WRIST BEHIND HIS BACK. THE BOISTEROUS SATURDAY NIGHT CROWD HUNGRY FOR THE DELICIOUS CHINESE FOOD HAVING DANCED THE EVENING AWAY AT THE PYGMY DANCE HALL. YES AND THERE WERE BOOTLEGGERS TOO BACK WHEN A MICKLEY OF ADAMS RYE COULD BE HAD FOR FOUR DOLLARS.

I REMEMBER MY CHINESE SCHOOL-  
MATES HAVING TO ATTEND  
CHINESE SCHOOL AFTER OUR  
SCHOOL WAS OUT

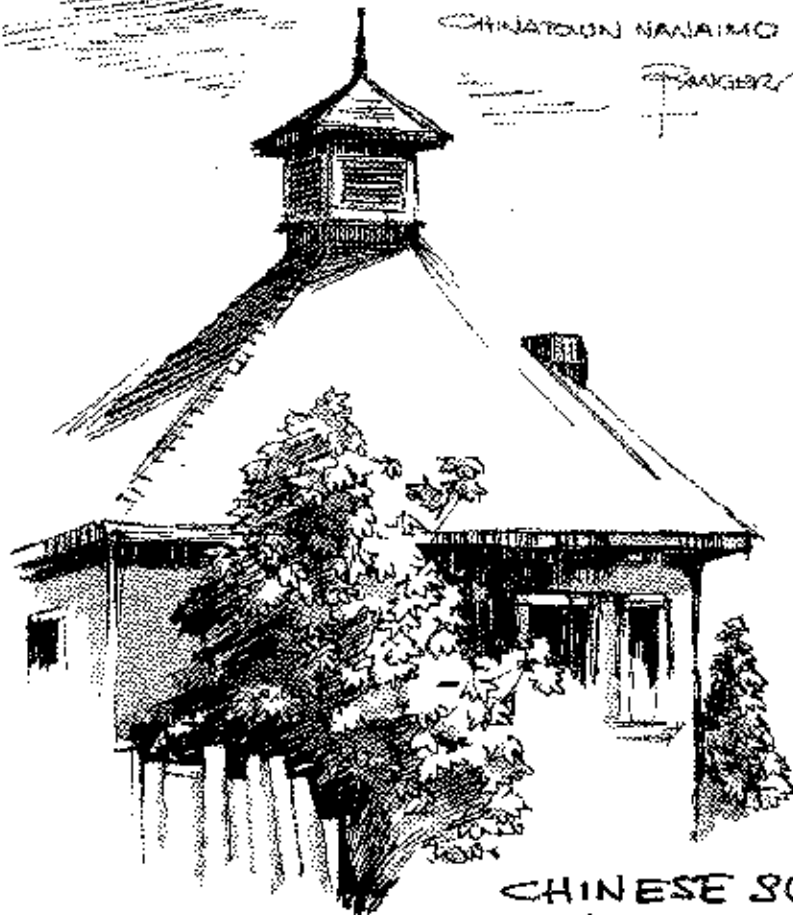


PINE STREET  
CHINATOWN.



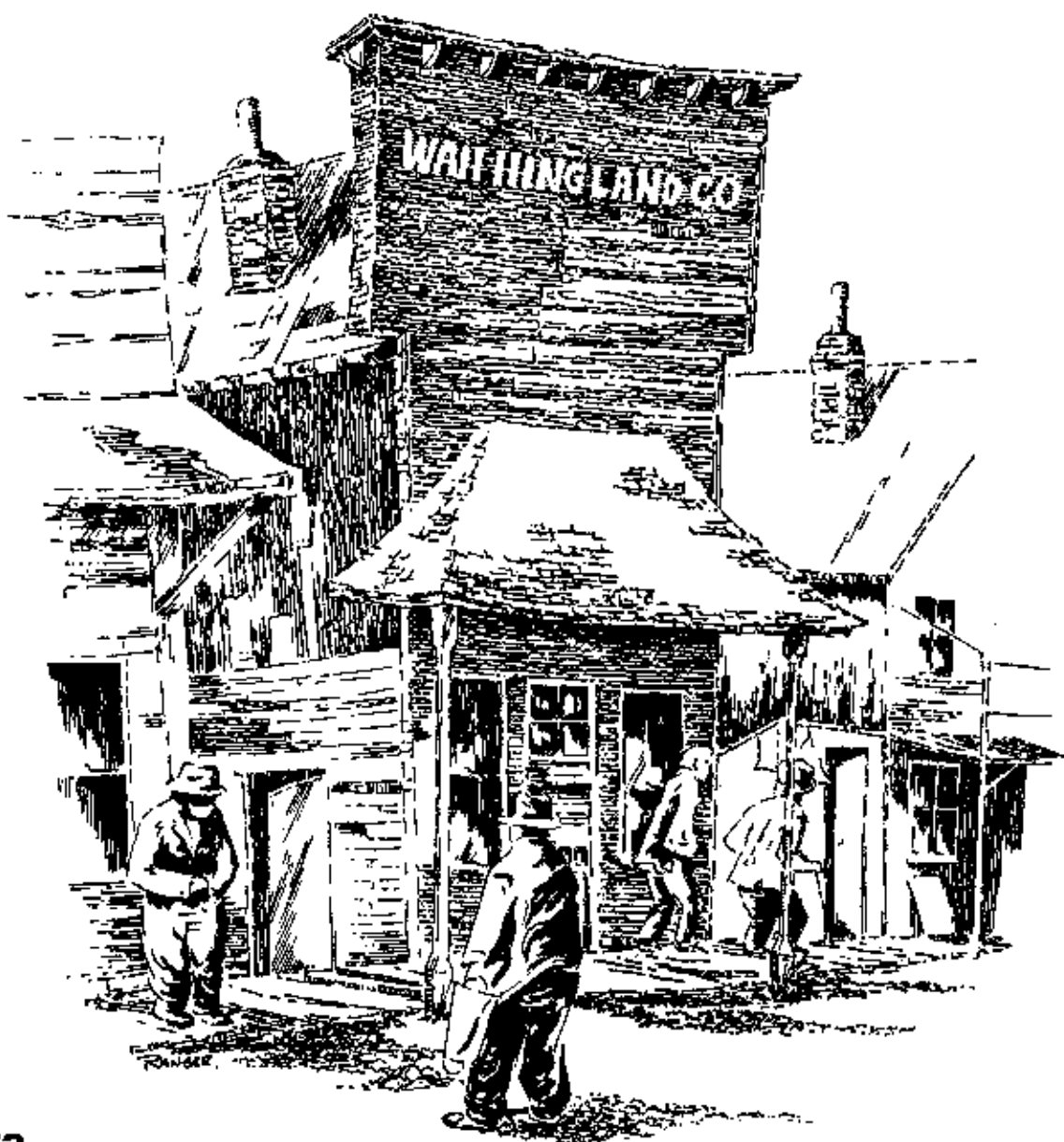
CHINATOWN NANAIMO

WANGER



CHINESE SCHOOL  
CHINATOWN

ONE OF THE BUSINESSES IN  
CHINATOWN LEFT THEIR SAFE OUT ON THE  
WOODEN SIDEWALK WITH ITS BACK AGAINST  
THE STORE FRONT. WHEN I STOPPED TO THINK  
OF IT THAT WAS PROBABLY THE SAFEST PLACE  
FOR THE MAIN STREET OF CHINATOWN WAS  
BARELY UNPEOPLED





THE  
FAR END  
" OF THE STREET  
BY THE END  
HOUSE "



A CHINESE  
THEATRE HAD  
ONCE OCCUPIED THE  
FOREGROUND LOT

# PIPERS LAGOON

I'VE ALWAYS FOUND PIPERS LAGOON TO BE A MAGICAL PLACE, QUITE DIFFERENT THAN ANYWHERE ELSE. THE LAY OF THE LAND, THE ROCK WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CUT BY A GLACIER, THE MARVELOUSLY TWISTED GARRY OAKS THAT GROW OUT OF SOLID ROCK, THE EVENLY SIZED OVAL SHAPED GRAVEL, THE SECRET BAYS OF EMERALD GREEN WATER, THE DELAPIDATED SHACKS SPRINKLED ON SMALL ISLANDS AND THE LONG NARROW SPIT SEPARATING THE OUTER WATERS FROM THE TRANQUIL LAGOON



Pipers Lagoon  
NANAIMO, B.C.

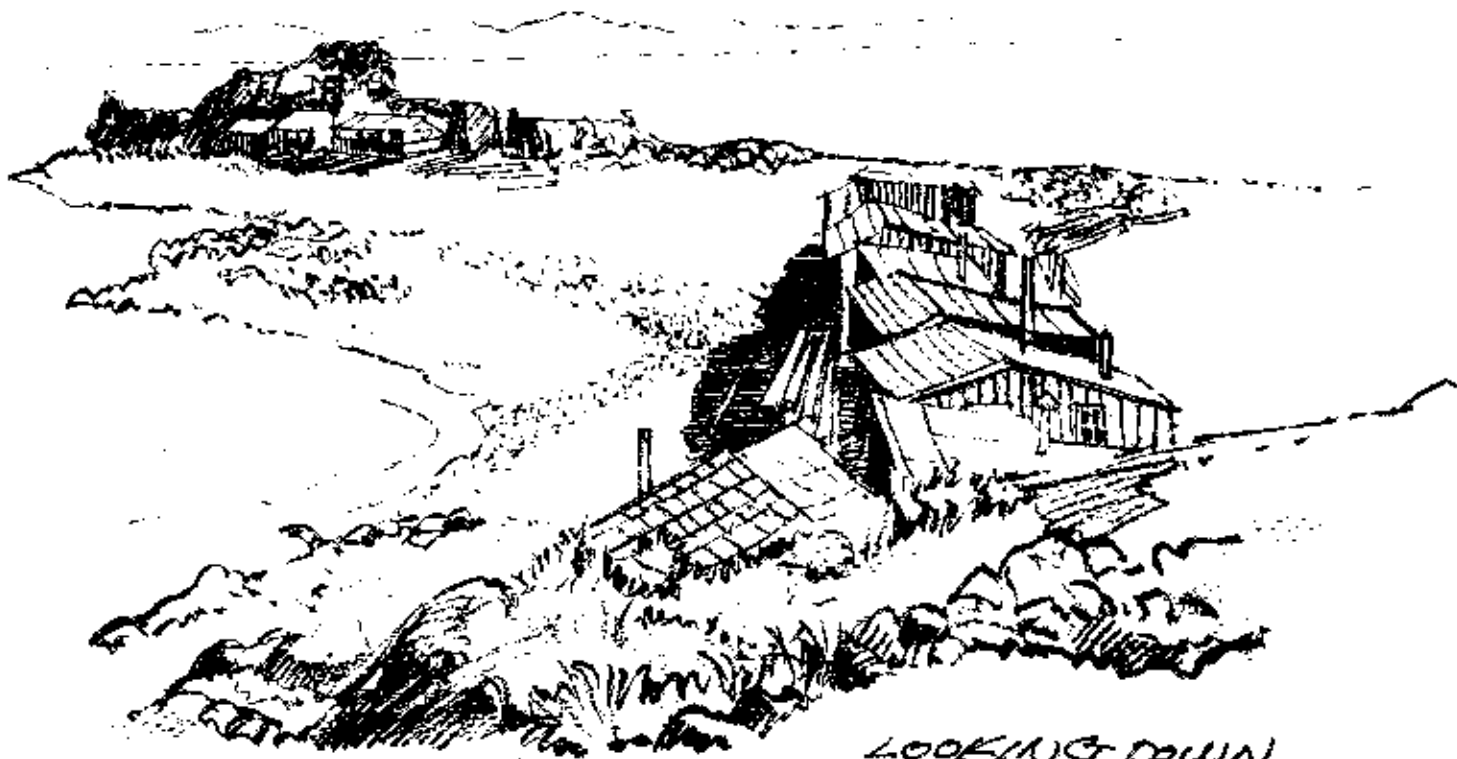




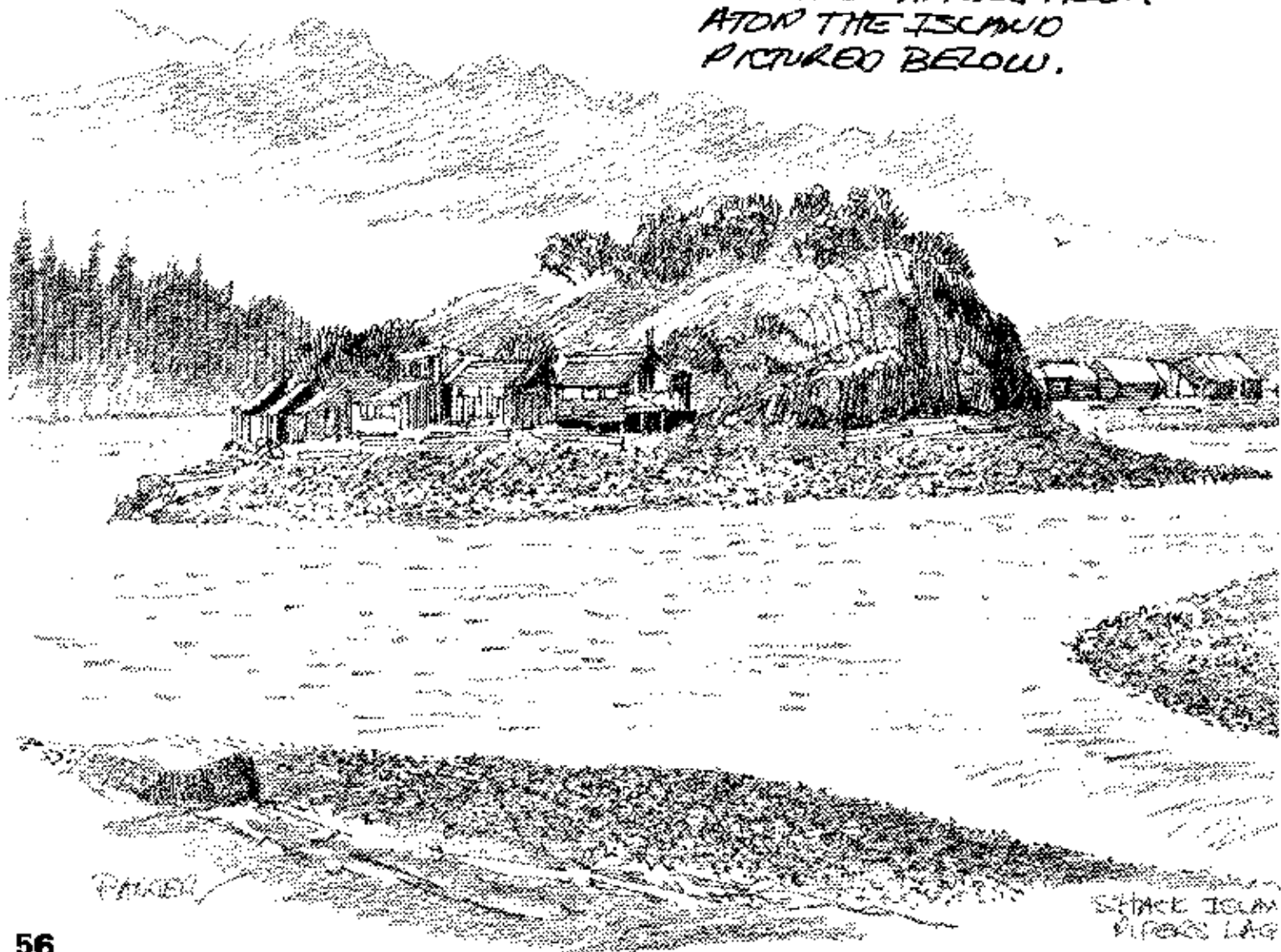


SHACK ISLAND PIPERS LAGOON.

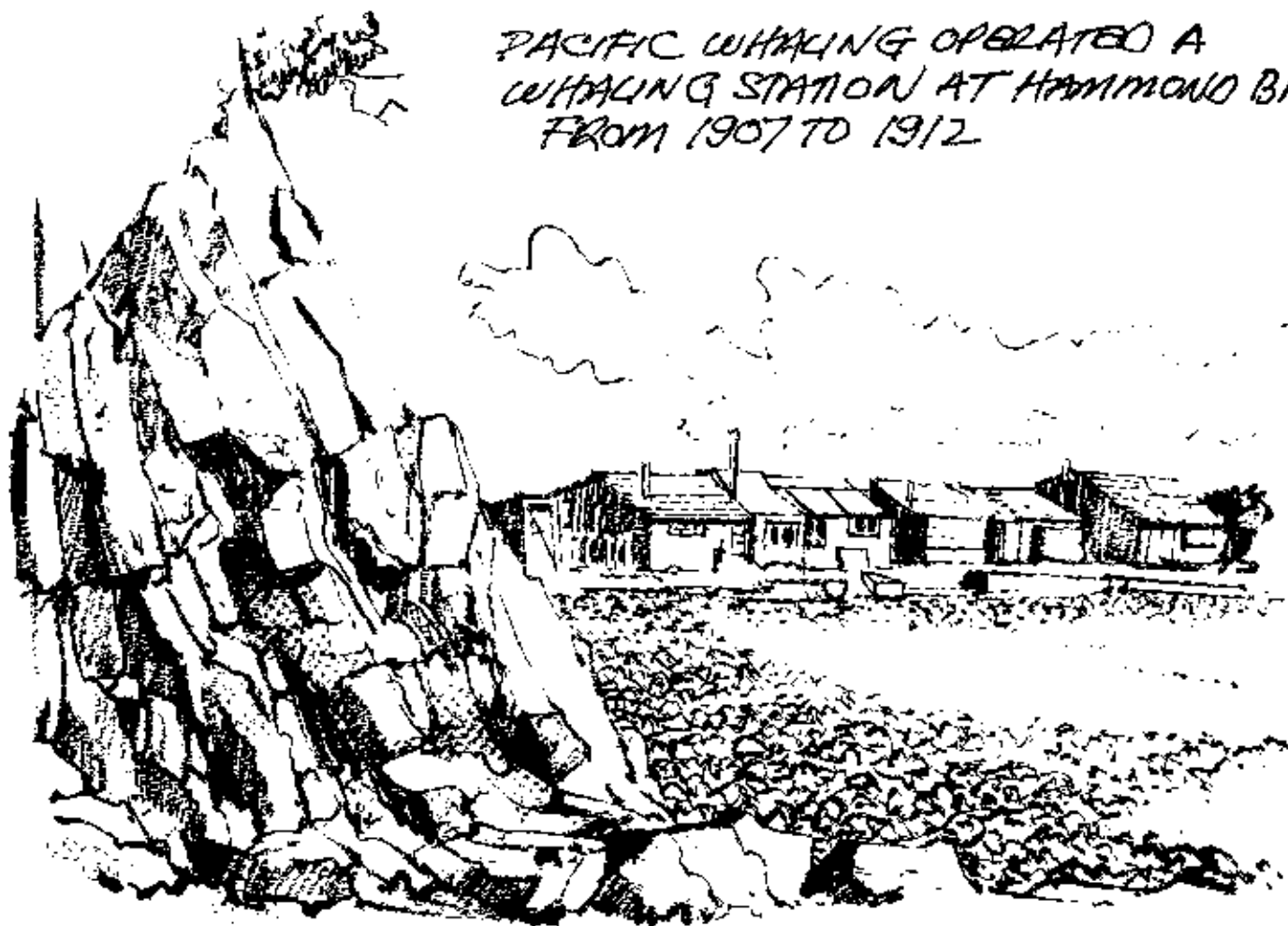




LOOKING DOWN  
ON THE SHACKS FROM  
ACROSS THE ISLAND  
PICTURED BELOW.



PACIFIC WHALING OPERATED A  
WHALING STATION AT HAMMOND BAY  
FROM 1907 TO 1912

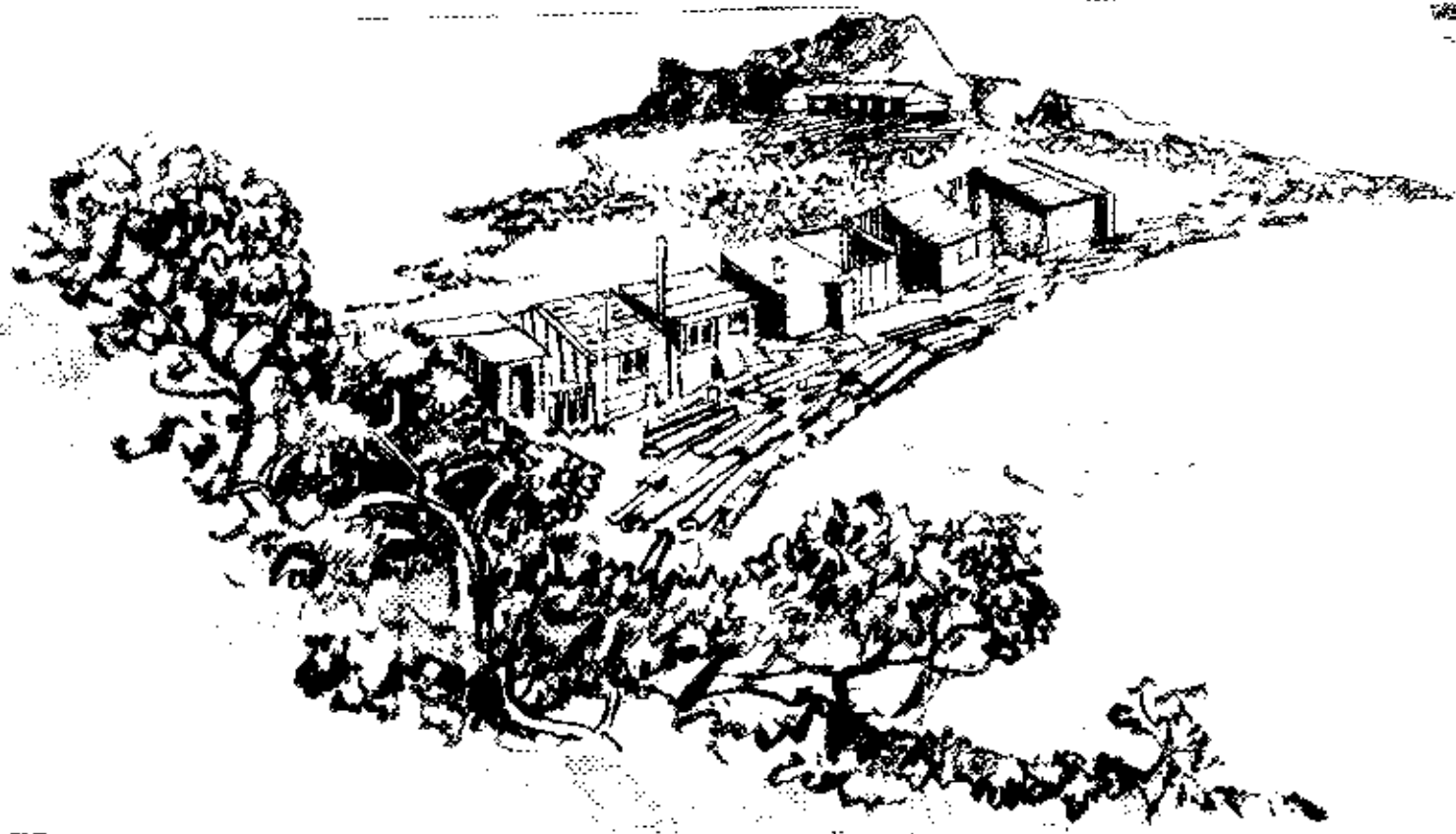


I FEEL THERE IS SOME-  
THING VERY ORIENTAL  
ABOUT PIPER'S LAGOON  
PERHAPS ITS THE WAY THE  
TINY SHACKS CLING TO  
THE ROCKY OUTCROPPINGS  
PERHAPS ITS THE TWISTED  
BONSAI-LIKE Gnarly  
OAKS AND ARBUTUS, OR  
PERHAPS ITS THE LINGER-  
ING MEMORIES OF  
JAPANESE FISHERMEN  
THAT FISHED THESE WATERS  
I BELIEVE AN ORIENTAL  
PAINTER WORKING IN THE  
TRADITIONAL MANNER  
WOULD FIND 'THE LAGOON'  
A GREAT INSPIRATION



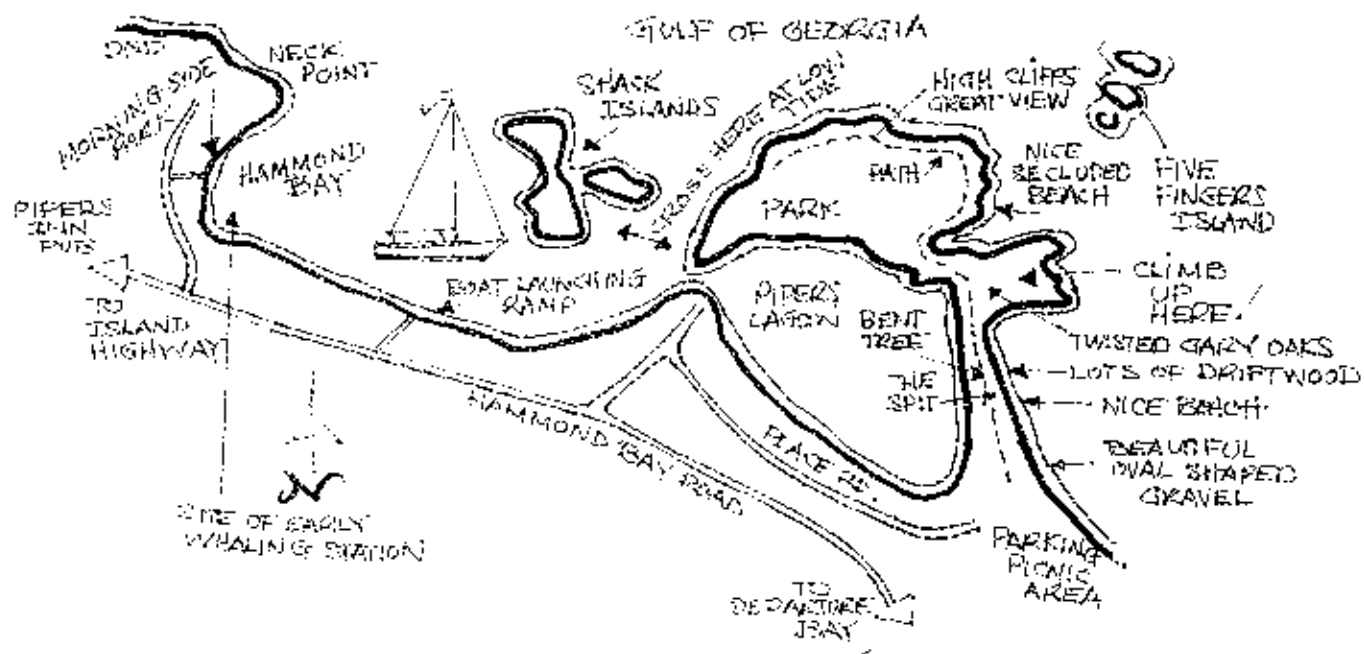
PAGE'S LAGOON WAS THE ORIGINAL NAME  
FOR PIPERS LAGOON

WAIT FOR A LOW TIDE AND WALK  
ACROSS TO SHACK ISLAND, YOU'LL  
NEED SUITABLE SHOES TO WALK ON  
BARNACLES AND OYSTERS, BE SURE  
TO CLIMB UP TO THE TOP OF THE  
ISLAND. FROM THIS ANGLE YOU CAN  
BEST ENJOY THE VIEW OF THE CABINS  
STRUNG LIKE A NECKLACE AND  
BORDERED BY BLEACHED DRIFTWOOD.  
THE TWISTED GARRY OAKS AND  
ARBUTUS WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT  
FOREGROUND FOR A PHOTO.





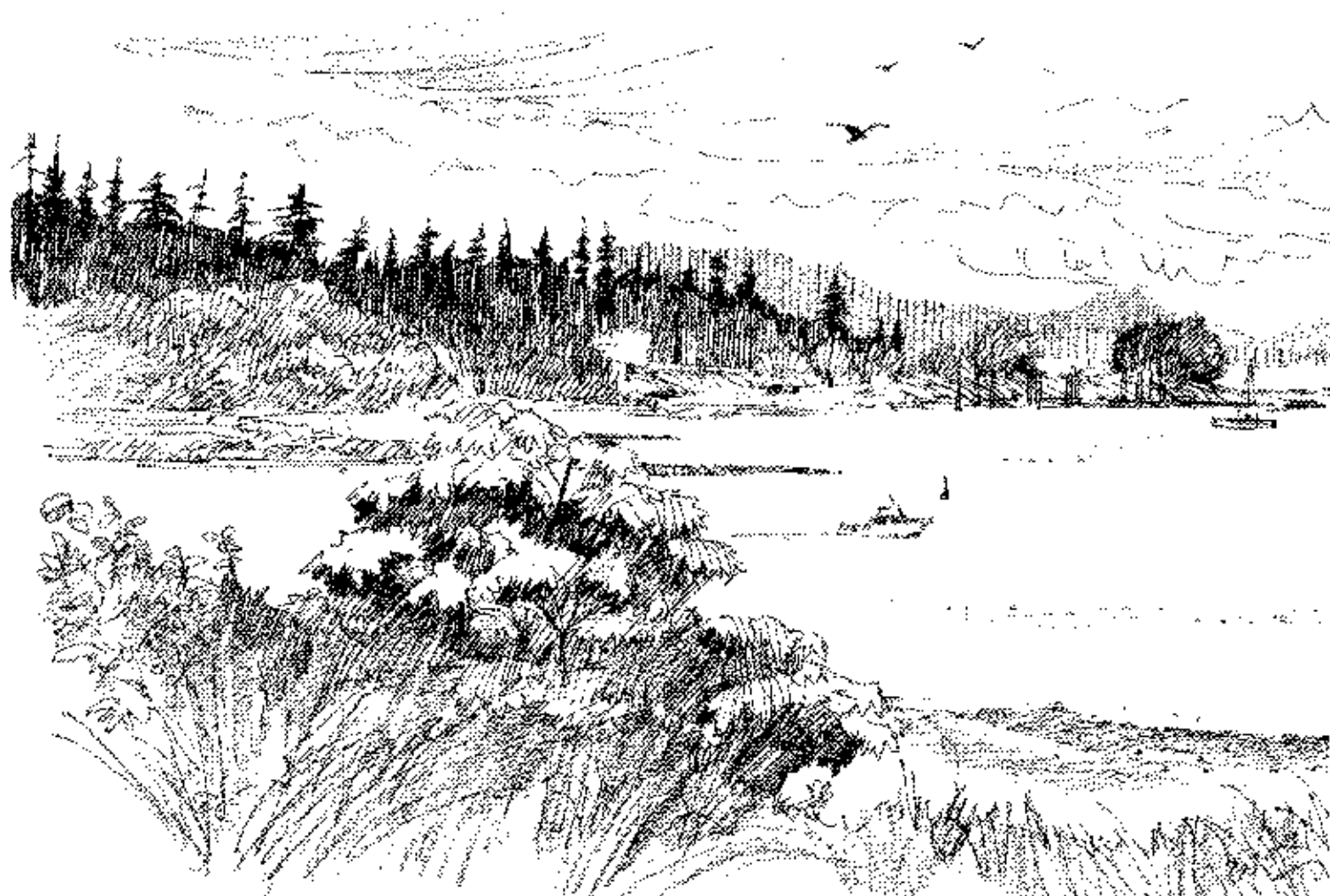
PIPERS LAGOON



# NEWCASTLE ISLAND PROVINCIAL PARK

IN 1931 THE ISLAND WAS PURCHASED BY THE CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY AND OPERATED AS A PLEASURE RESORT. THE OLD SHIP THE "CHARMER" (LATER REPLACED BY THE PRINCESS VICTORIA) WAS TIED TO THE DOCK AT ECHO BAY AND SERVED AS A FLOATING HOTEL. SHIPS FROM VANCOUVER BROUGHT AS MANY AS 1,500 PEOPLE AT A TIME TO HOLIDAY ON THE ISLAND.

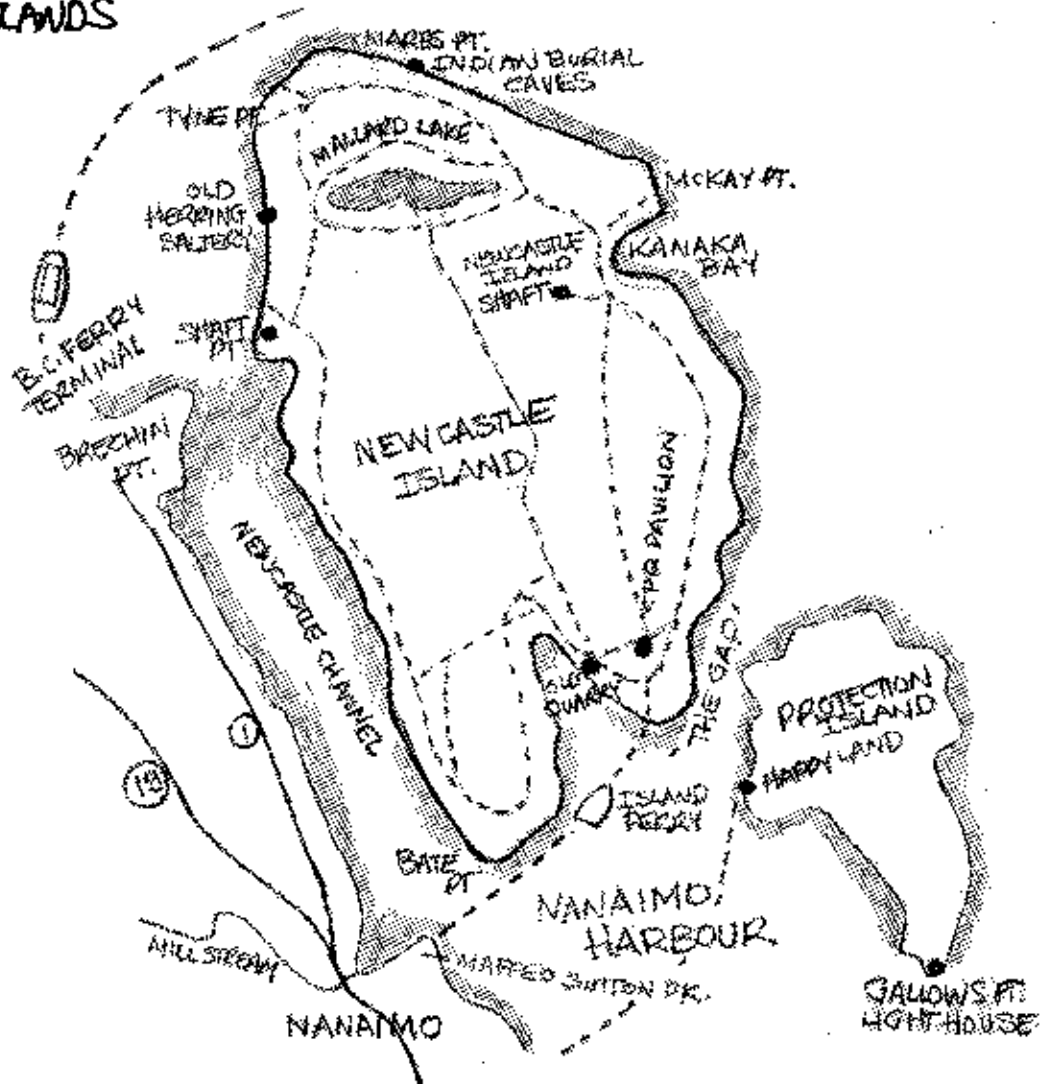
IN 1955 THE CITY OF NANAIMO BOUGHT THE ISLAND AND TURNED IT OVER TO THE PROVINCE IN 1961 AS A PROVINCIAL PARK.



NANAIMO HARBOUR  
NEWCASTLE AND PROTECTION ISLANDS.



"THE GAP"  
 BETWEEN NEWCASTLE  
 AND PROTECTION ISLANDS

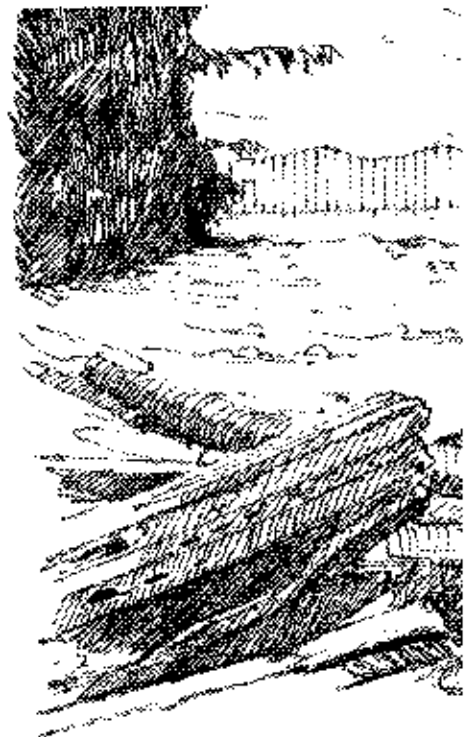


RINGER

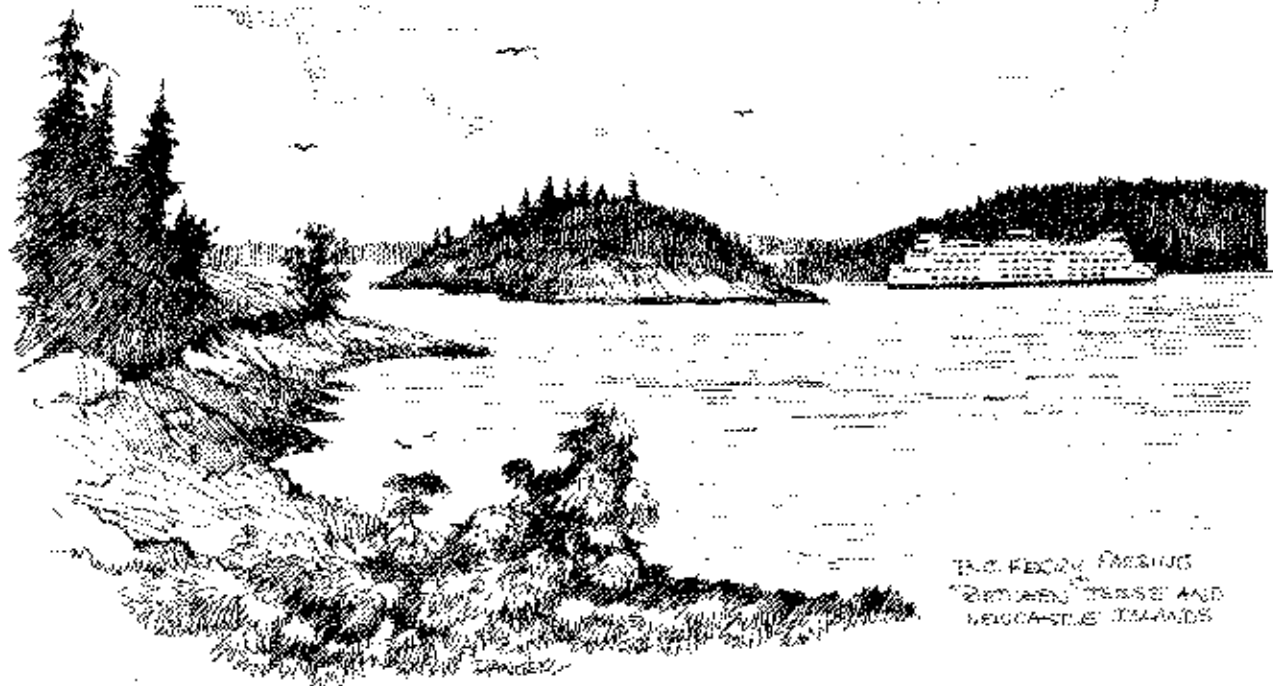


THE TRAIL TO KAWAKA BAY PASSES OVER  
THIS CHARMING BRIDGE

MY MEMORIES OF NEWCASTLE ISLAND ARE  
OF COMPANY PICNICS, FREE ICE CREAM  
SCOOPED FROM A TUB, THREE LEGGED AND  
SACK RACES. THE NANAIMO SILVER CORONET  
BAND PLAYING IN THE CIRCULAR BAND  
STAND ON SUMMER EVENINGS. THE  
FEEL OF HOT TARRED PATHS, COOL  
PAVILION FLOORS AND STUBBLE GRASS  
PLAYING FIELDS ON BARE FEET. THE  
SIGHT OF OLD MEN MOVING CHECKERS  
WITH HOOKED RODS AND OF COUPLES  
HAVING TEA IN THE TEA GARDEN  
ADJOINING THE PAVILION. IT'S  
NICE TO KNOW THE ISLAND HAS  
BEEN RESTORED TO BUILD MORE MEMORIES







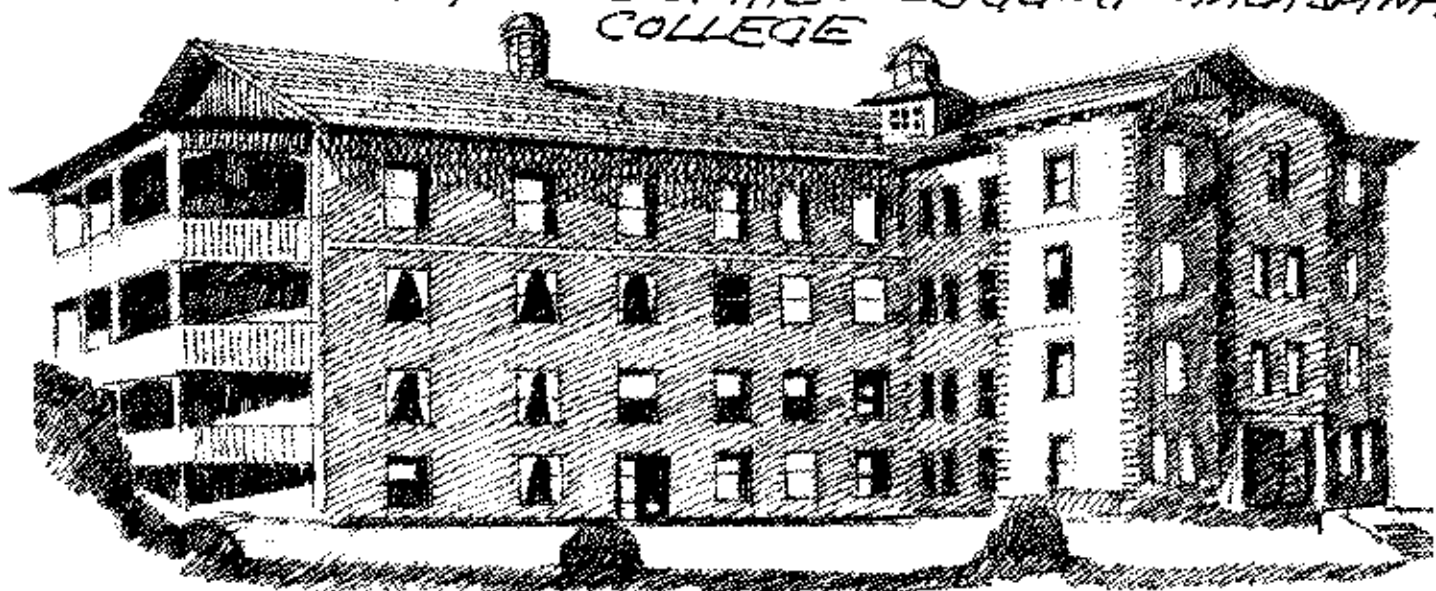
THE FERRY PASSING  
BETWEEN TRASSEI AND  
NEOGASTUE ISLANDS



ARBORUS AND DRIFTWOOD  
KINAKA BAY.

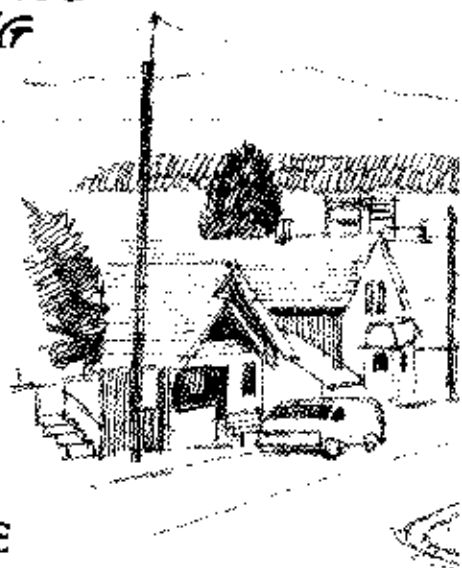
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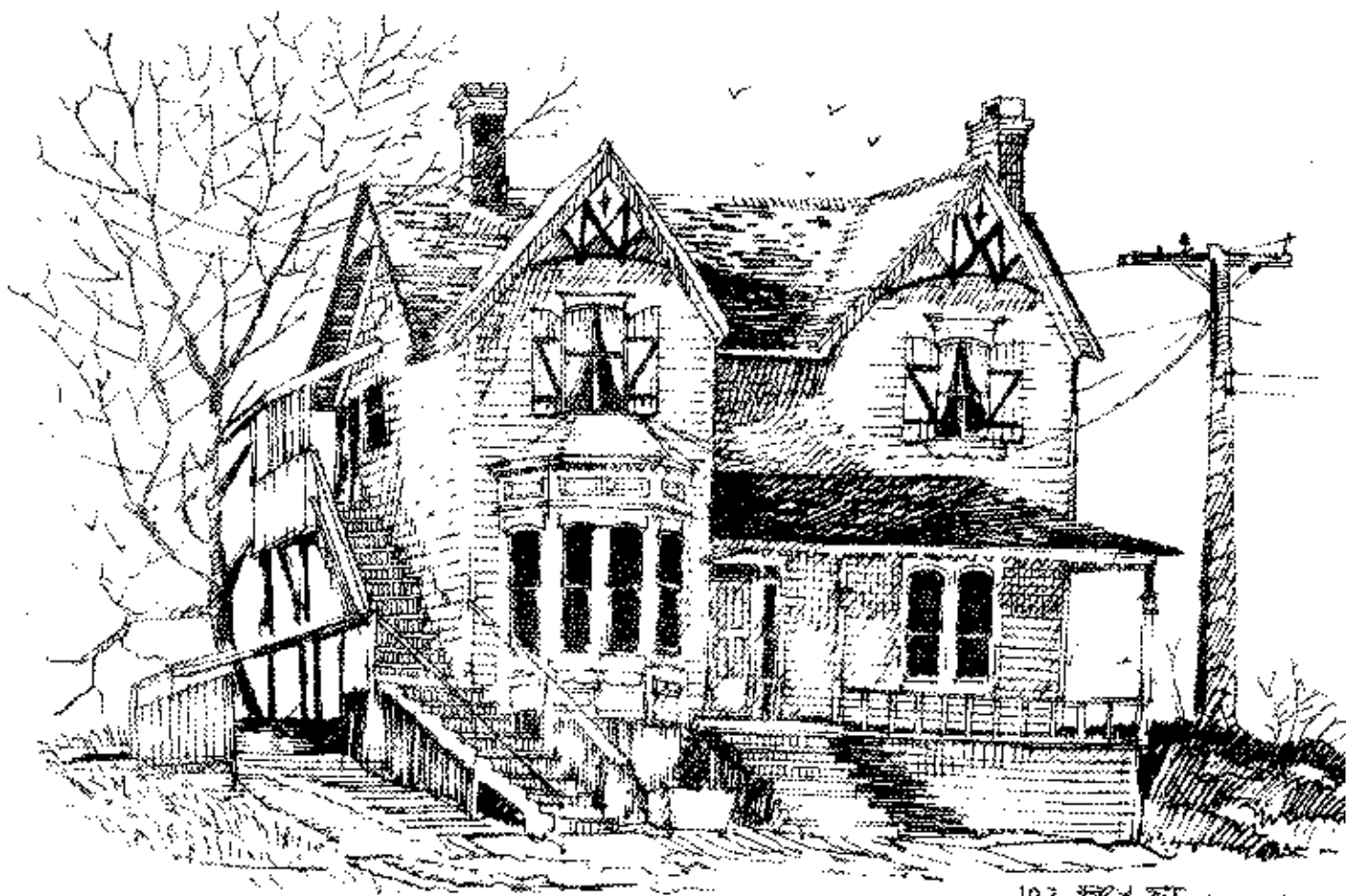
NANAIMOS THIRD HOSPITAL, OPENED IN 1928. IT HAD  
A COMMANDING VIEW OF THE HARBOUR. AFTER BEING  
REPLACED BY THE PRESENT HOSPITAL IN 1963 IT BECAME  
THE TEMPORARY HOME OF THE FLEO GUNG MALASPANA  
COLLEGE



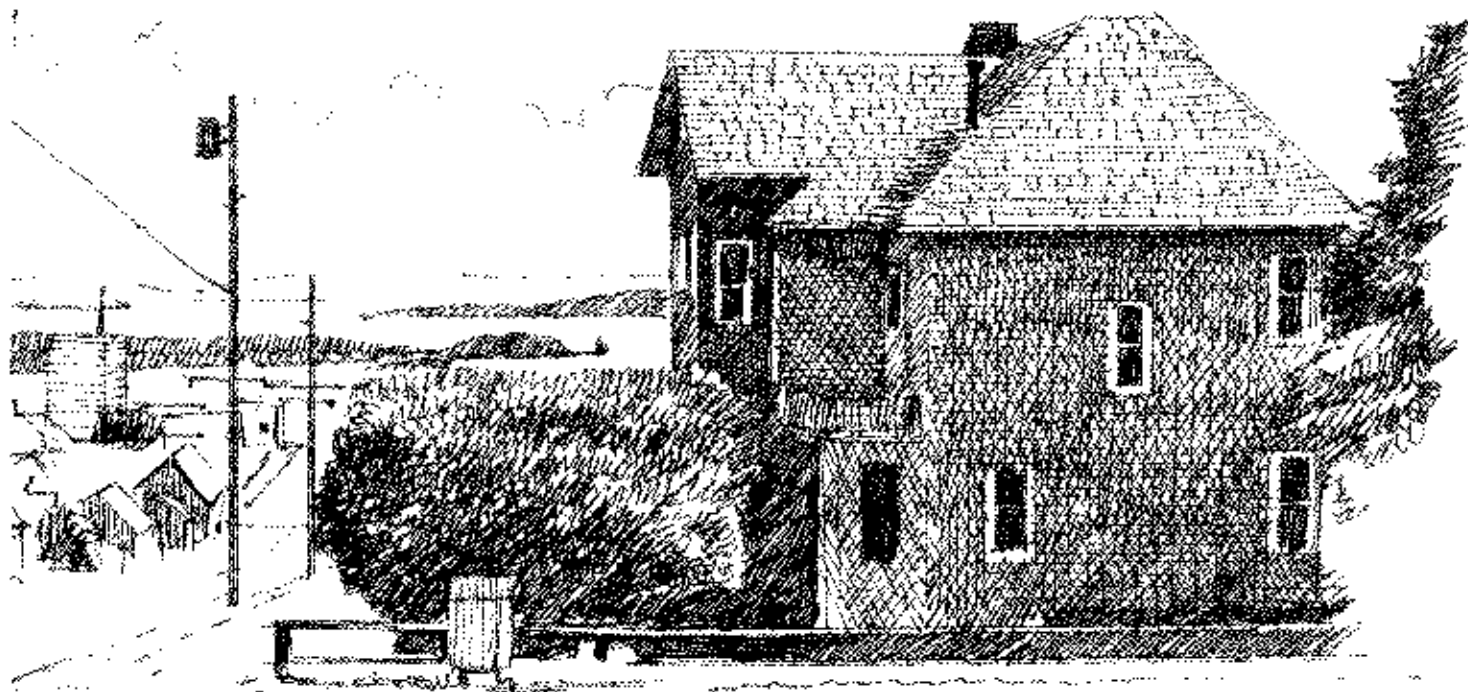
NANAIMO GENERAL HOSPITAL

ONE OF MY EARLIEST MEMORIES OF NANAIMO  
IS OF THE "HOSPITAL HILL" FRANKLYN STREET. IF A  
HEAVY SNOWFALL OCCURED THE CITY WOULD  
CLOSE OFF FRANKLYN FOR SLEIGHT  
RIDING. THE SNOW WOULD PACK ON THE  
STREET SO FIRMLY THAT IT WOULD BE TOO  
SLIPPERY TO WALK UP AFTER SLEIGHING  
DOWN AND YOU WOULD WALK UP THE  
SIDEWALK. YOU WOULD PAUSE  
ON YOUR TREK UP TO WATCH THE  
EXCITEMENT AS A HUGE TOBAGGAN  
BOLTED DOWN THE HILL ITS  
LEAD MAN TRYING TO BUILD UP  
ENOUGH SPEED TO CARRY THEM  
OVER THE TRACKS AND DOWN TO  
WALLACE STREET. THE SCREAMS  
SEEMED LOUDER FROM THOSE AT THE  
REAR PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T  
TELL WHAT WAS COMING UP NEXT.

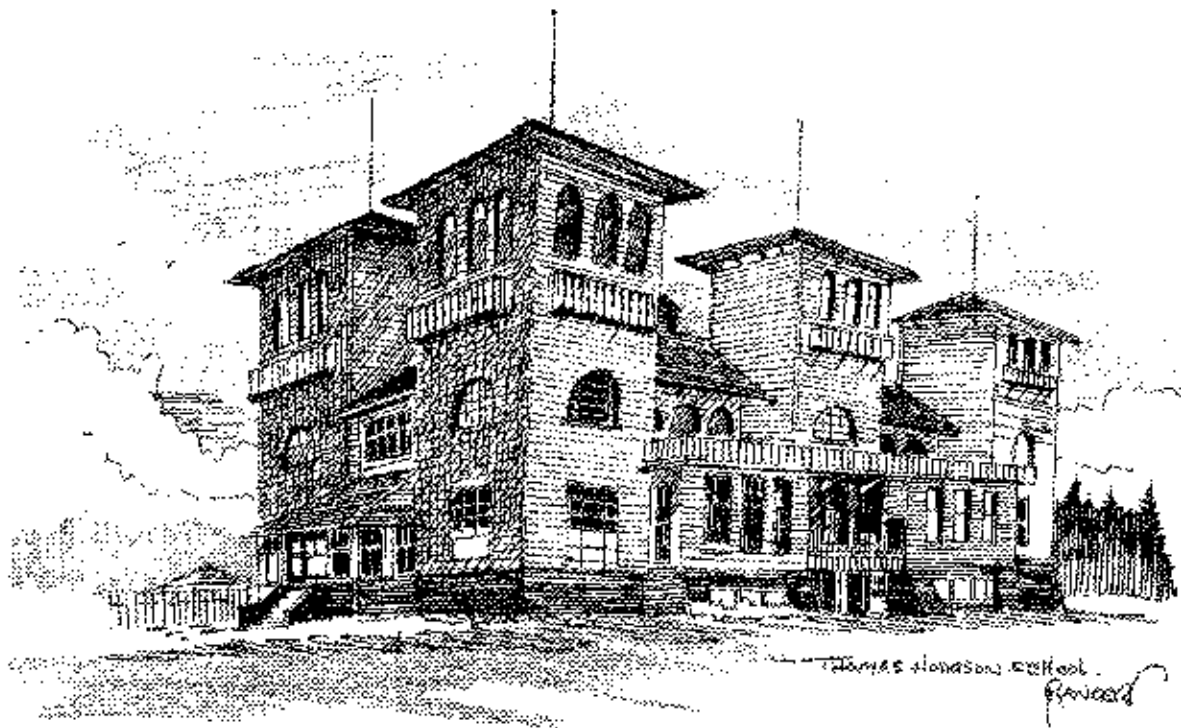




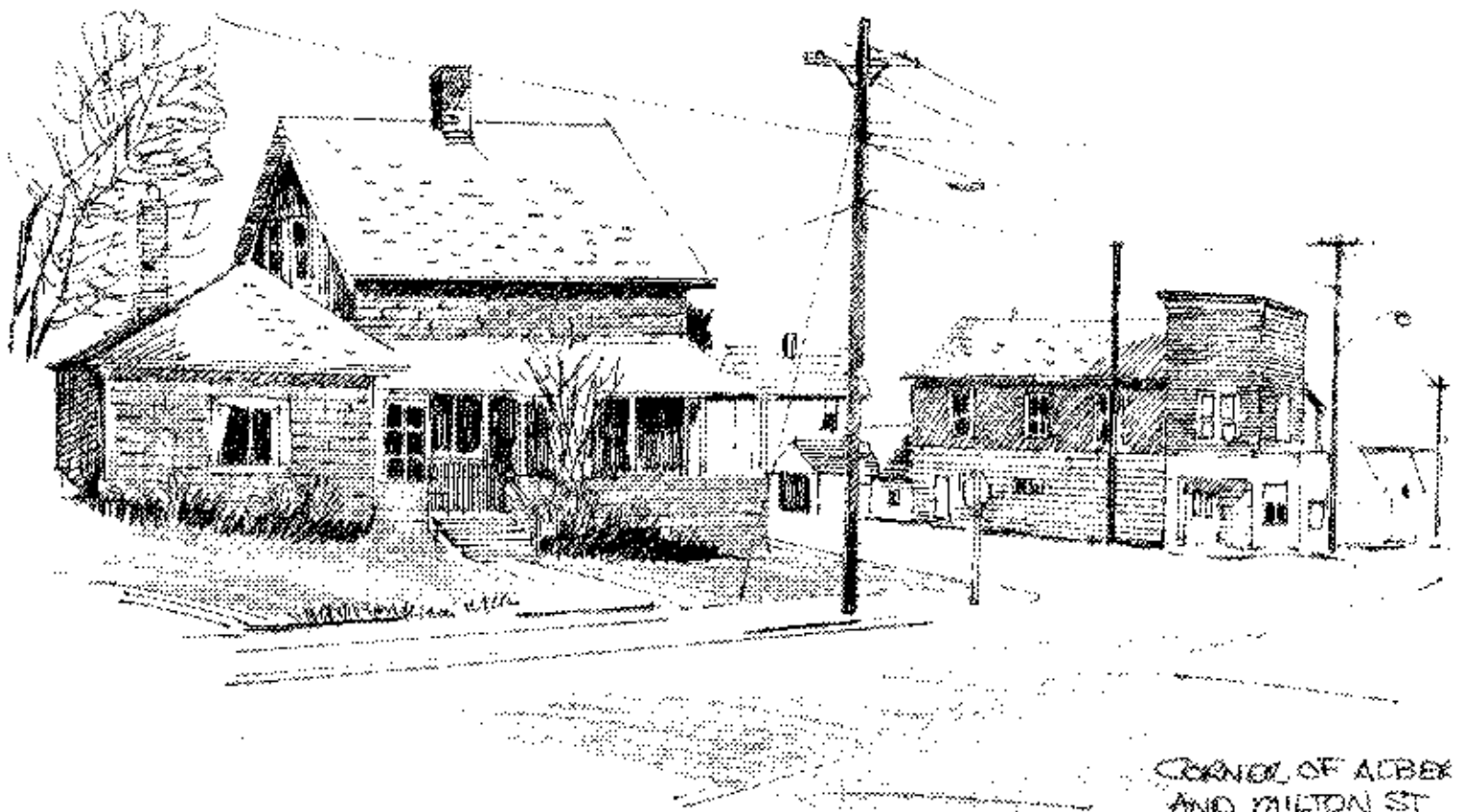
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NANAIMO



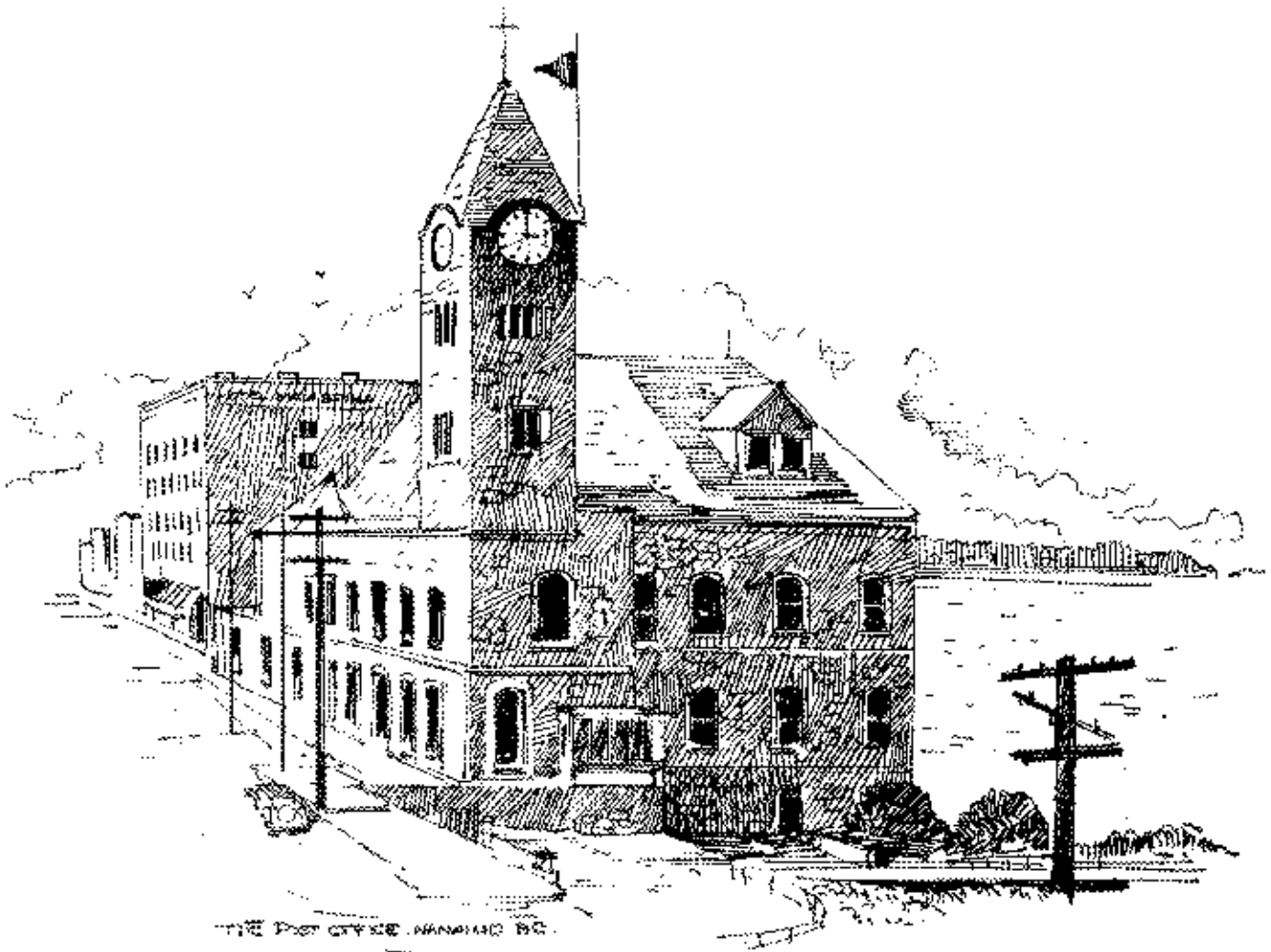
CORNER OF KENNEDY AND  
FRANKLIN ST  
NANAIMO, BC.



ONCE AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING THIS  
 STRUCTURE BECAME THE THOMAS HOOPSON SCHOOL  
 IT WAS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF KENNEDY AND  
 WENT WORTH ST.

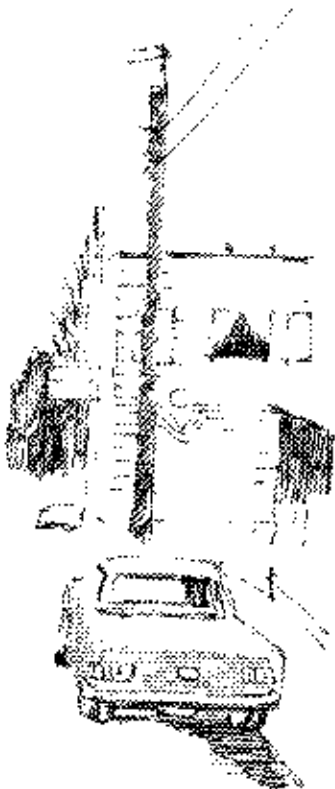


CORNER OF ALBEX  
 AND MILTON ST  
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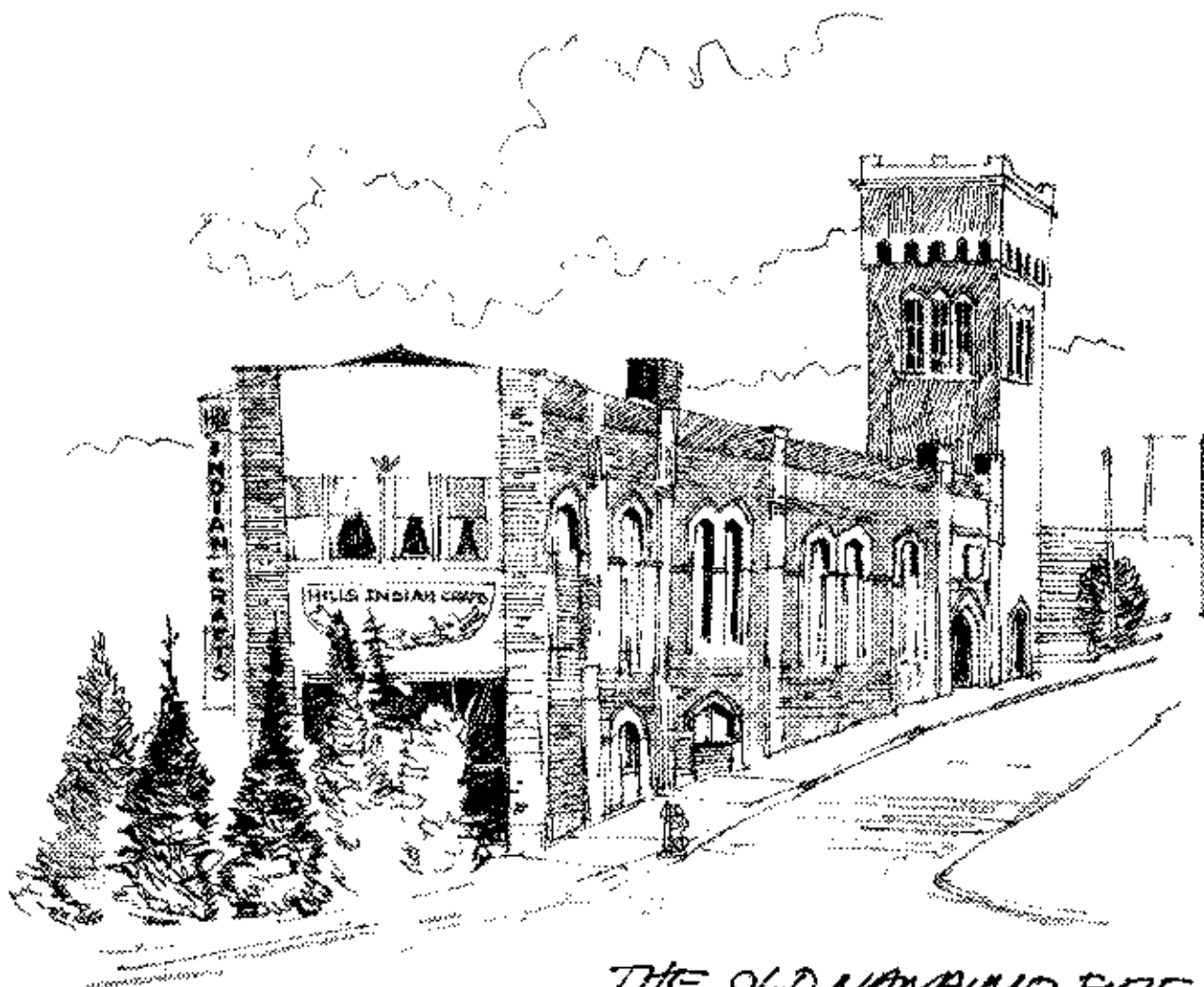


THE POST OFFICE NANAIMO BC.

THE POST OFFICE ABOVE WAS CONSTRUCTED OF STONE BLOCKS AND WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DEMOLISH IT WAS REPLACED BY A STRUCTURE PERHAPS MORE EFFICIENT BUT SADLY LACKING IN CHARACTER. I FOR ONE FEEL IT WAS TOO MUCH TO SACRIFICE

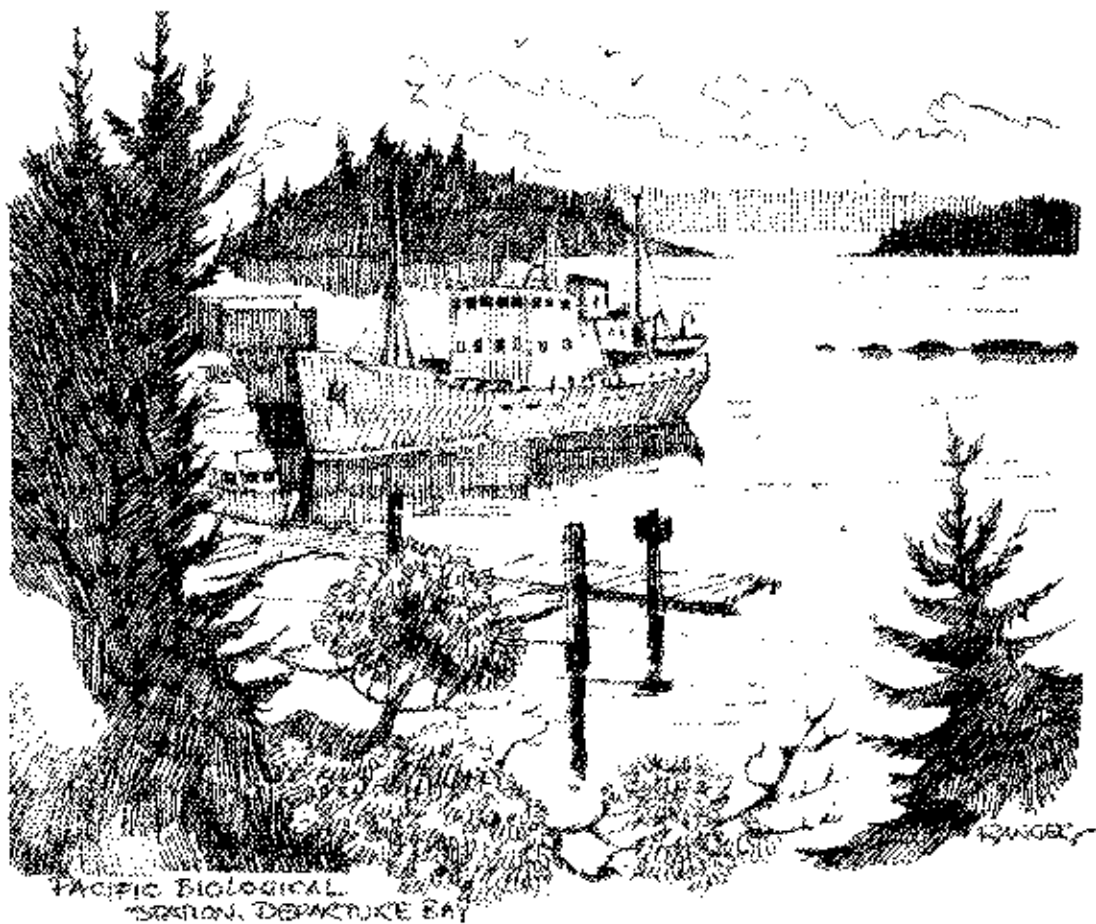


A FISH AND CHIP SHOP, OPERATED BY DAVE AND EVA DICKIE, A CANDY STORE RUN BY MR & MRS JOE JAMIE AND A RED AND WHITE GROCERY STORE WERE THE ESSENCE OF THIS INTERSECTION



THE OLD NANAIMO FIRE HALL  
 IS NOW ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO  
 BUY INDIAN ART ON THE ISLAND. I LEARNED THAT THE  
 BELL TOWER NOW LOCATED AT THE REAL HALL ONCE  
 GRACED THE FRONT. THE MOVE BECAME NECESSARY  
 WHEN THE SERVICE CONVERTED FROM HORSES TO TRUCKS



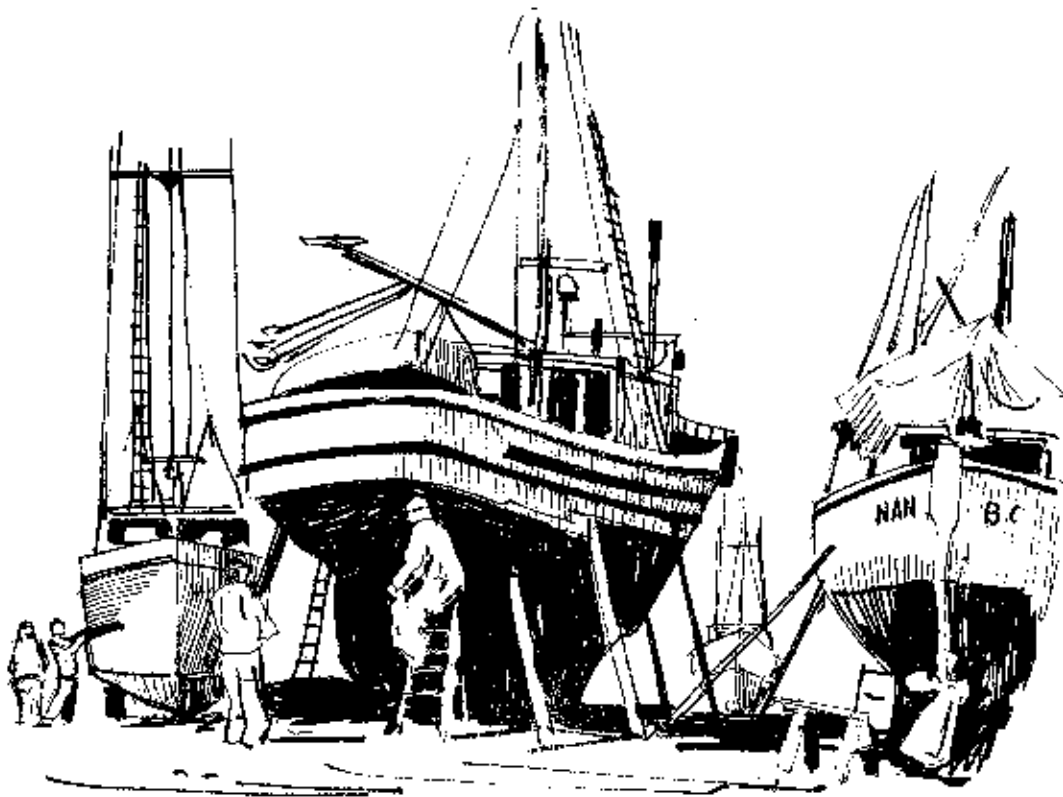


PACIFIC BIOLOGICAL  
STATION, DEPARTURE BAY

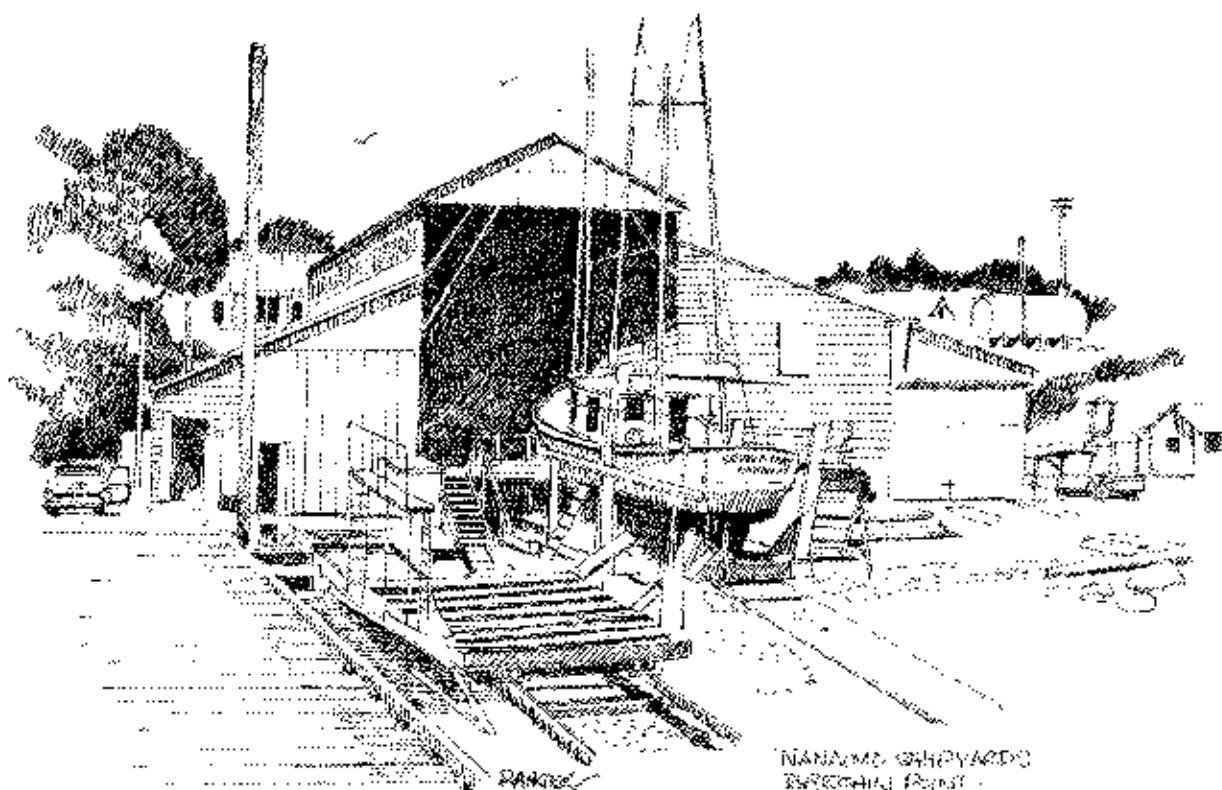


NANAIMO SHIPYARDS,  
NEWCASTLE CHANNEL

RANGER



THE ACTIVITIES OF NEWCASTLE CHANNEL WERE  
 A CONSTANT SOURCE OF SKETCHING MATERIAL  
 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS IN PARTICULAR THE NANAIMO  
 SHIPYARDS

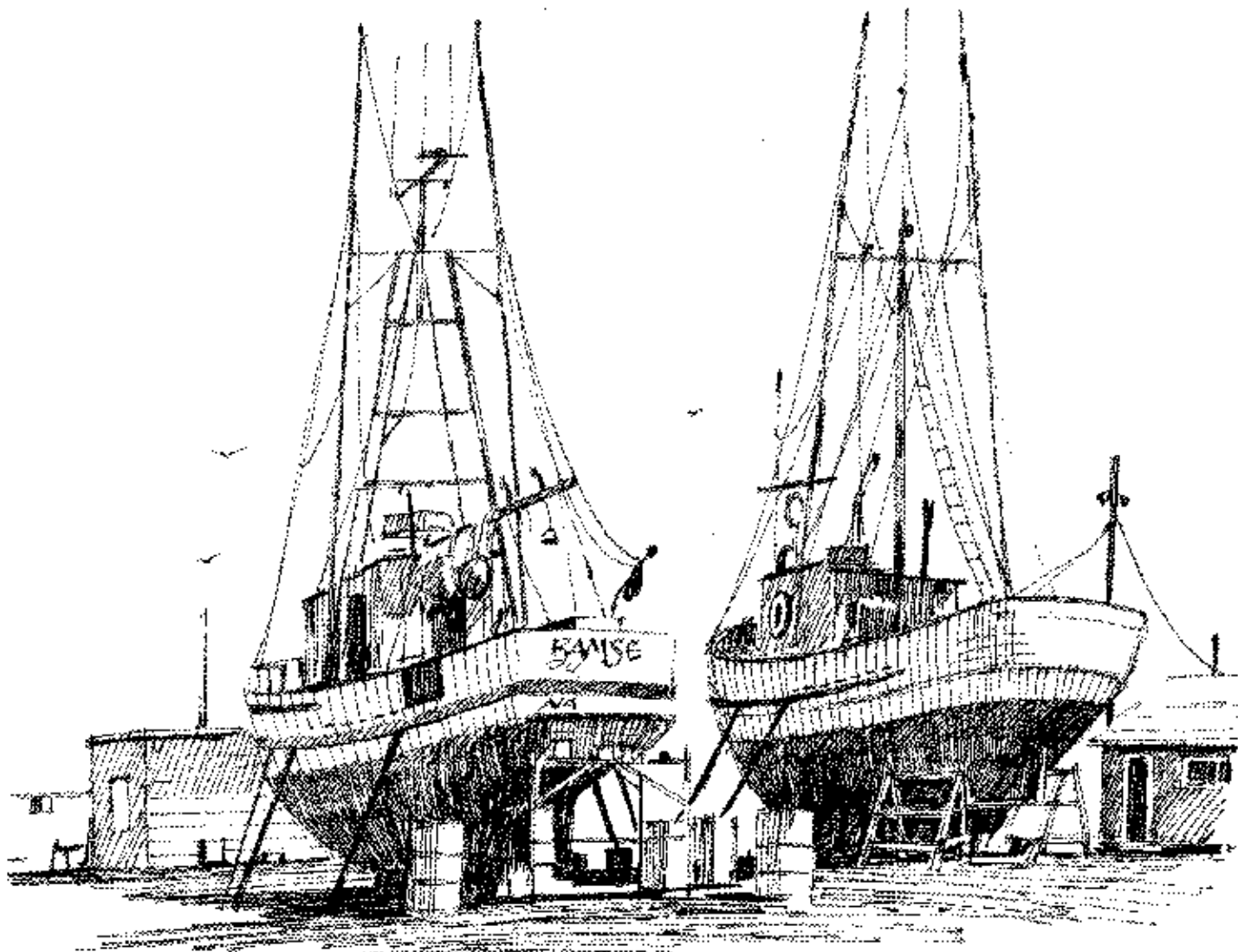


NANAIMO SHIPYARDS  
 BRANCH POINT  
 NANAIMO B.C.



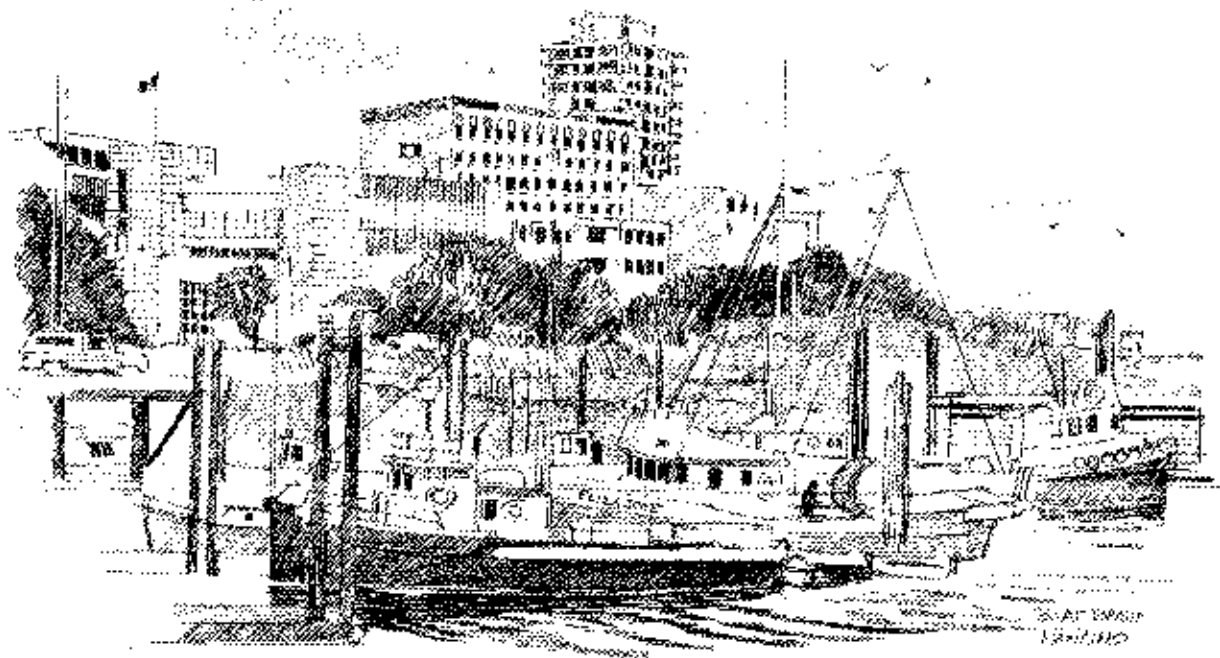


REPAIRS TO THE SERVICE  
 BRECHIN POINT NANAIMO B.C.

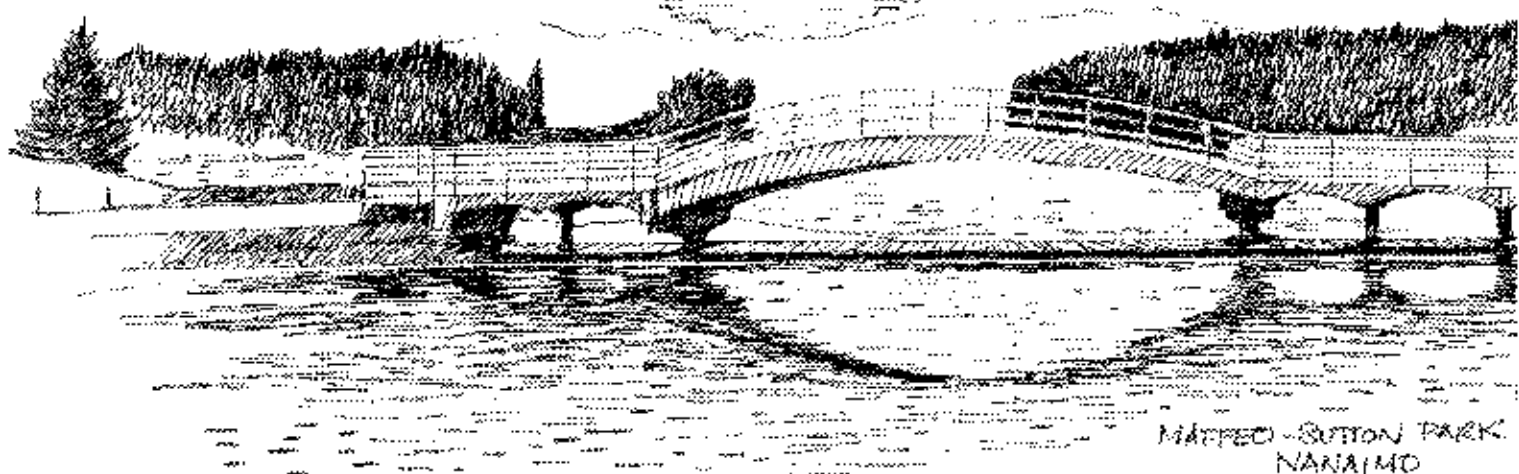


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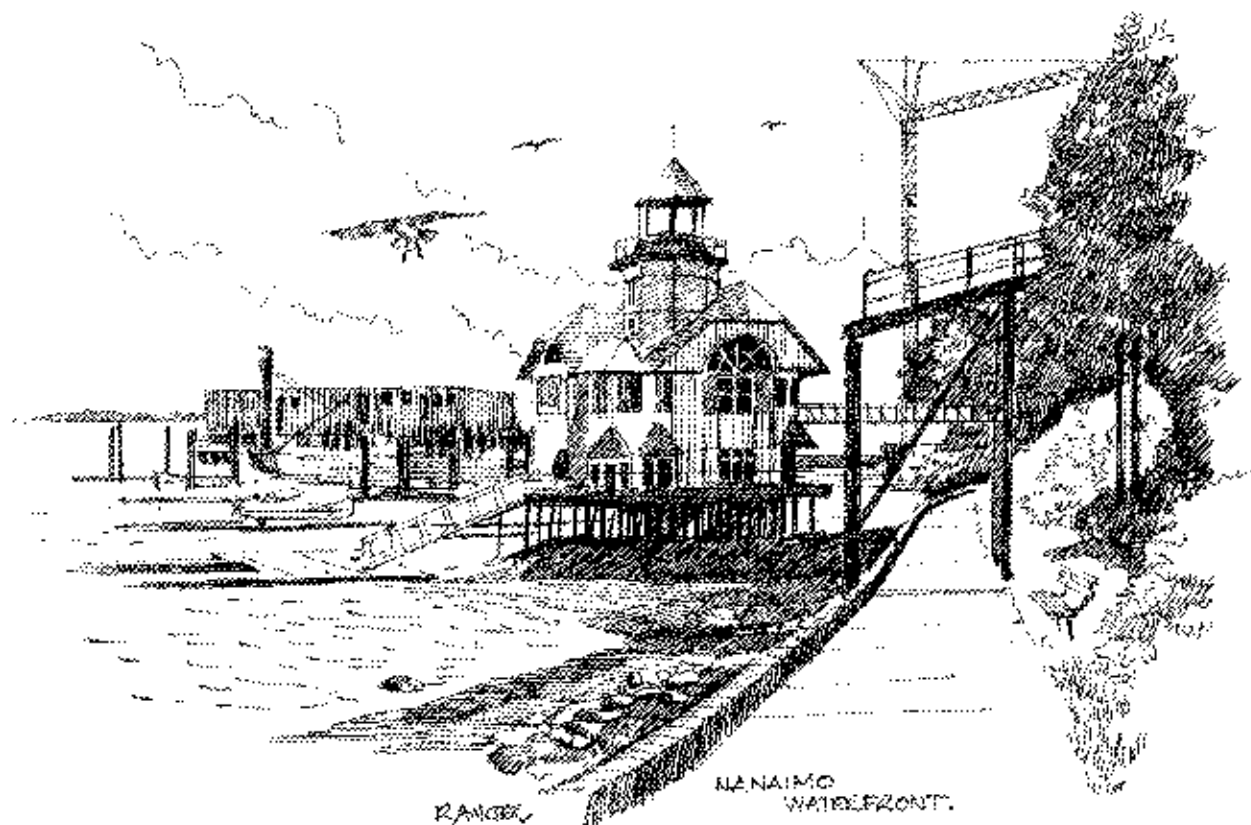
"REFITTING"  
 BRECHIN POINT  
 NANAIMO.



THE PARK PICTURED BELOW IS DEDICATED TO TWO WELL KNOWN NANAIMOITES PETE MAFFEO AND JOE SUTTON, PETE WAS ONE OF NANAIMOS FAVORITE MAYORS HIS PLANT 'DAVENPORT ICE CREAM' PRODUCED A NUT DIP WHICH WAS MY ALLTIME FAVORITE. ILL ALWAYS REMEMBER JOE AS THE JOVIAL CARETAKER OF THE HALIBURTON STREET PLAYGROUND. HE DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE YOUTH OF NANAIMO

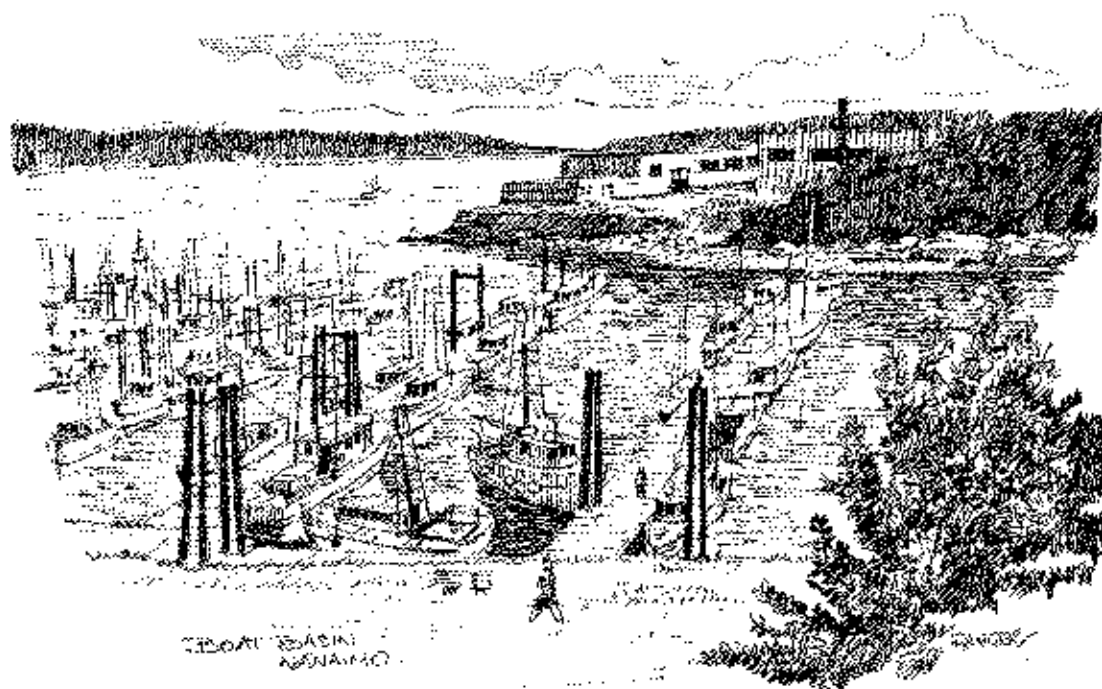


MAFFEO-SUTTON PARK  
NANAIMO



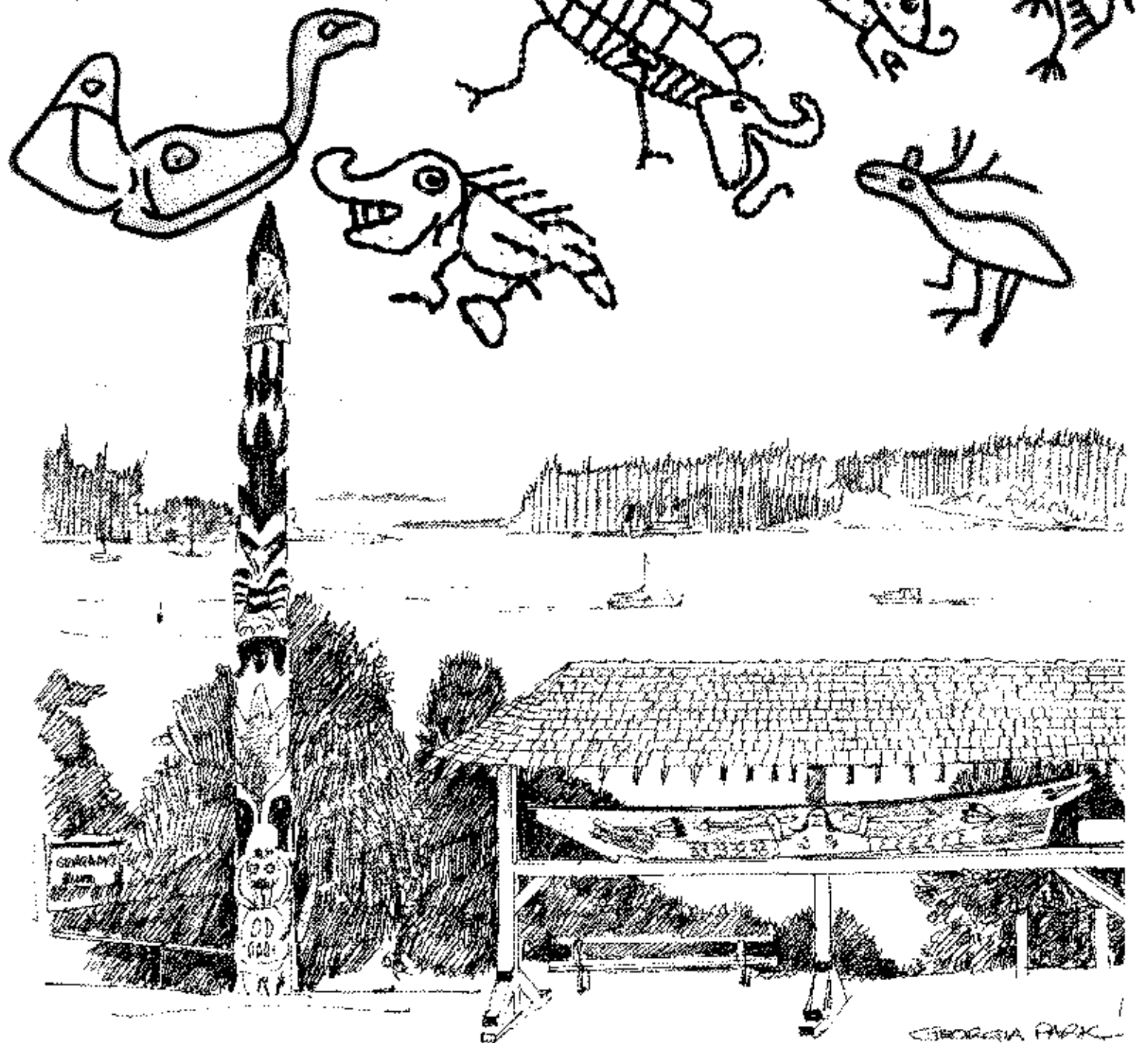
RANGER NANAIMO WATERFRONT.

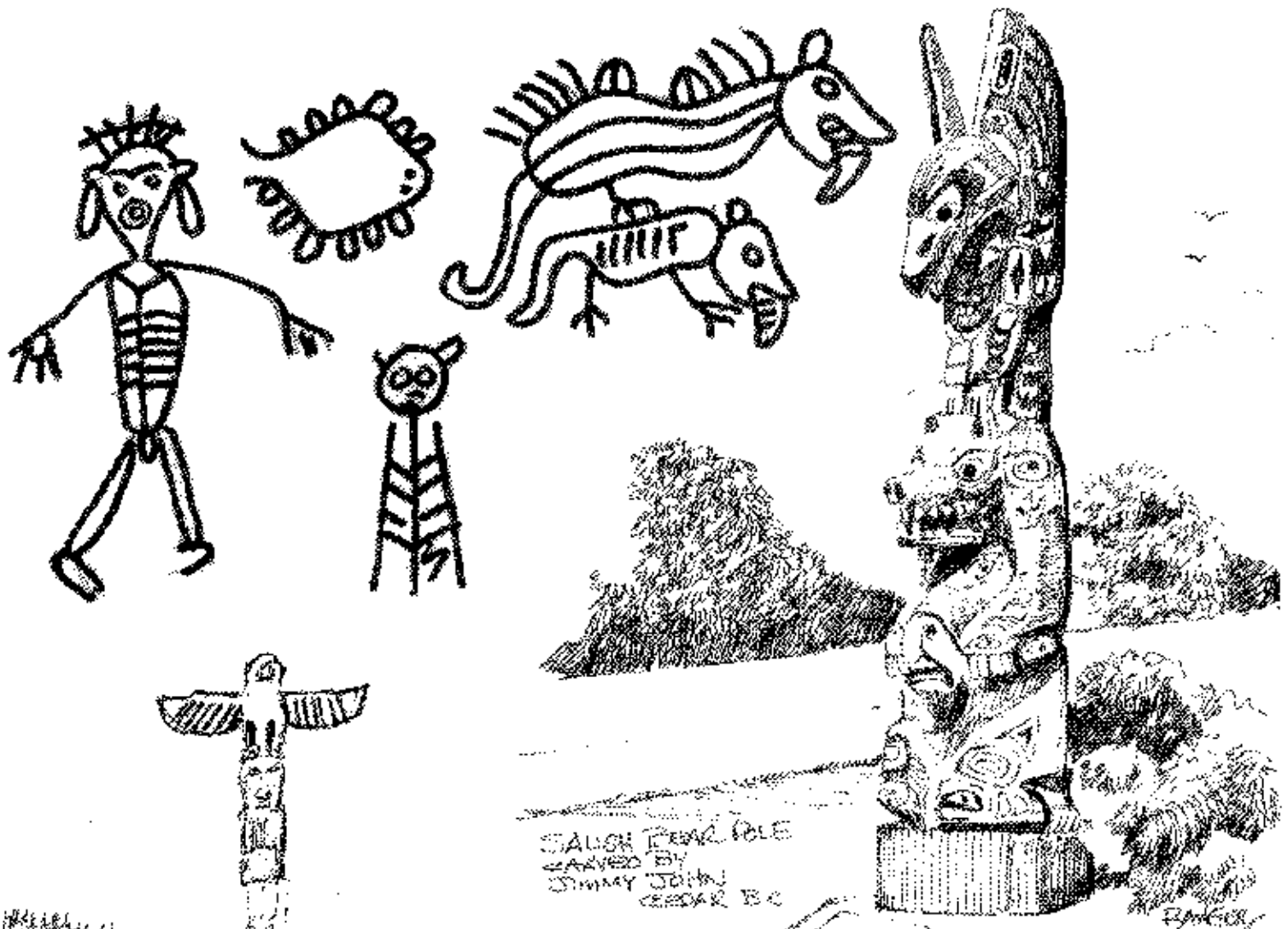
THIS NEW RESTAURANT, BAR, SEAPLANE DOCK IS AN ATTRACTIVE ADDITION TO NANAIMOS WATERFRONT. ITS SHAPE MIRRORS THAT OF THE NEARBY BASTION



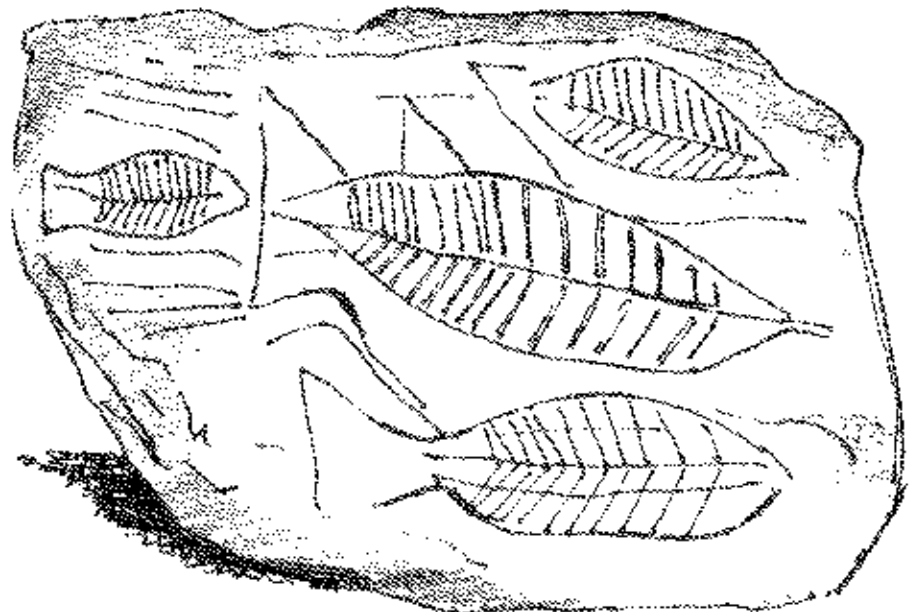
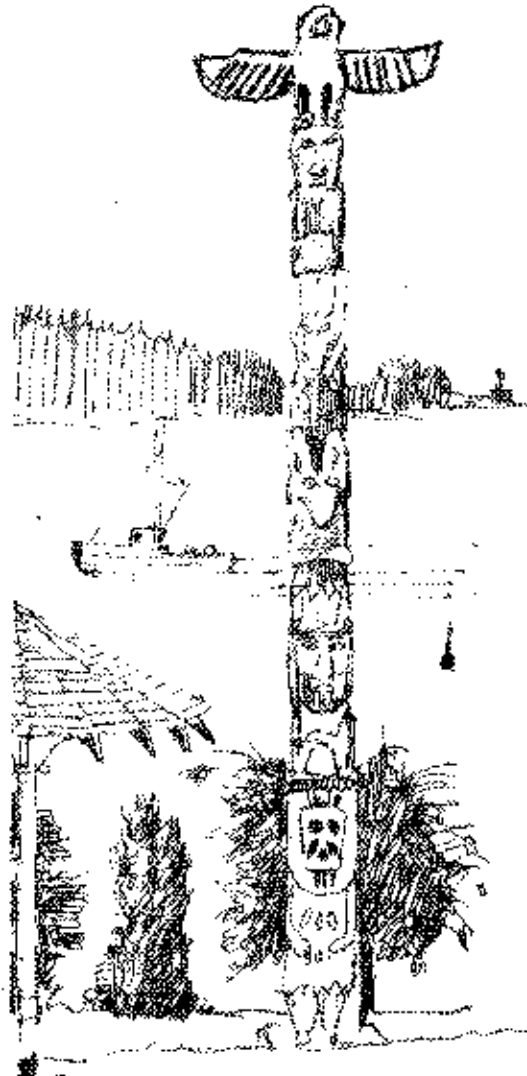
BOAT BASIN NANAIMO

THE PETROGLYPHS AT PETROGLYPH  
PROVINCIAL PARK JUST SOUTH OF  
KAMUAIMO CONTINUE TO PUZZLE  
HISTORIANS. THEIR ORIGIN IS  
STILL CLOAKED IN THE MYSTERIES  
OF THE PAST. THE ONLY INFORMATION  
THAT REMAINS CLAIMS THE FIGURES  
WERE MADE BY A  
SUPERNATURAL BEING  
NAMED THOCHWAN.

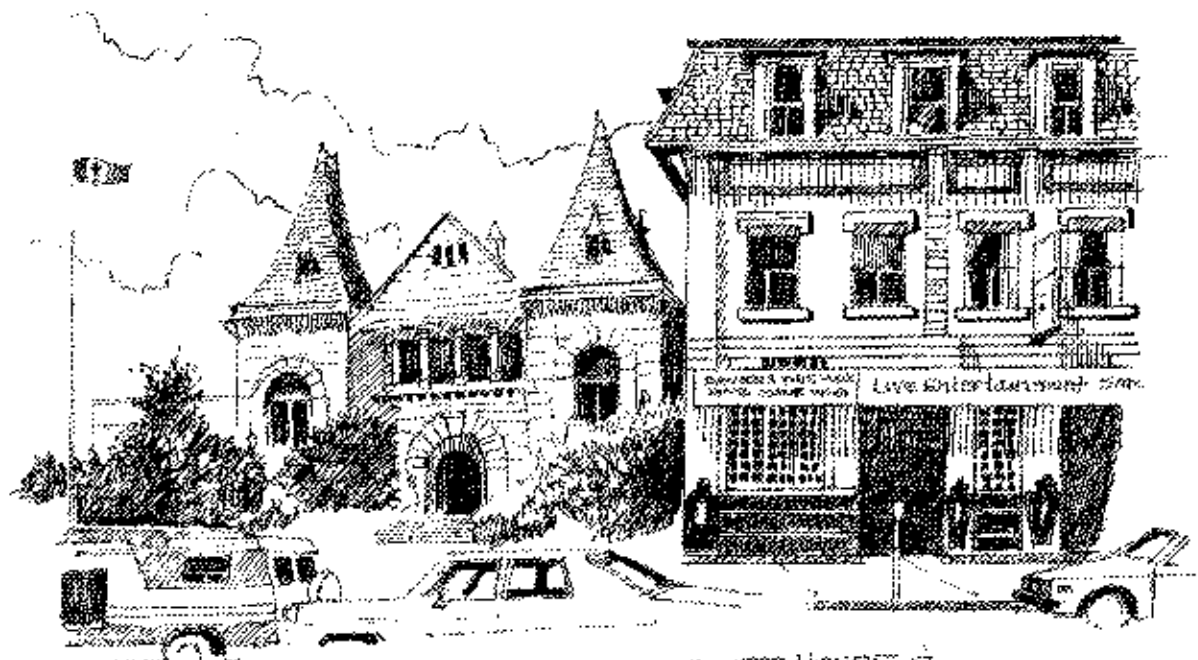




SALISH TRADITIONAL  
 CARVED BY  
 JIMMY JOHN  
 CEDAR BC



DETROGYPHS .. NANAIMO MUSEUM  
 THIS SLAB OF SANDSTONE WAS ONCE  
 AT JAKES POINT

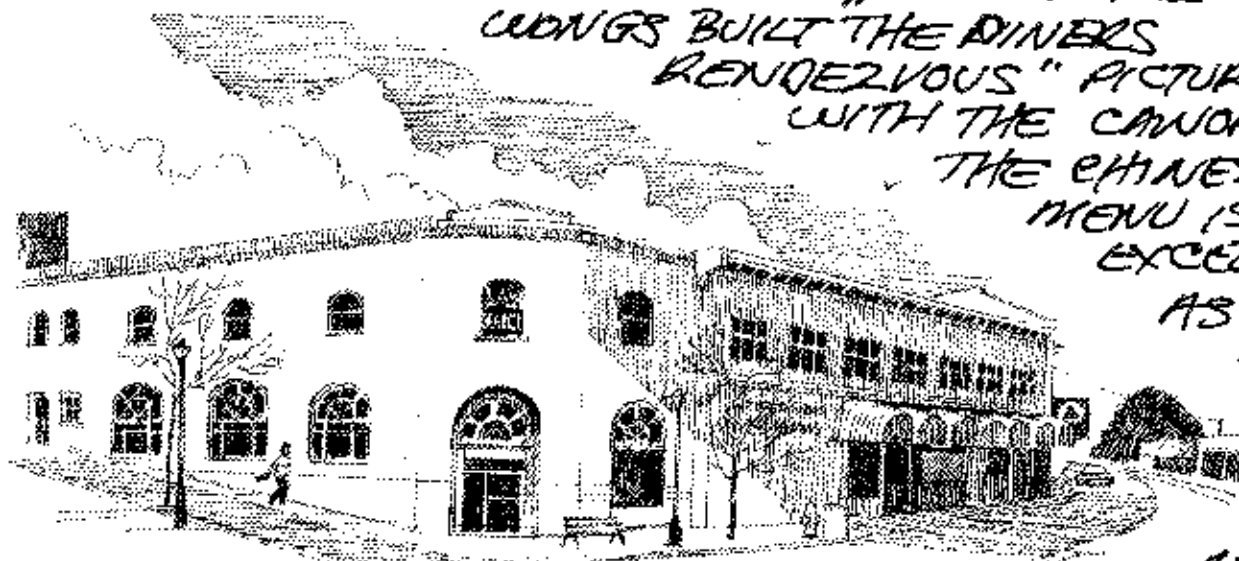


COURT HOUSE &  
GLOBE HOTEL  
NANAIMO

EXOTIC DANCERS AND  
THE LAW COURTS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH  
COLUMBIA EXIST SIDE BY SIDE IN PERFECT  
HARMONY

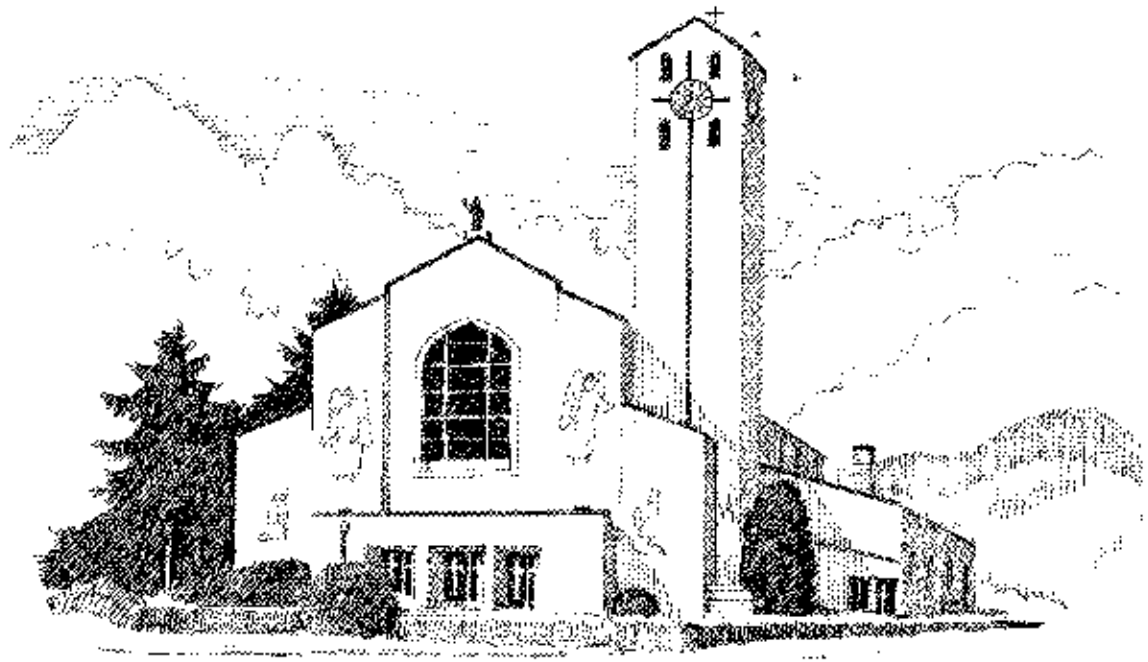
THIS CORNER WAS ONCE THE LOCATION OF THE  
BANK OF MONTREAL; ON THE OPPOSITE CORNER WAS  
THE DAVID SPENCER DEPARTMENT STORE WHICH LATER  
BECAME EATONS. AFTER THE CHINA TOWN FIRE THE  
WONGS BUILT "THE DINERS

RENDEZVOUS" PICTURED  
WITH THE CANOPIES  
THE CHINESE  
MENU IS  
EXCELLENT  
AS ARE  
THE



CORNER OF  
WALLACE AND ALBERT  
NANAIMO '80.  
TRAFFIC '88

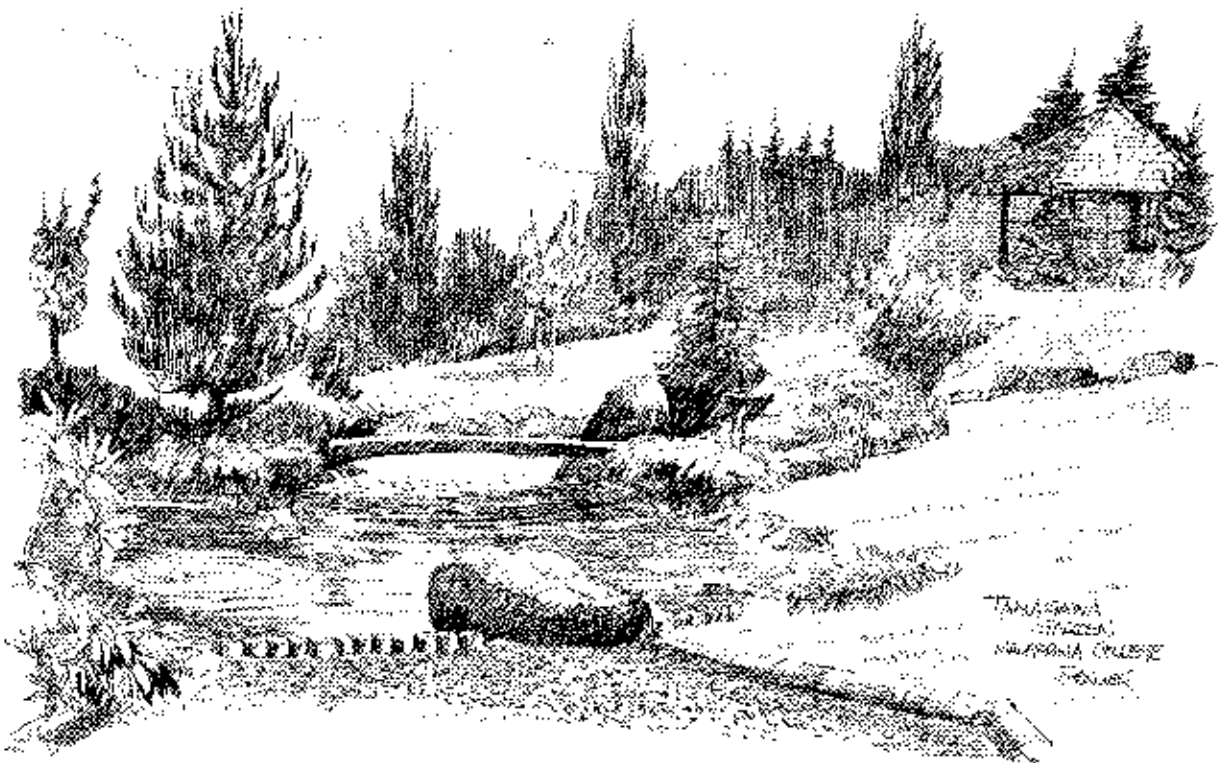
BREADED  
VEAL  
CUTLETS



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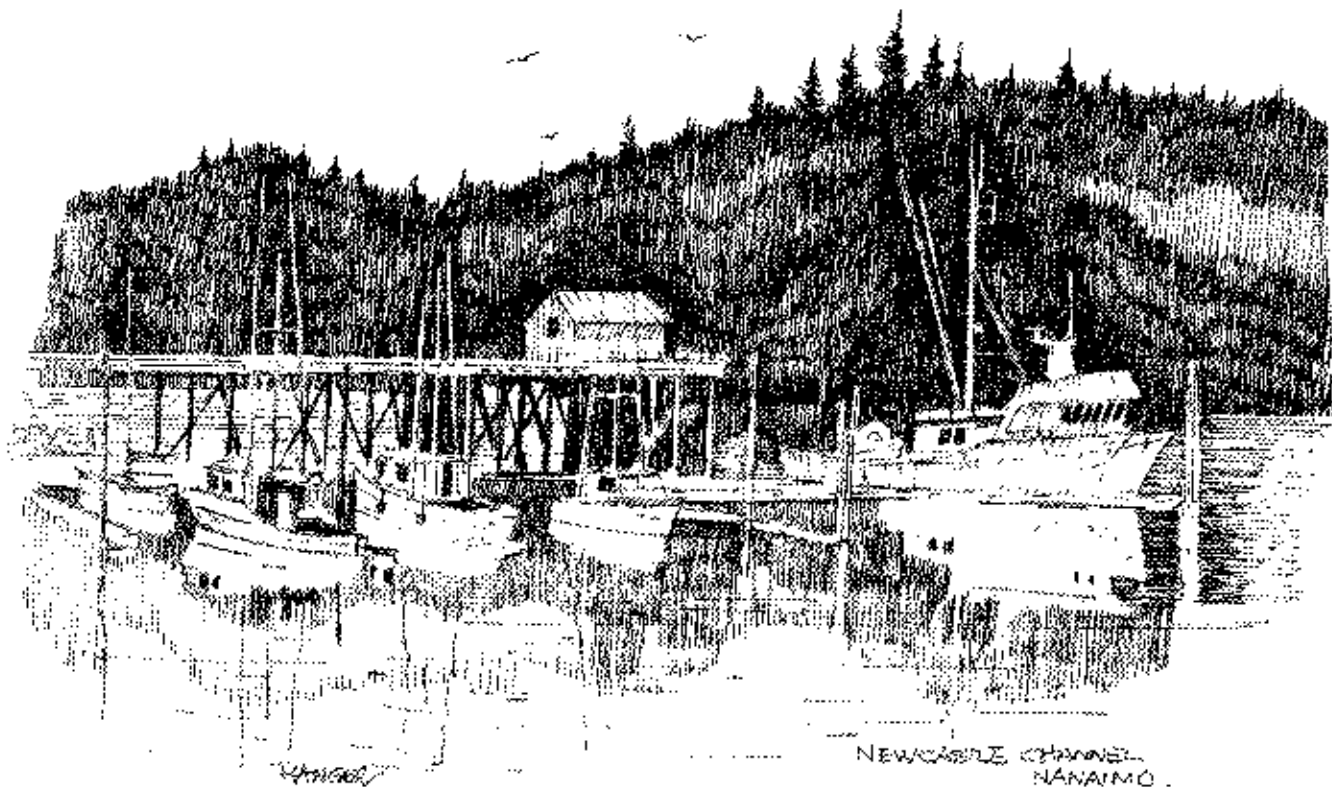
ST. PETERS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
KAMLOOPS

THE CLOCK ON ST. PETERS WAS ONCE  
LOCATED ON THE OLD POST OFFICE



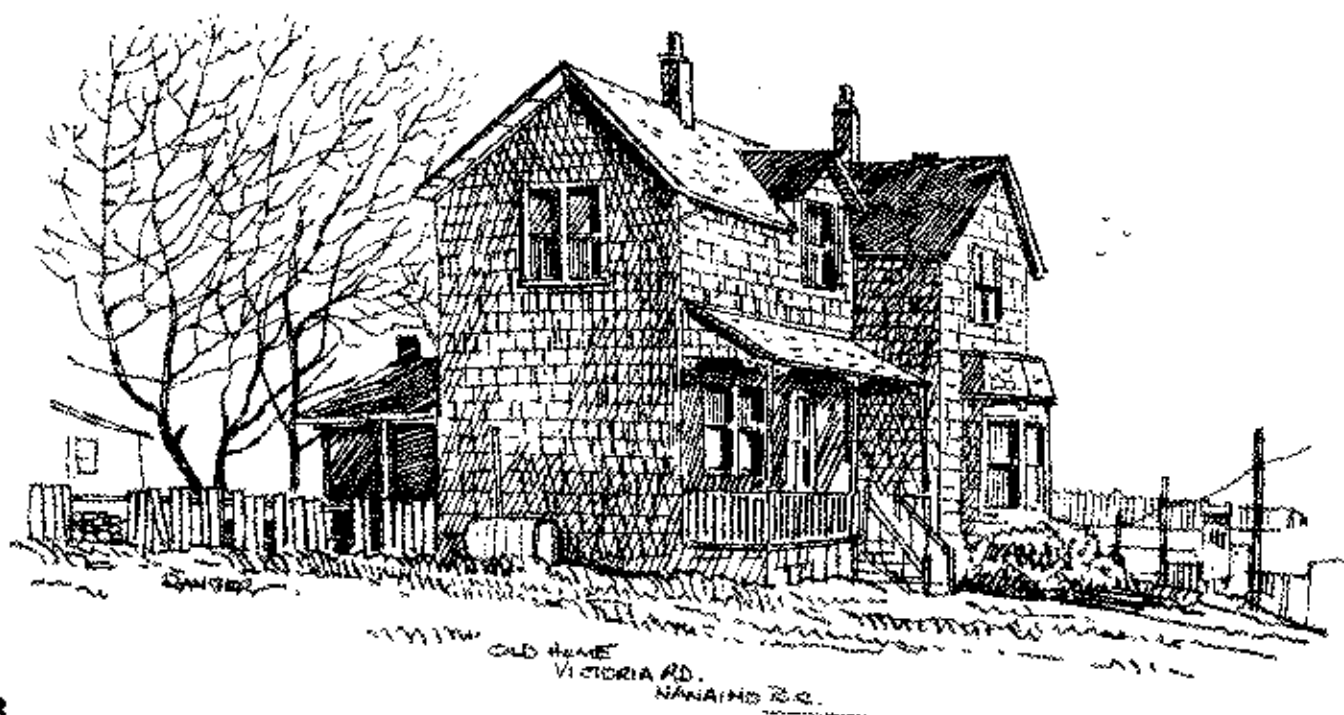
TAMAGAWA  
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KAMLOOPS COLLEGE  
KAMLOOPS

THE TAMAGAWA GARDENS - KAMLOOPS COLLEGE 77

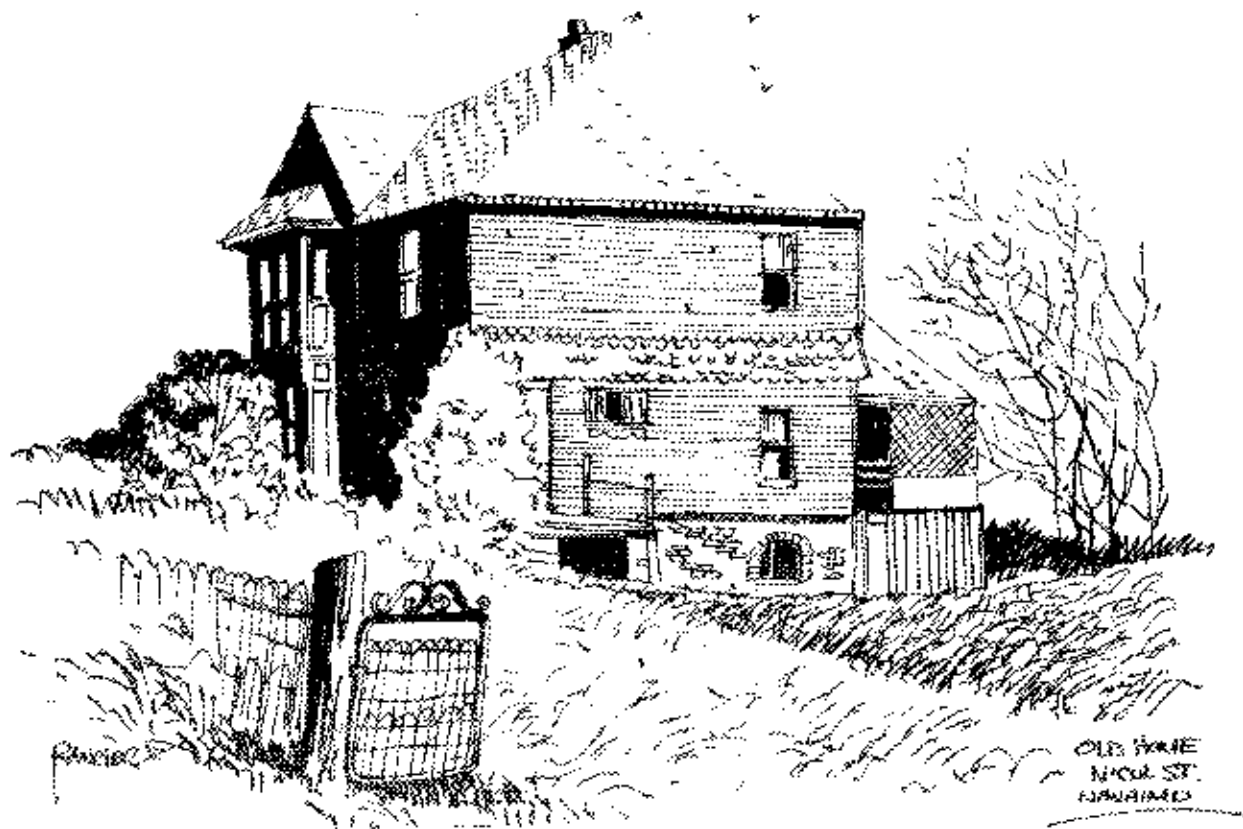


NEWCASTLE CHANNEL  
NANAIMO.

THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TALK ABOUT A FOOT BRIDGE TO NEWCASTLE ISLAND THE TRAFFIC ON NEWCASTLE CHANNEL OF COURSE MAKES THIS DIFFICULT BUT THIS PARTICULAR LOCATION WAS BEING CONSIDERED.







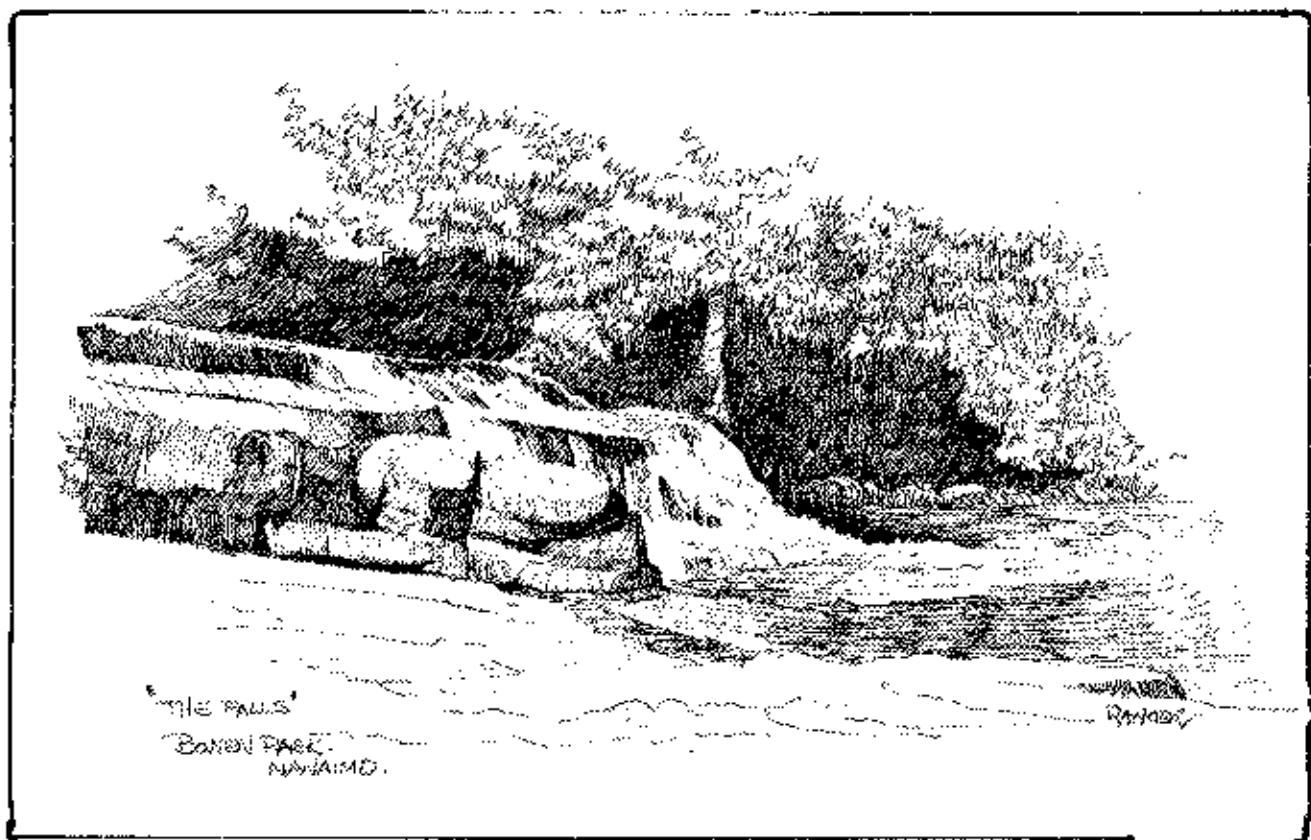
ABOVE. THE OLD COWIE HOME · NICOL ST.

BELOW. OLD HOME ON SELBY STREET  
JUST OFF VICTORIA ROAD.





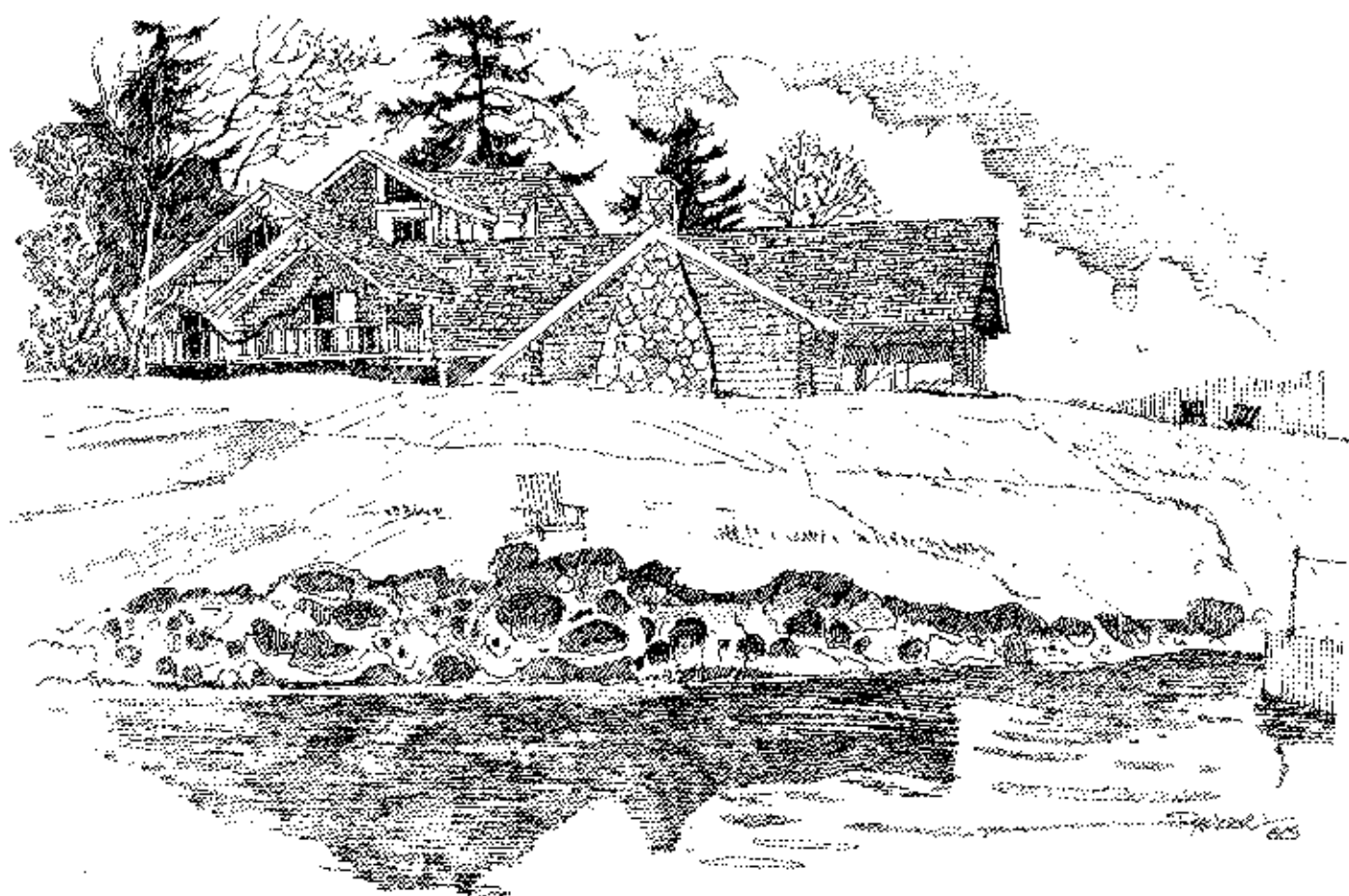
THE NANAIMO MUSEUM IN THE DISTANCE  
 WAS CONSTRUCTED TO REFLECT THE BASTIONS  
 OCTAGONAL SHAPE



THE PAULS  
 BONEN PARK  
 NANAIMO.

RAMBO

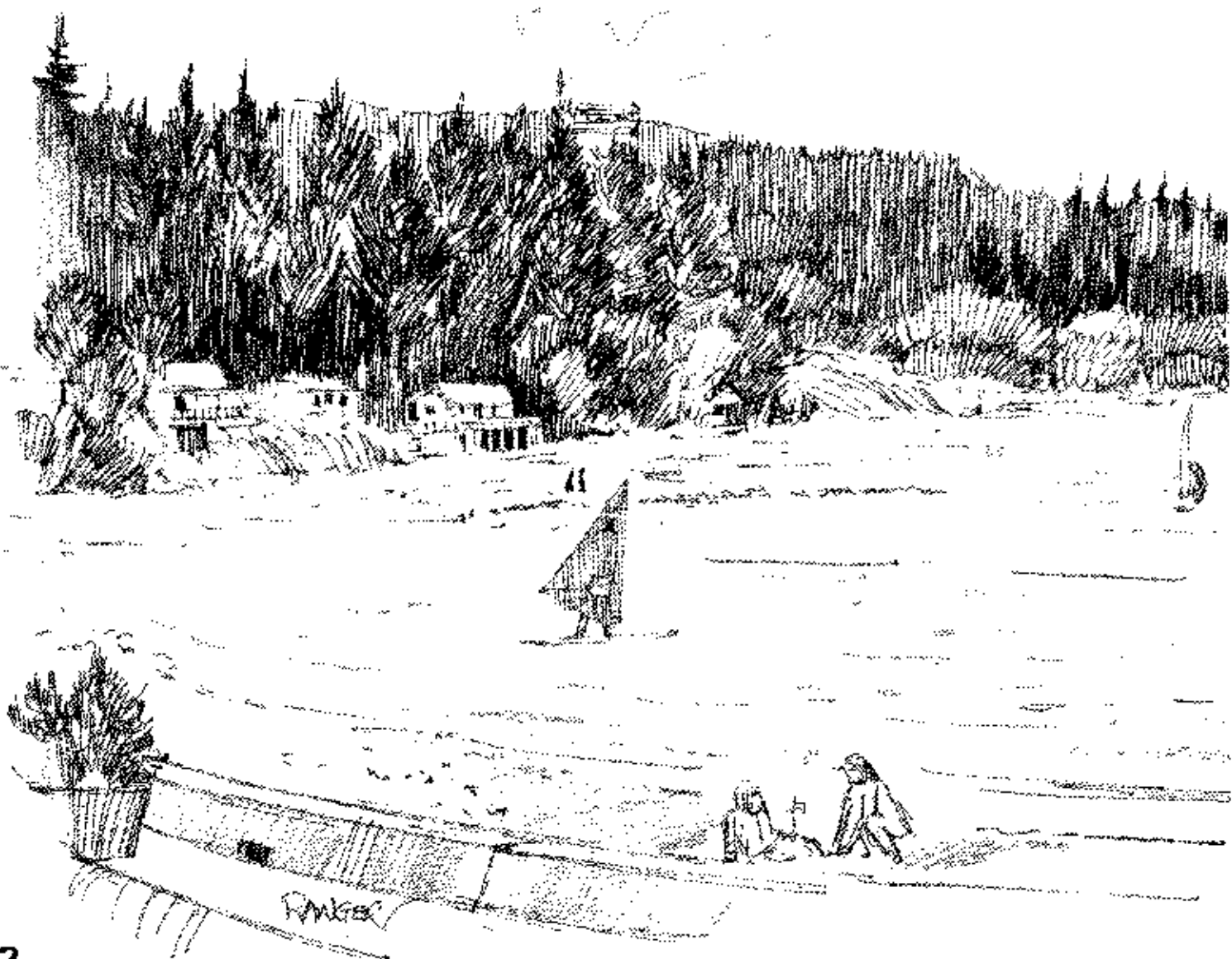
## THE YELLOW POINT LODGE

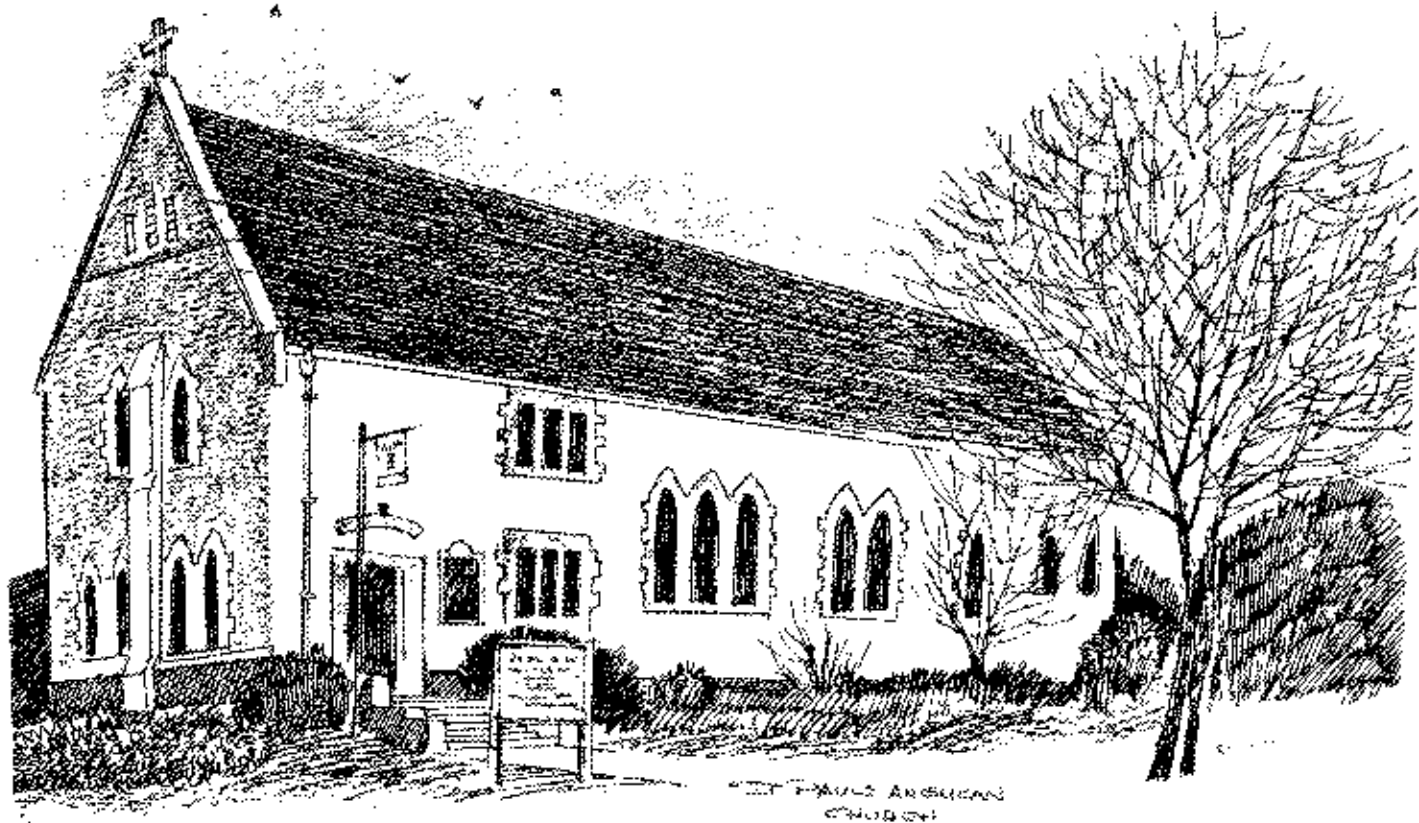


ON OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 1985 FIRE DESTROYED THE HISTORIC YELLOWPOINT LODGE. 92 YEAR OLD GERRY HILL WATCHED HIS DREAM GO UP IN SMOKE. BUT LIKE THE MYTHICAL PHOENIX AND WITH THE LEGENDARY HILL SPIRIT THE NEW IMPROVED LODGE PICTURED ABOVE ROSE FROM THE ASHES.

THE LODGE BUILT ON A HALF ACRE OF SANDSTONE AND BACKED BY 180 ACRES OF WOODS LEAVES ONE BREATHLESS BUT THE YELLOW POINT LODGE GOES BEYOND THE PHYSICAL. IT IS A SPIRIT ONCE EXPERIENCED, THAT DRAWS YOU BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN.

DEPARTURE BAY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A NANAIMO SUMMERTIME FAVORITE. LIKE SO MANY OTHER NANAIMOTES I ASSOCIATE SITTING ON A LOG AND EATING CHIPS LIBERALLY SPRINKLED WITH VINEGAR AND SALT WITH DEPARTURE BAY. AS I SAT SKETCHING A NEW SHAPE STREAKED ACROSS MY PAD DEPARTURE BAY HAD ENTERED THE AGE OF THE WINDSURFER. THE HILLSIDES ONCE THICK WITH TREES ARE NOW COVERED WITH HOMES BUT THE BAY IS STILL A GREAT PLACE FOR A FAMILY OUTING

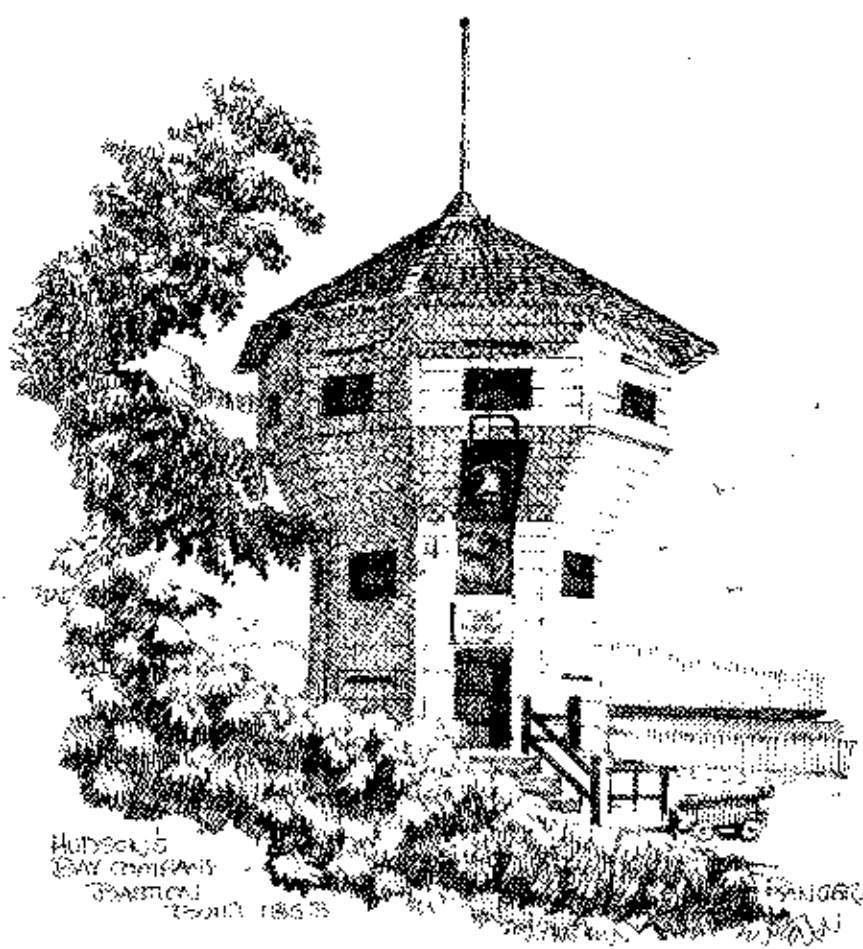




ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

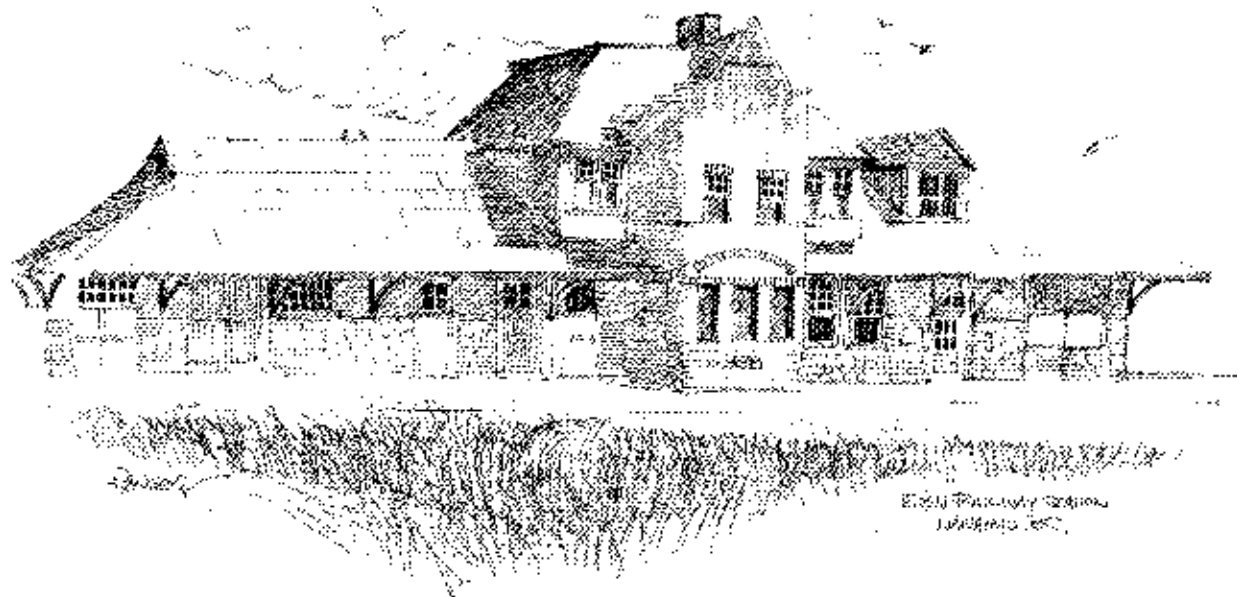


WINDOURERS DEPARTURE BAY.



Hudson's BAY OBSERVATORY  
 BOSTON  
 1853

WINDOURERS



ESQUIMACT STATION  
1886-1986

ON THE YEAR OF THE PRINTING OF THIS BOOK 1986  
THE EEN RAILROAD IS CELEBRATING ITS 100<sup>TH</sup>  
YEAR OF OPERATION. THIS STATION WAS ONCE THE  
NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE ESQUIMACT-NANAIMO  
RAILWAY.

ONCE THE PRIVATE HOME OF THE BEBAN FAMILY  
THIS FINE LOG STRUCTURE IS NOW PART OF BEBAN  
PARK, A MULTI PURPOSE RECREATIONAL PARK



BEBAN HOUSE  
NANAIMO

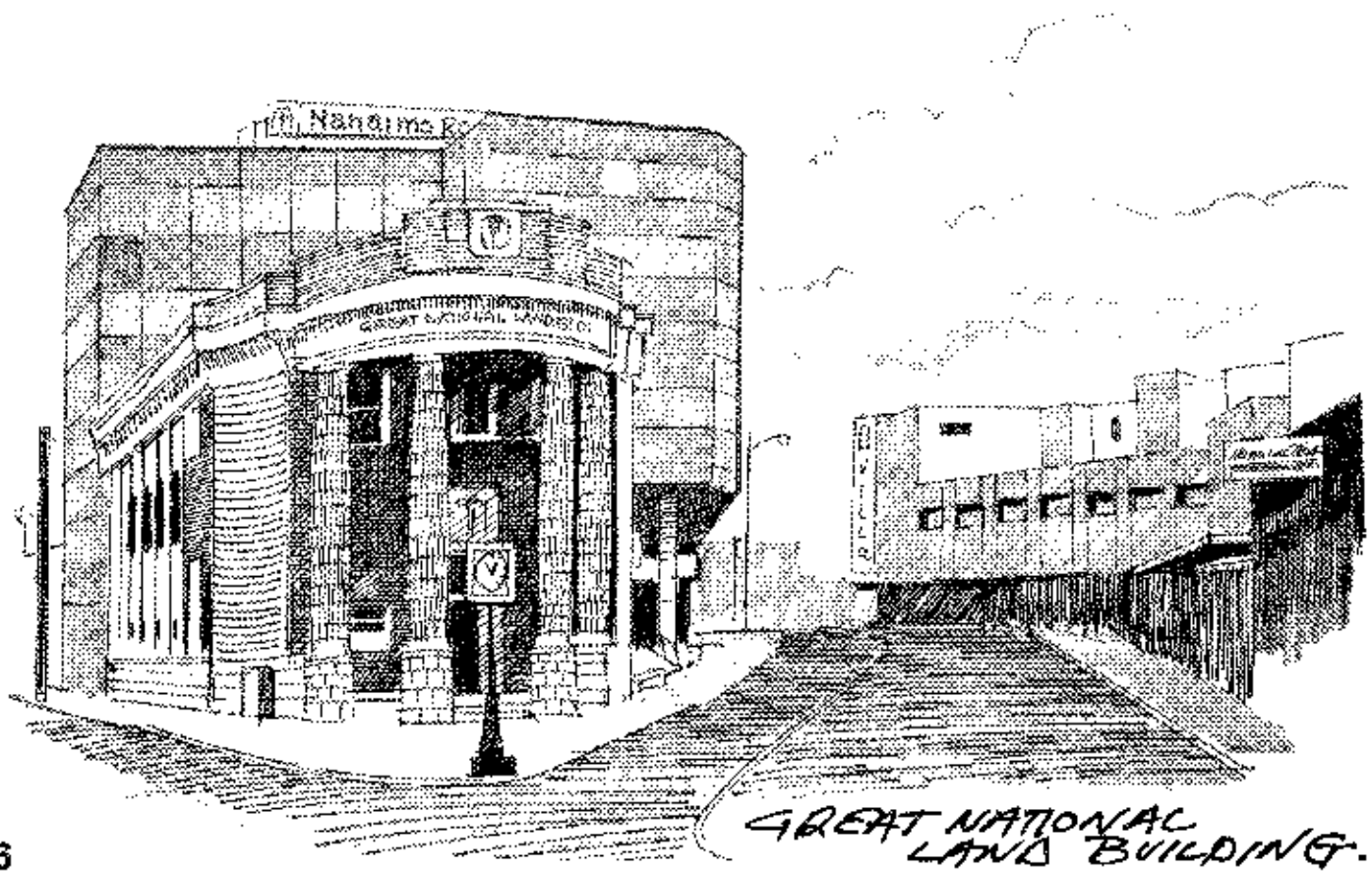
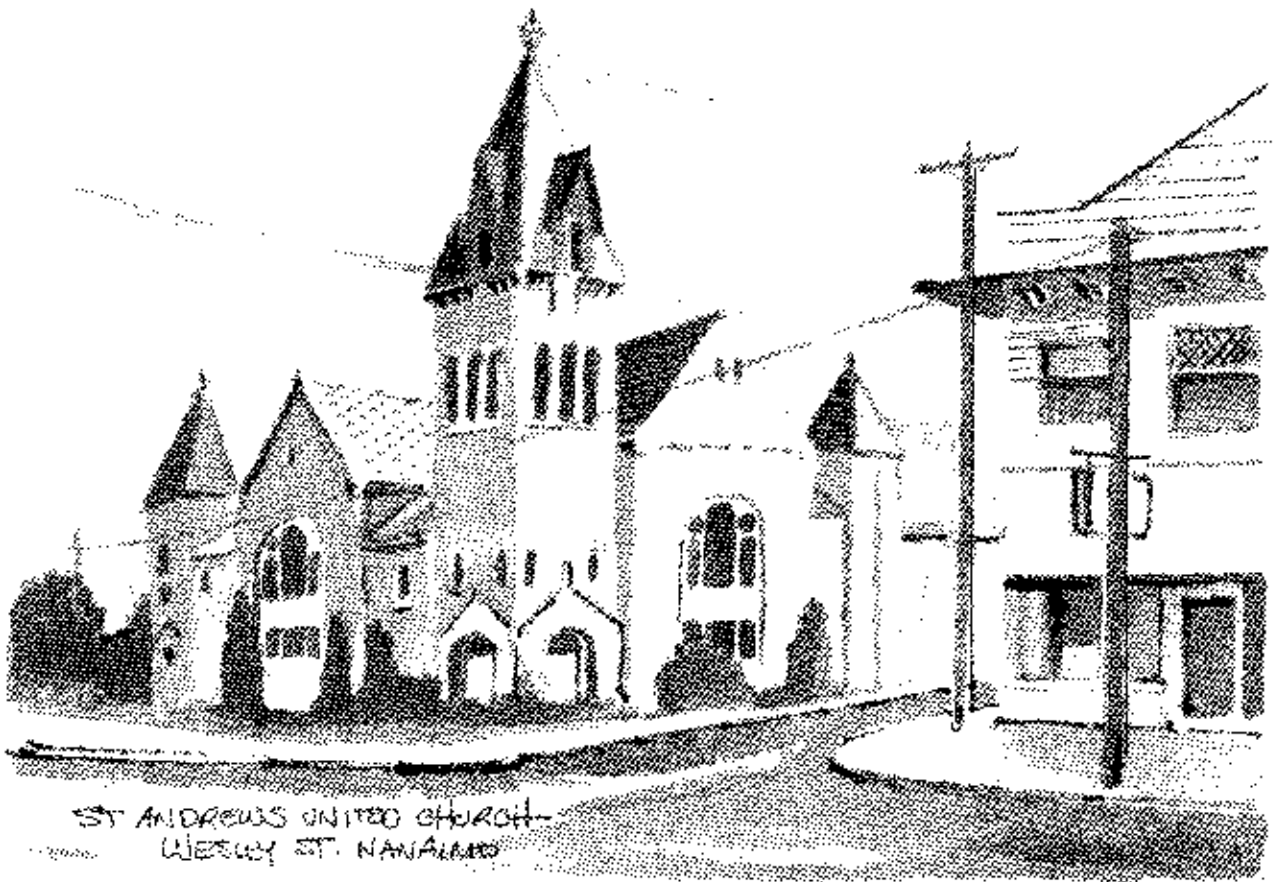


ABOVE. OLD BARN ON HAMMOND BAY ROAD.

CERTAINLY ONE OF THE COOLEST PLACES TO BE ON A HOT AUGUST DAY IS THE NANAIMO RIVER. THREE FAVORITE SPOTS ARE THE LOWER BRIDGE IN CEDAR ON THE ROAD TO HARMAC, YORKS HOLE BEHIND THE CEDAR FIRE HALL AND THE CANYON PICTURED BELOW, WHERE THE ISLAND HIGHWAY CROSSES NANAIMO RIVER. IN THE BACKGROUND IS THE EEN RAILWAY TRESSLE



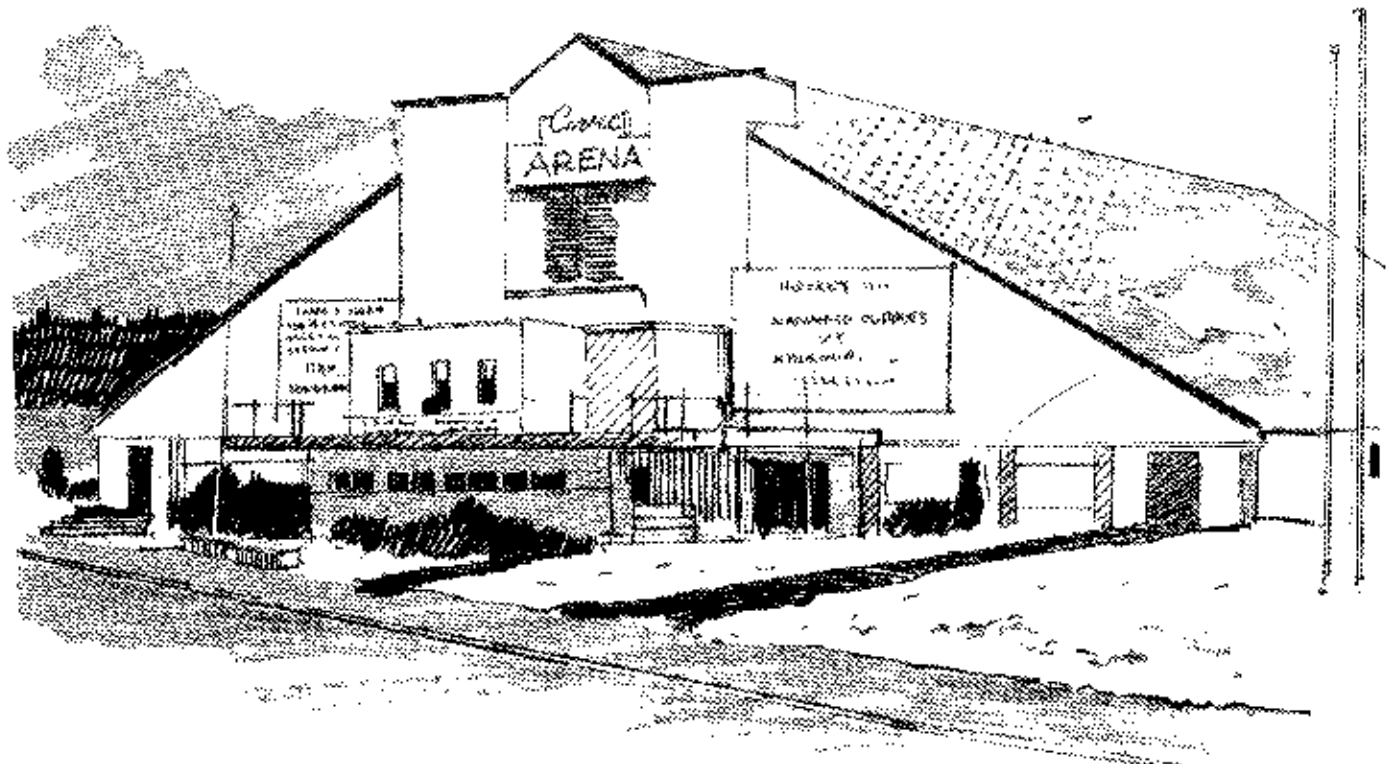
THE CANYON NANAIMO RIVER







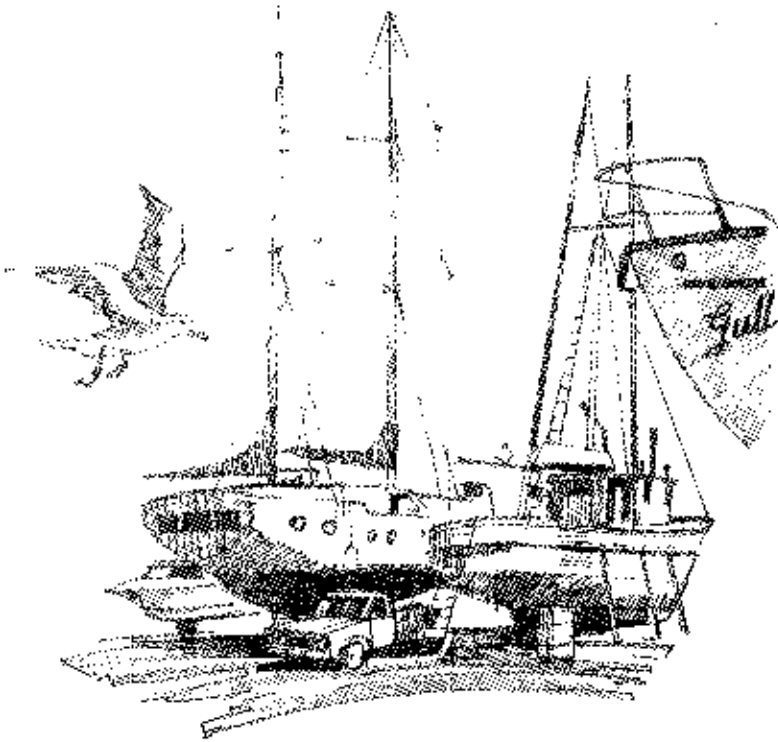
*NANAIMO GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB.*



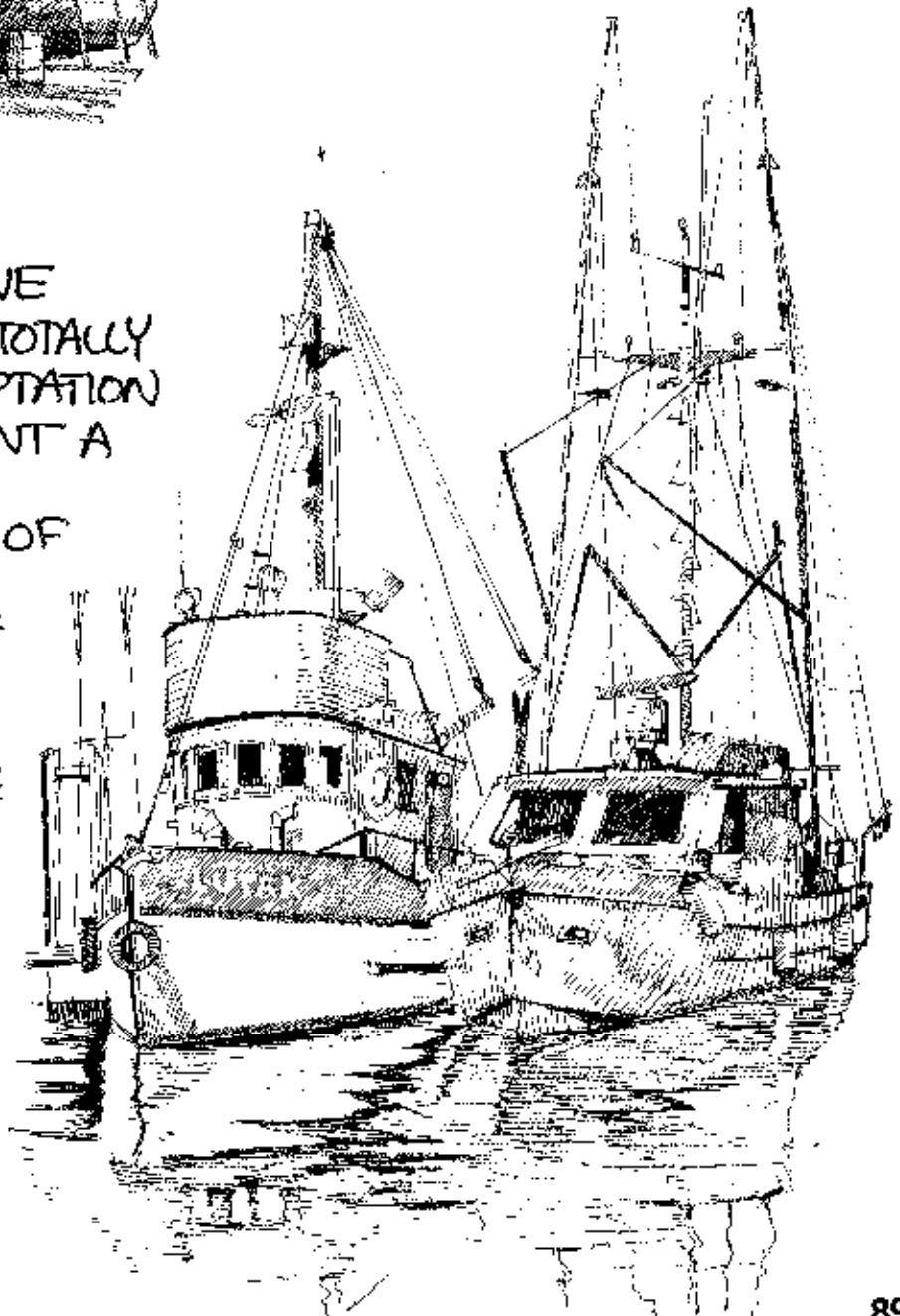
*ONCE THE HOME OF THE NANAIMO CLIPPERS,  
THE CIVIC ARENA PROVIDED NANAIMOITES WITH THE  
EXCITEMENT OF SENIOR A LACROSSE, FIGURE  
SKATING, WRESTLING AND MANY MORE SPORTS*

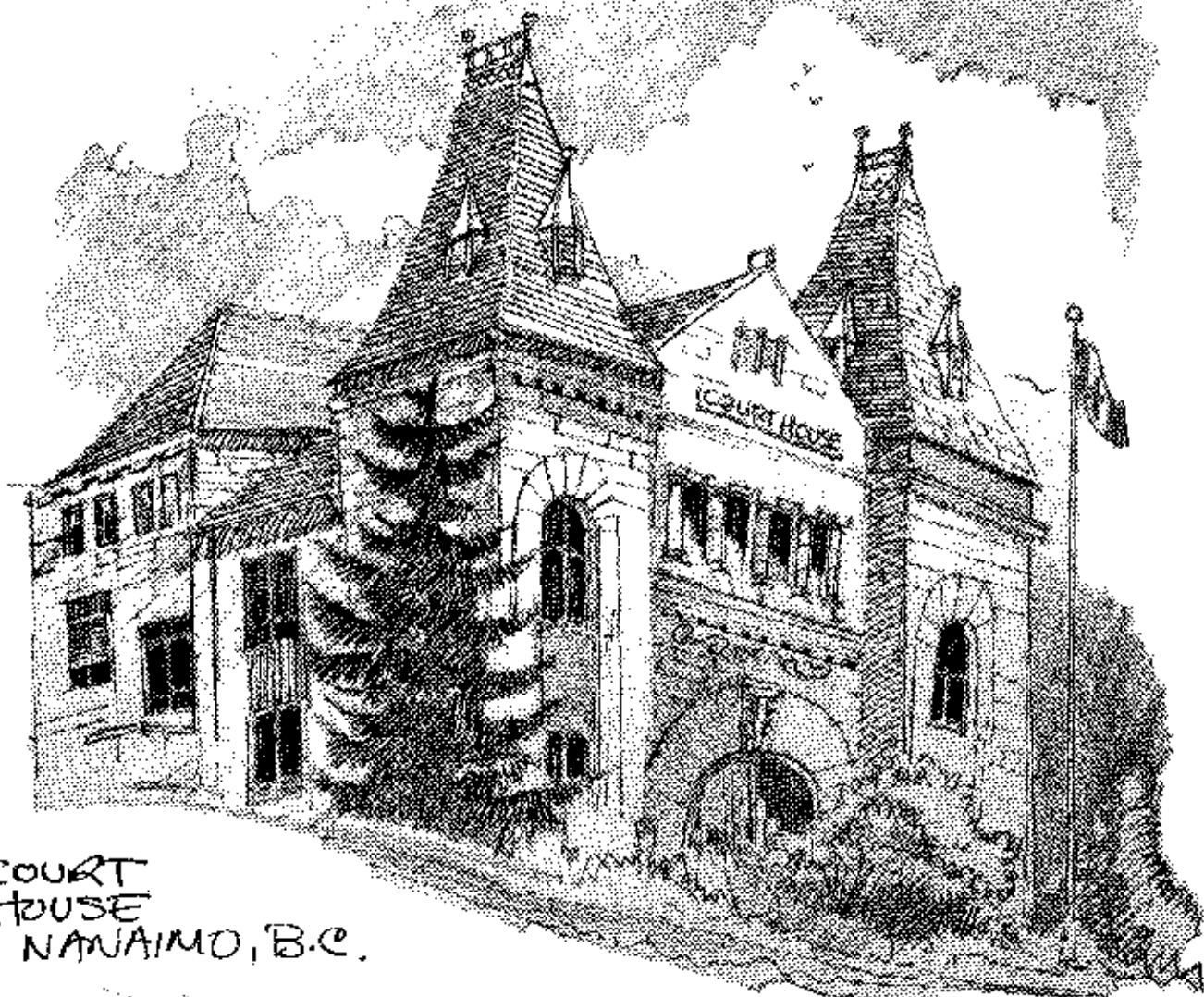


IN THE EXPO YEAR OF 1986 NANAIMO HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS 'THE HARBOUR CITY'. NO CITY WAS EVER MORE DESERVING OF THE NAME. SHE HAS ONE OF THE MOST PROTECTED HARBOURS ON THE WEST COAST.



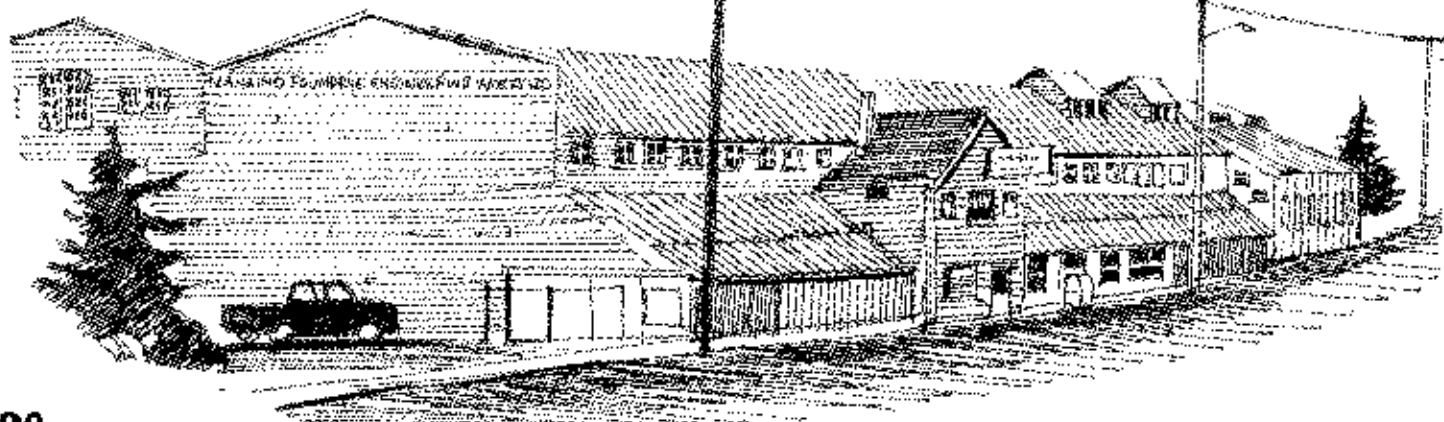
NO ARTIST CAN LIVE IN NANAIMO AND TOTALLY REJECT THE TEMPTATION TO SKETCH OR PAINT A FISH BOAT, THE SEDUCTIVE CURVE OF THE HULL THE EXCITING LINES OF THE RIGGIN' OR THE SHIMMERING DISTORTION OF THE REFLECTED IMAGE IS JUST BOUND TO CATCH YOU.





COURT  
HOUSE  
NANAIMO, B.C.

THE NANAIMO  
FOUNDRY AND  
ENGINEERING WORKS



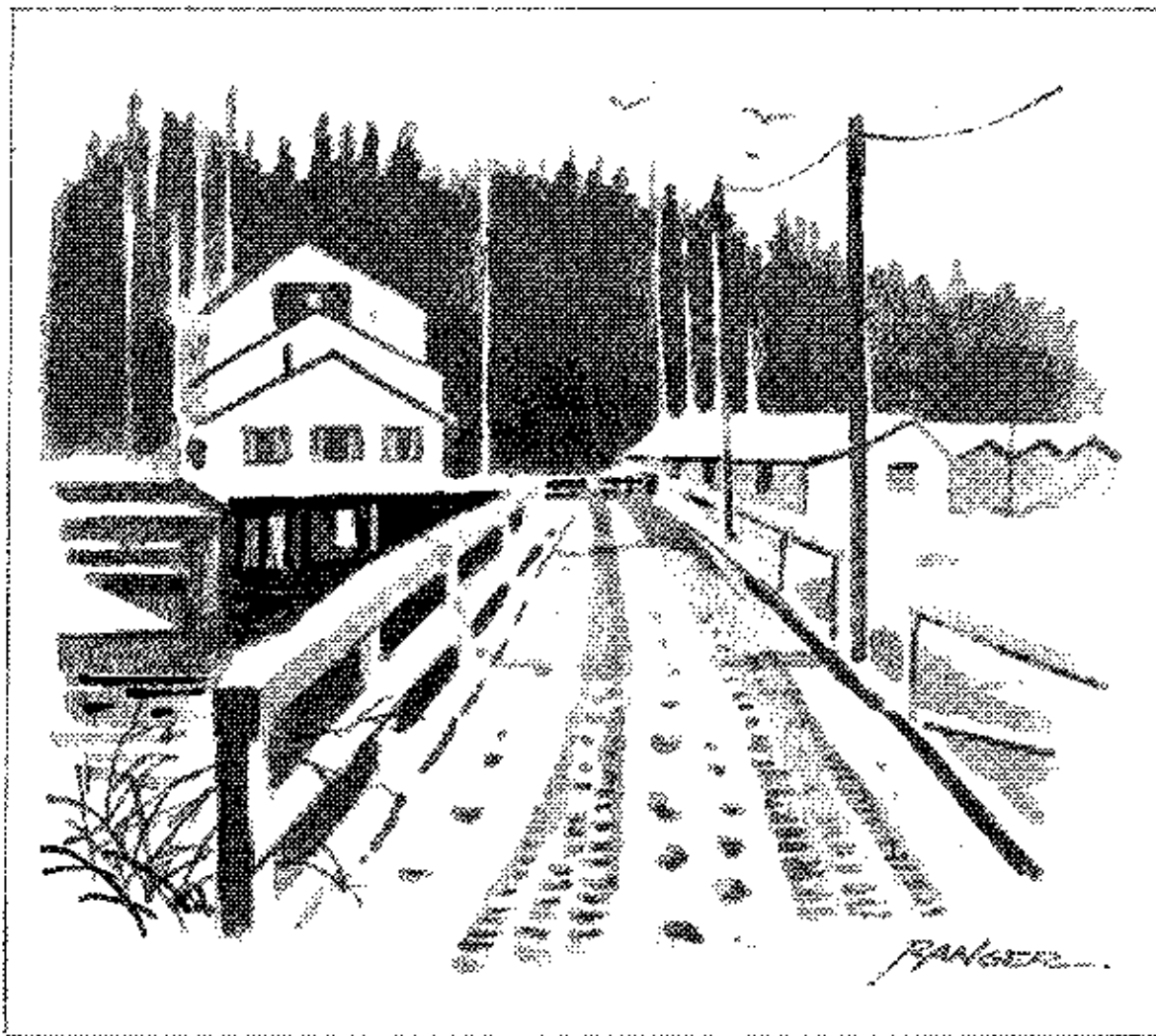
THROUGHOUT THIS BOOK YOU WILL FIND MANY SKETCHES IN WHICH THE BASTION IS THE FOCAL POINT. IT HAS REMAINED THE DOMINANT SYMBOL OF THE HUB CITY AND IS DEAR TO THE HEARTS OF ALL NANAIMOITES. IN THE SKETCH BELOW THE BUILDINGS ON THE RIGHT WERE KNOCKED DOWN TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW COAST BASTION INN

THE CORNER BUILDING REFLECTED THE BASTION'S SHAPE WITH ITS SECOND STOREY EXTENDING OUT OVER THE SIDEWALK





A COAL MINERS CABIN - RIDGERS PARK



AS THE PRAIRIE FARMERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE SCENES OF  
FIELDS AND BARNs BLANKETED BY SNOW SO WE ON THE COAST  
92 LOVE THE DOCKS UNDER A FRESH SNOW FALL

### NANAIMO BARS

- 1/2 CUP BUTTER
- 2 CUPS GRAHAM WAFER CRUMBS
- 1/4 CUP WHITE SUGAR
- 1 CUP COCONUT (MEDIUM)
- 1 EGG
- 1/2 CUP CHOPPED NUTS
- 4 TBSP. COCOA

MIX THE FIRST 4 INGREDIENTS TOGETHER. SET OVER LOW HEAT AND STIR UNTIL MIXTURE RESEMBLES A CUSTARD. COMBINE GRAHAM WAFER CRUMBS, COCONUT AND NUTS. ADD TO CUSTARD MIXTURE. BLEND WELL. PRESS INTO 8" SQUARE PAN. PLACE IN REFRIGERATOR. THEN—

- MIX 1/4 CUP BUTTER • 3 TBSP MILK • 2 TBSP VANILLA CUSTARD POWDER • 2 CUPS ICING SUGAR. THEN—
  - MELT 3 SQUARES CHOCOLATE (2 UNSWEETENED 1 SEMI-SWEET AND 1 TBSP BUTTER. POUR ON TOP OF SECOND LAYER.
- REFRIGERATE FOR AT LEAST 1 HOUR BEFORE CUTTING. KEEP REFRIGERATED.

(TAKEN) FROM 'THE NANAIMO DAILY FREE PRESS COOK BOOK (1971)



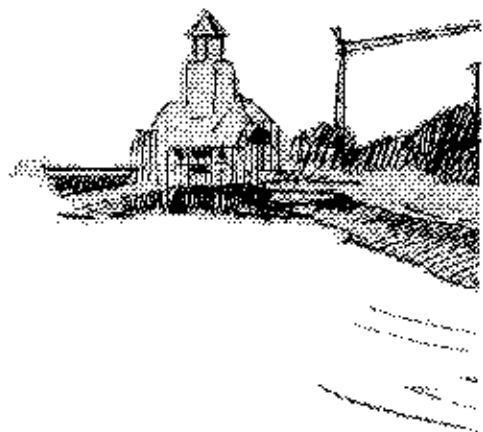
A NANAIMO COLLECTABLE  
RUMMING'S BOTTLING WORKS WAS ONCE  
LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF WALLACE  
AND WENTWORTH STREETS



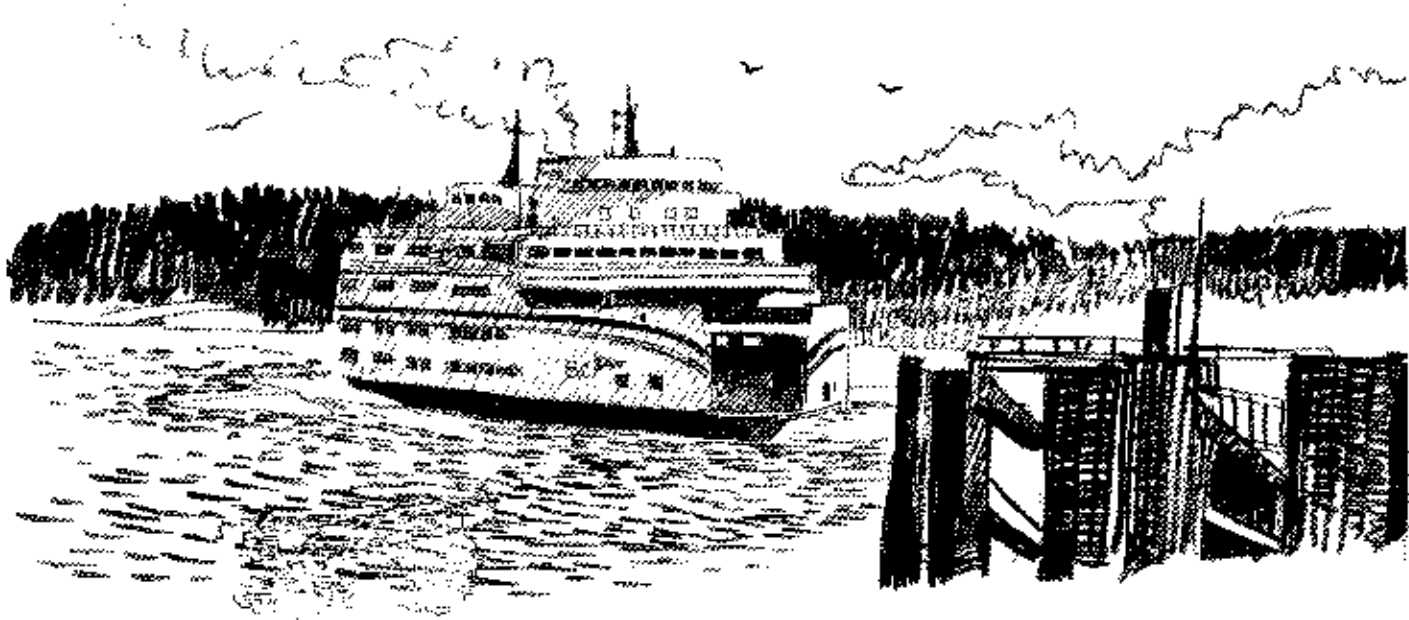


GRASSICKS JEWELRY SHOP PICTURED ABOVE WAS RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL BEAUTY SOON AFTER THIS SKETCH WAS DONE.

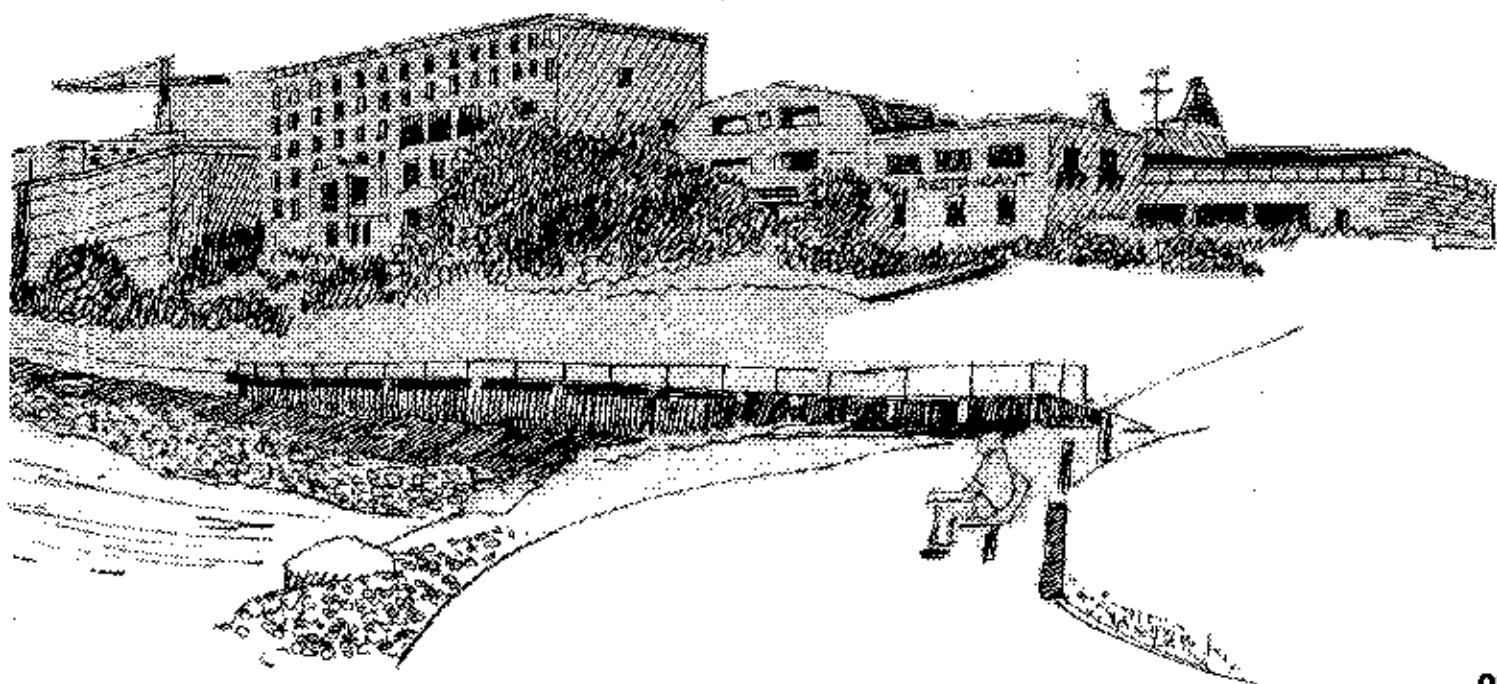
AS I SKETCHED THE NANAIMO WATERFRONT IT WAS UNDERGOING TREMENDOUS CHANGES THE TWO DERRICKS SHOWN IN THE SKETCH WERE EVIDENCE OF THIS CONSTRUCTION

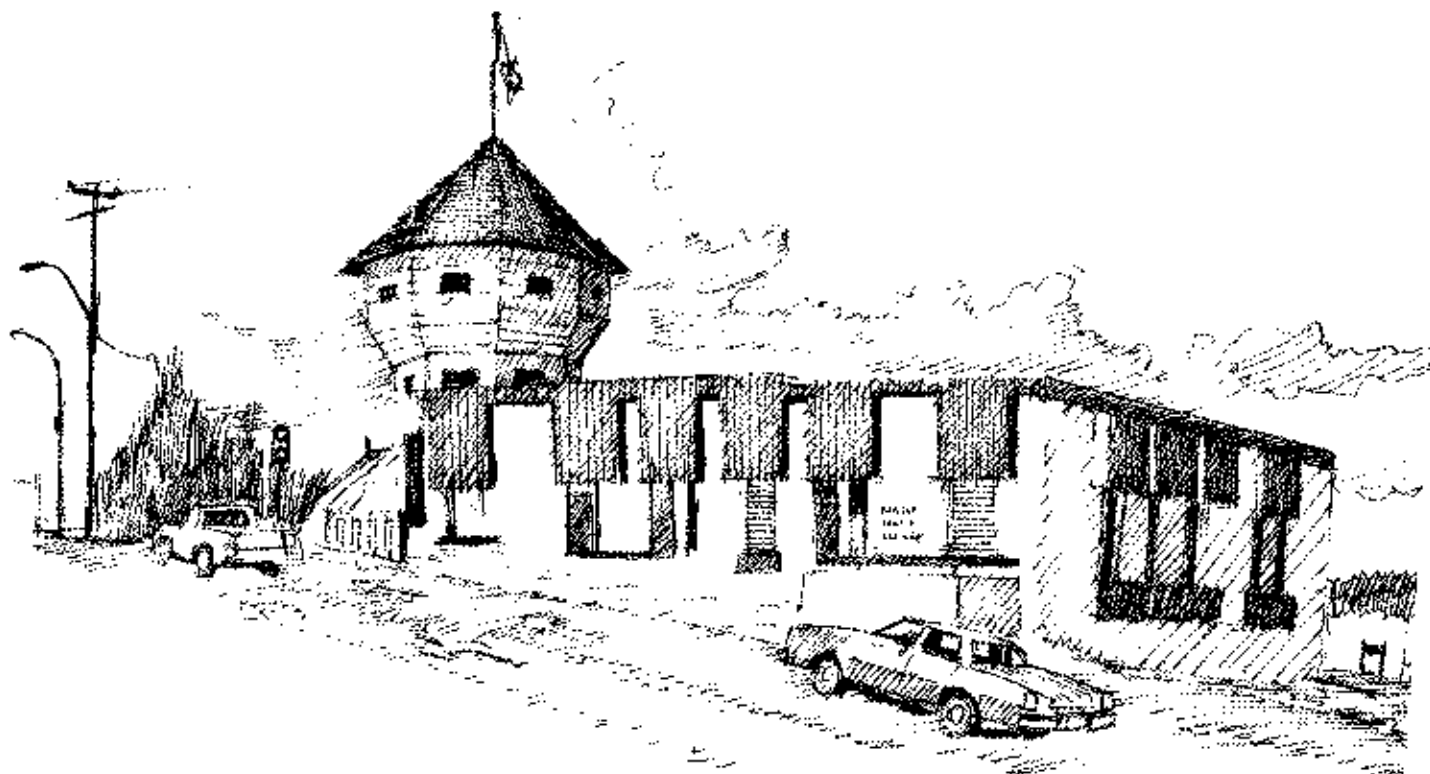






ABOVE A BRITISH COLUMBIA FERRY ARRIVES AT THE DEPARTURE BAY TERMINAL, ORIGINALLY THE BLACK BALL FERRY LINE OUT OF SEATTLE, OPERATED THIS ROUTE IN COMPETITION WITH THE CPR PRINCESS LINE, THE B.C. GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER THE SERVICE IN THE 50'S THE B.C. FERRY FLEET IS NOW ONE OF THE LARGEST PASSENGER LINES IN THE WORLD SERVING THE B.C. COAST AND INTERIOR LAKES.



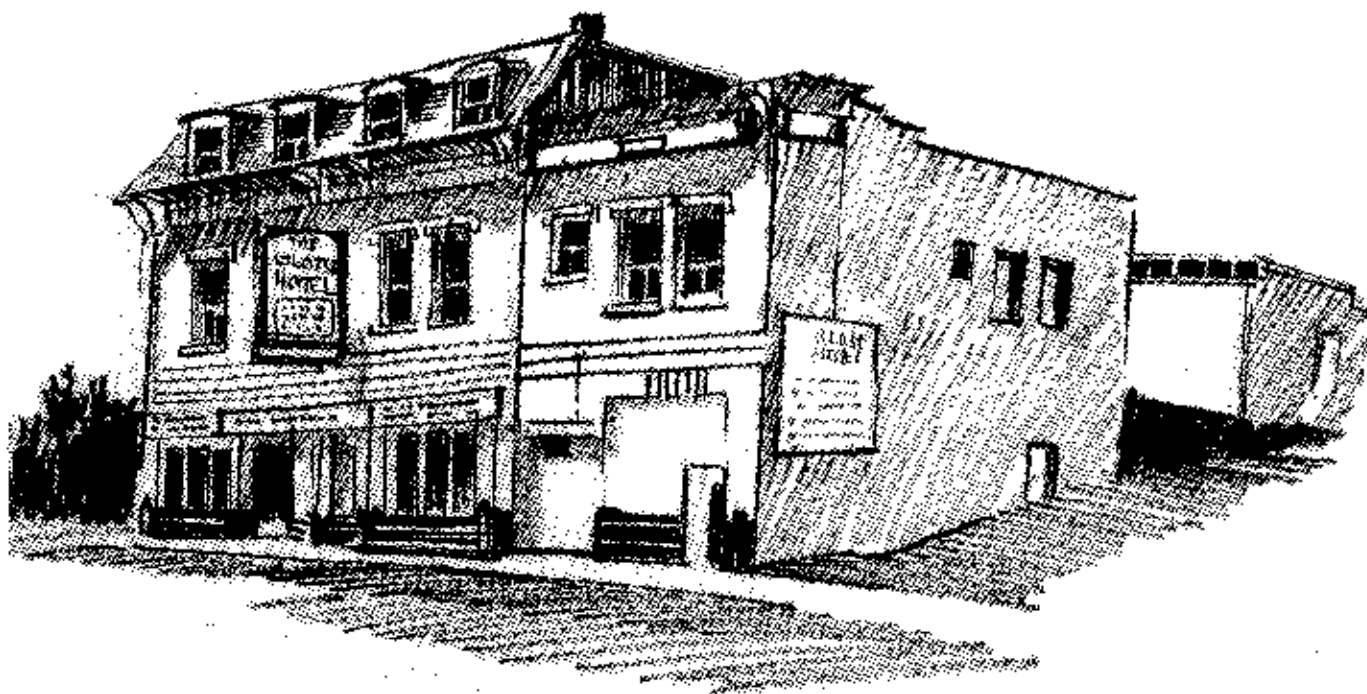


THE NANAIMO HARBOUR COMMISSION BUILDING WITH THE BASTION IN THE BACKGROUND

THE STREETS OF NANAIMO WERE ORIGINALLY PLANNED THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY. HUDSON BAY COMPANY OFFICIALS IN LONDON ENGLAND SET ITS FAN-SHAPED PATTERN AND NAMED ITS STREETS.

FITZWILLIAM STREET SKETCHED FROM THE OCCIDENTAL HOTEL HAD AN EXCITING VIEW OF THE HARBOUR. THE ERECTION OF THE COAST BASTION INN HAS PARTIALLY BLOCK THAT VIEW.



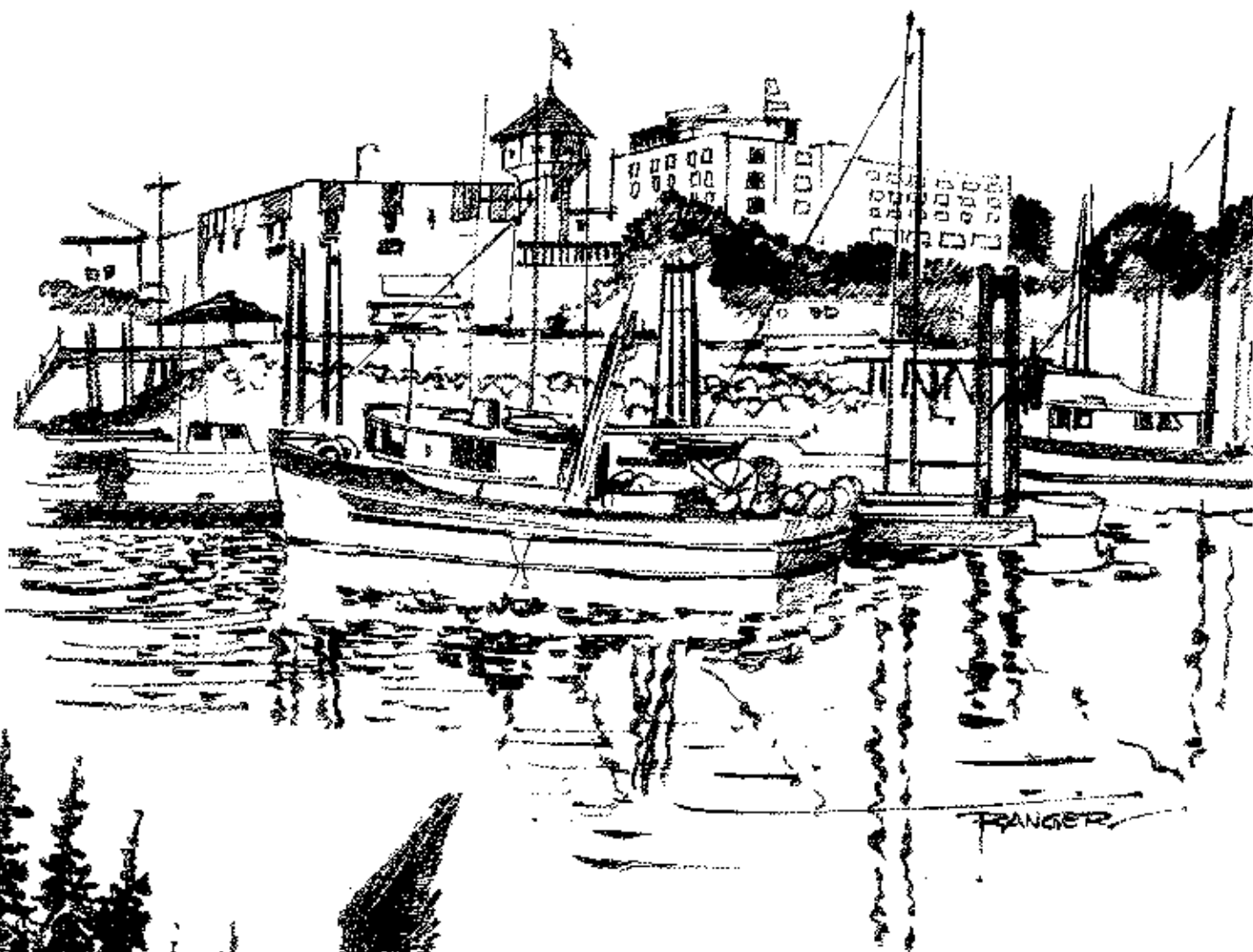


THE GLOBE HOTEL WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT IN  
1897. THE ADDITION TO THE RIGHT WAS  
ADDED IN 1936.



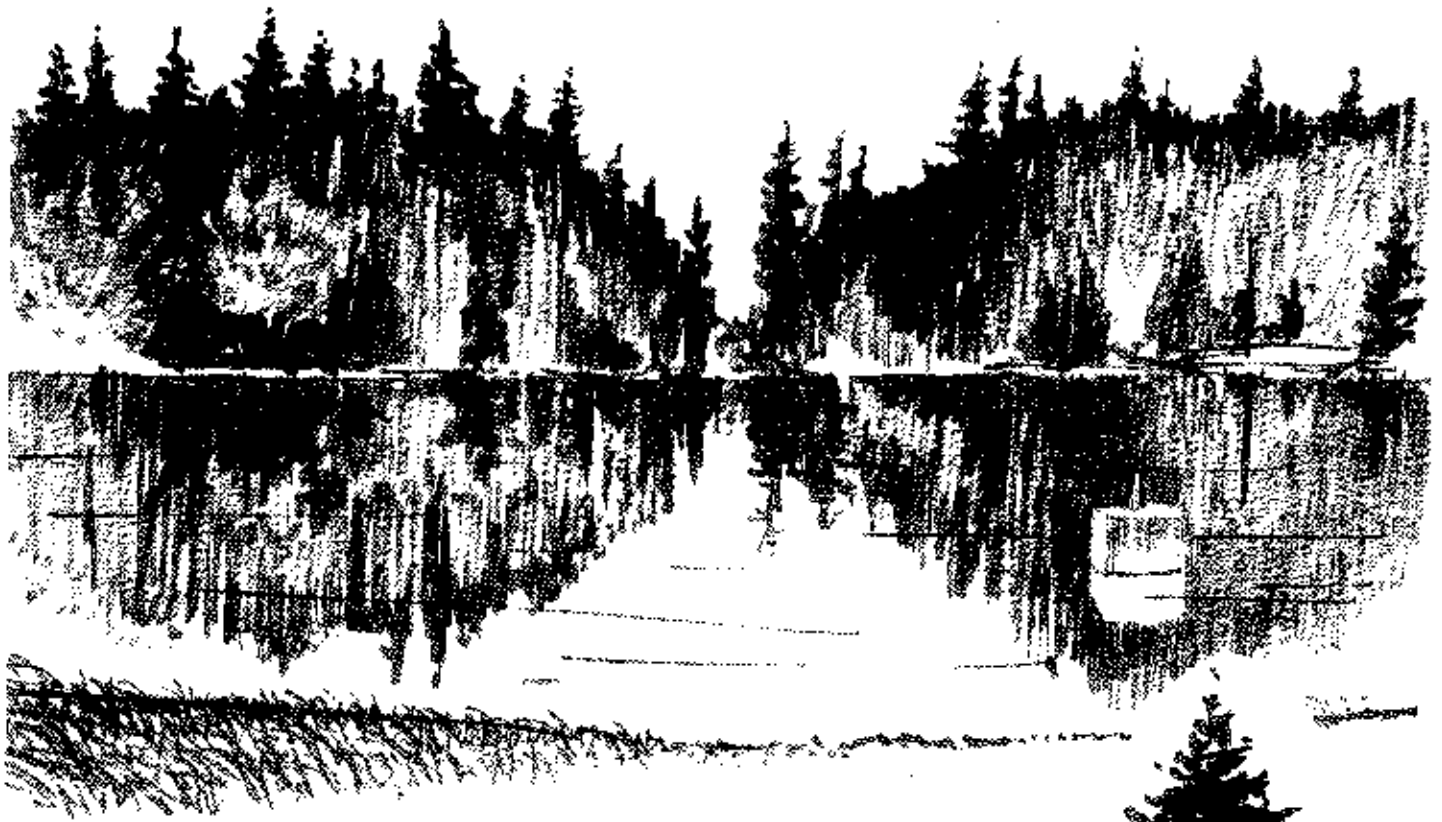
NANAIMO IS SURROUNDED BY COMMUNITIES CALLED WELLINGTON. SOUTH WELLINGTON APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND REACHED BY TURNING OFF HIGHWAY ① AT MINTOWN ROAD WAS THE SITE OF NO. 10 MINE NORTH WELLINGTON, OR SIMPLY CALLED WELLINGTON, THE AREA SURROUNDING LONG AND DIVER LAKES WAS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME LARGER THAN NANAIMO EAST WELLINGTON LIES BETWEEN SINGLEPOT RD AND BOWEN ROAD AND IT WAS HERE THAT I SKETCHED WHAT MUST BE THE ONLY SURVIVING BLACKSMITH SHOP ON THE ISLAND.





I SKETCHED THIS VIEW OF  
NANAIMOS WATERFRONT FROM  
THE OLD CPR DOCK. AT THIS  
TIME IT WAS NOT YET  
DOMINATED BY THE NEW  
COAST BASTION INN.





## COLLIERY DAM PARK

ORIGINALLY THE WATER FROM THIS DAM WAS USED TO WASH THE COAL FROM THE HAREWOOD MINE. IT WAS THEN USED AS A DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY FOR SOUTH FIVE ACRES. THE TERM 'FIVE ACRES' WAS GIVEN TO THE AREA WHEN THE HUDSON BAY CO. DIVIDED IT INTO FIVE ACRE LOTS. IT IS NOW KNOWN AS HAREWOOD AND THIS PARKLAND WITH ITS BEAUTIFUL LAKES IS NOW A PART OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL PARK SYSTEM.

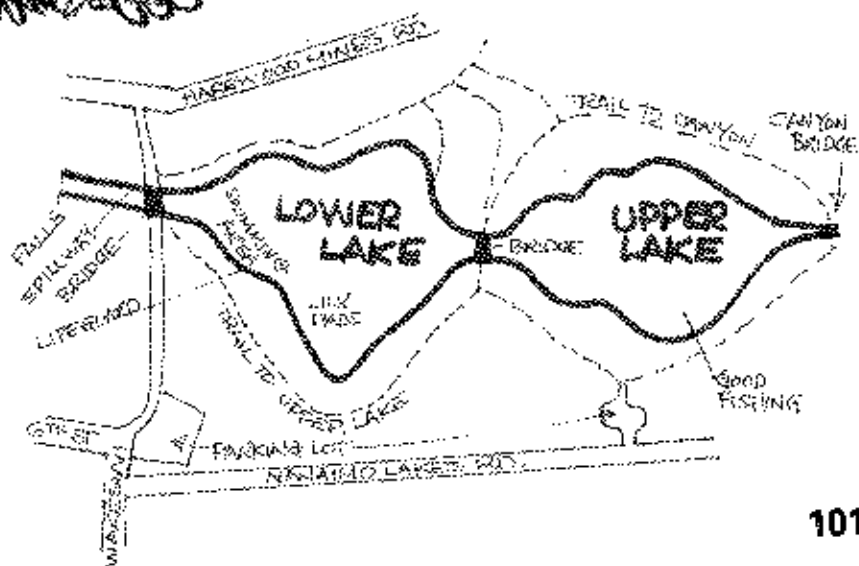


AS YOUNGSTERS  
WE DID A LITTLE  
ILLEGAL  
SWIMMING IN  
THE DAM. THE  
CONCRETE  
LEVEL CONTROL  
TOWER SHOWN  
IN THE  
OPPOSITE  
SKETCH WAS  
THE FOCAL  
POINT FOR  
MANY A  
SUMMER  
AFTERNOON

THE FALLS  
ARE REALLY  
QUITE HIGH  
BUT IT WAS  
ALWAYS  
POSSIBLE  
TO WALK  
UNDER THEM  
ABOUT HALF  
WAY DOWN  
THIS PROVIDED  
A GREAT  
HIDING PLACE

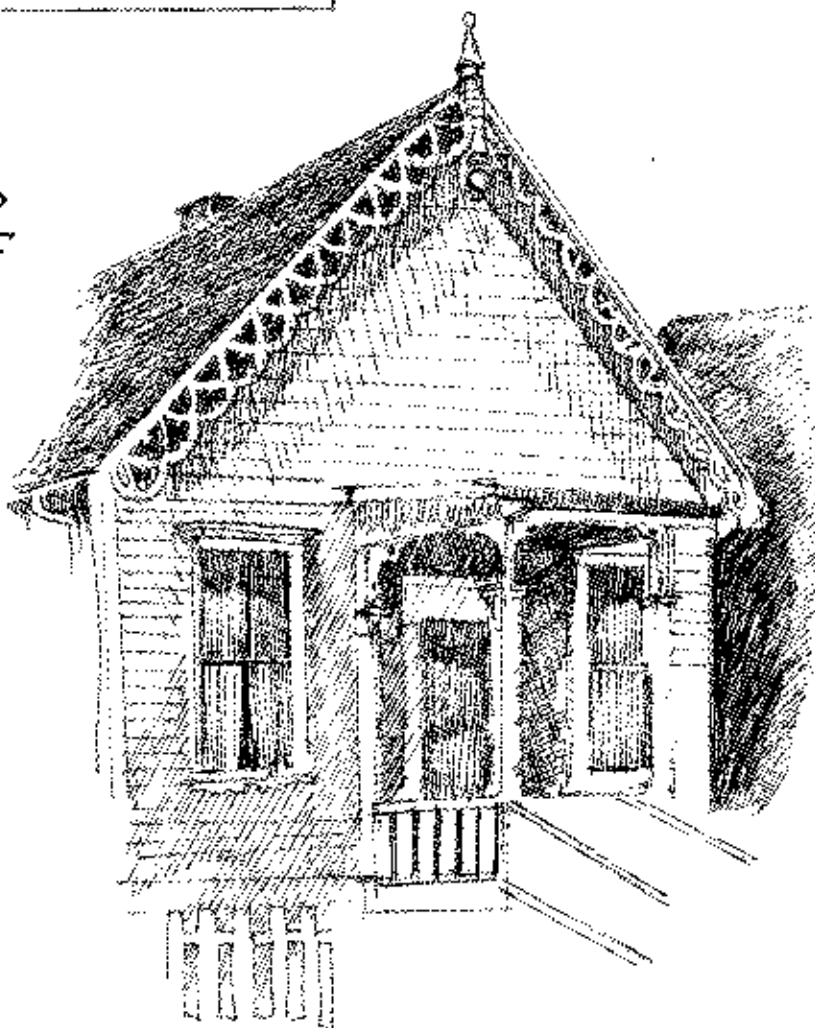


THE SKETCH TO  
THE LEFT IS OF  
THE SECOND DAM  
(UPPER LAKE)  
THIS SMOOTH ROCK  
SHELF PROVIDES  
AN EXCELLENT  
PLACE TO DIVE IN

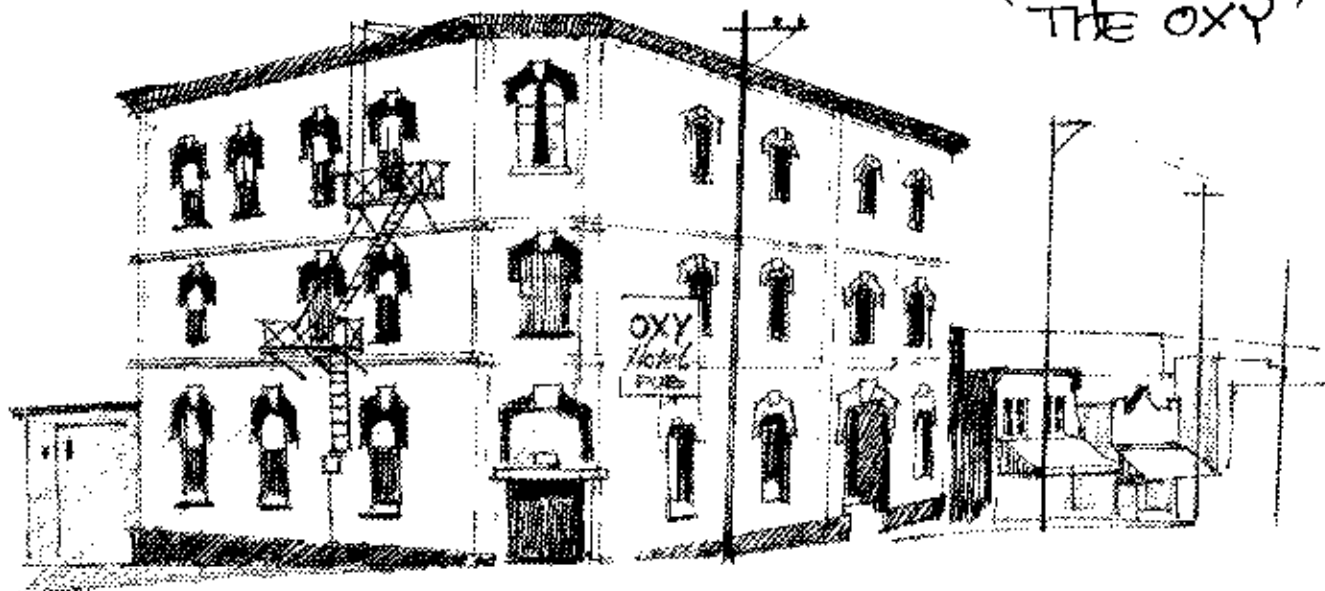




THESE TWO OLD HOMES  
 IN THE SOUTH END WERE  
 OBVIOUSLY BUILT WITH A  
 LOVE FOR INTRICATE  
 DETAIL. NOTICE HOW THE  
 OVERLAPPING HALF CIRCLE  
 DECORATIVE WORK ON  
 THE GABLE IS FEATURED  
 ON BOTH BUILDINGS. THIS  
 WAS PROBABLY THE  
 SIGNATURE OF AN EARLY  
 NANAIMO BUILDER





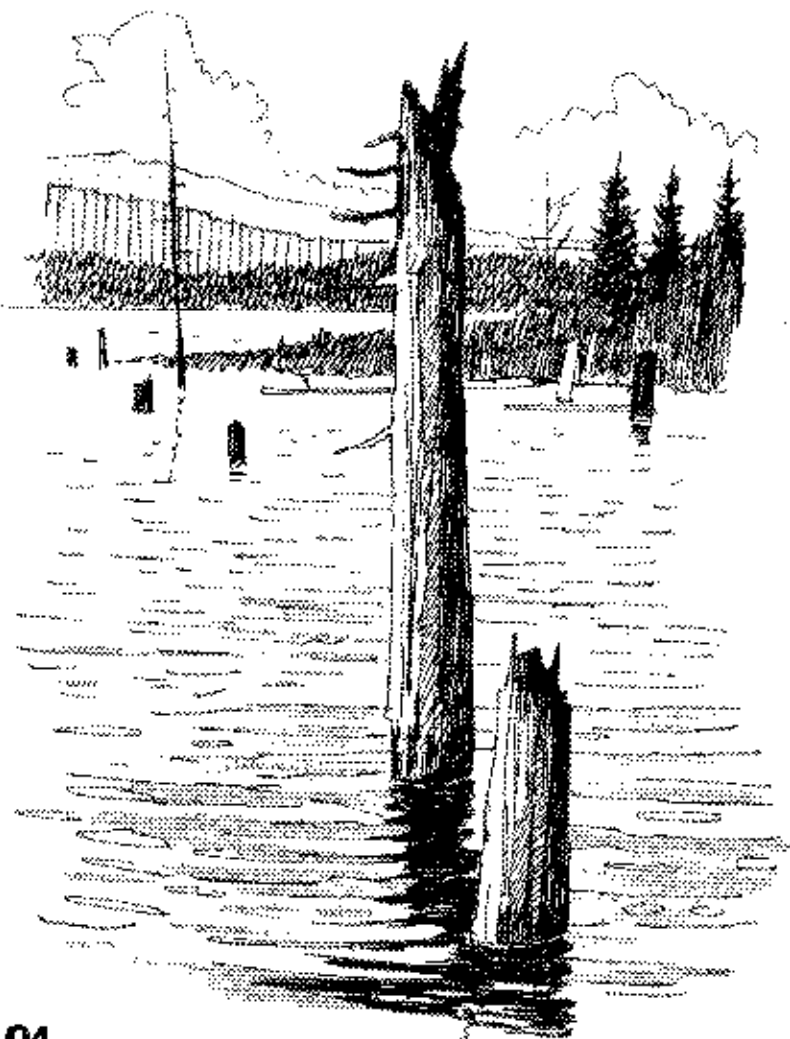


THE OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, THE OXY WAS BUILT TO ACCOMMODATE TRAVELERS WHO HAD REACHED THE NORTHERN TERMINAL OF THE ESQUIMACT-NANAIMO RAILROAD. INSIDE IT STILL HAS THE SPLIT INTERIOR GENTS ONE SIDE, LADIES AND ESCORTS ON THE OTHER.

MANSON'S STORE WAS KNOWN BY ALL EARLY NANAIMOITES IN PARTICULAR SOUTHENDERS. THE GENEROUS CREDIT EXTENDED TO COAL MINERS AND INDIANS CARRIED MANY A FAMILY THROUGH HARD TIMES. THE IMAGE OF ERNIE AND BILL MANSON GREETING CUSTOMERS WITH GOOD MORNING OR KLA-HOU-YA IS FOREVER LINKED WITH MY VISION OF A PIONEER GENERAL STORE. THE HIGH BUTTON SHOES DISPLAYED IN BARKERVILLE ARE FROM MANSON'S ALSO MANY MORE OF THE PERIOD COSTUME PIECES. IT WAS GENERALLY BELIEVED IF YOU COULDN'T GET IT AT MANSON'S OR JOHNSON'S HARDWARE YOU COULDN'T GET IT IN NANAIMO.



# WESTWOOD LAKE



WESTWOOD LAKE  
WAS ONCE A PIG  
FARM. MANY OLD  
SNAGS PROJECT OUT  
OF THE LAKE'S  
SOUTHERN END  
REMINDEES THAT THIS  
WAS A FORESTED AREA  
BEFORE THE VALLEY  
WAS FLOODED.

TO REACH WESTWOOD LAKE FROM DOWNTOWN TAKE  
COMOX ROAD, TURN LEFT AT WAKESIAH, RIGHT AT  
JINGLEPOT AND LEFT AT WESTWOOD ROAD

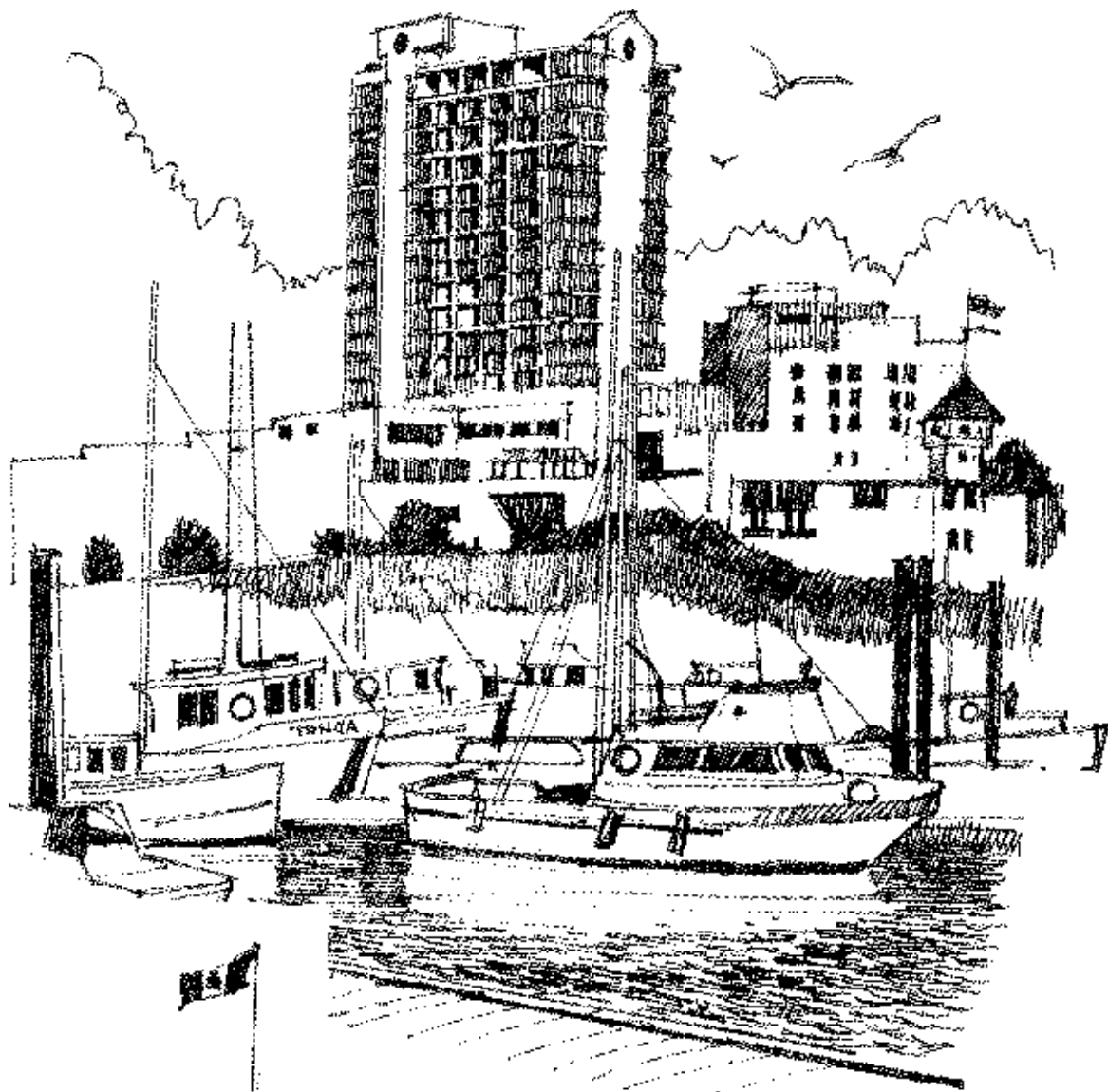
'WAKESIAH' IN INDIAN MEANS  
'CLOSE AT HAND'. LOCAL  
INDIANS GOT THEIR  
LIVELIHOOD FROM  
THE SEA WAKESIAH  
WOULD BE ABOUT AS  
FAR AS THEY WOULD  
VENTURE INLAND.

'JINGLEPOT' HAS ITS  
ORIGIN IN THE EARLY  
COAL MINING DAYS  
WHEN A MINER  
WORKED OVERTIME  
HE WOULD PUT THE

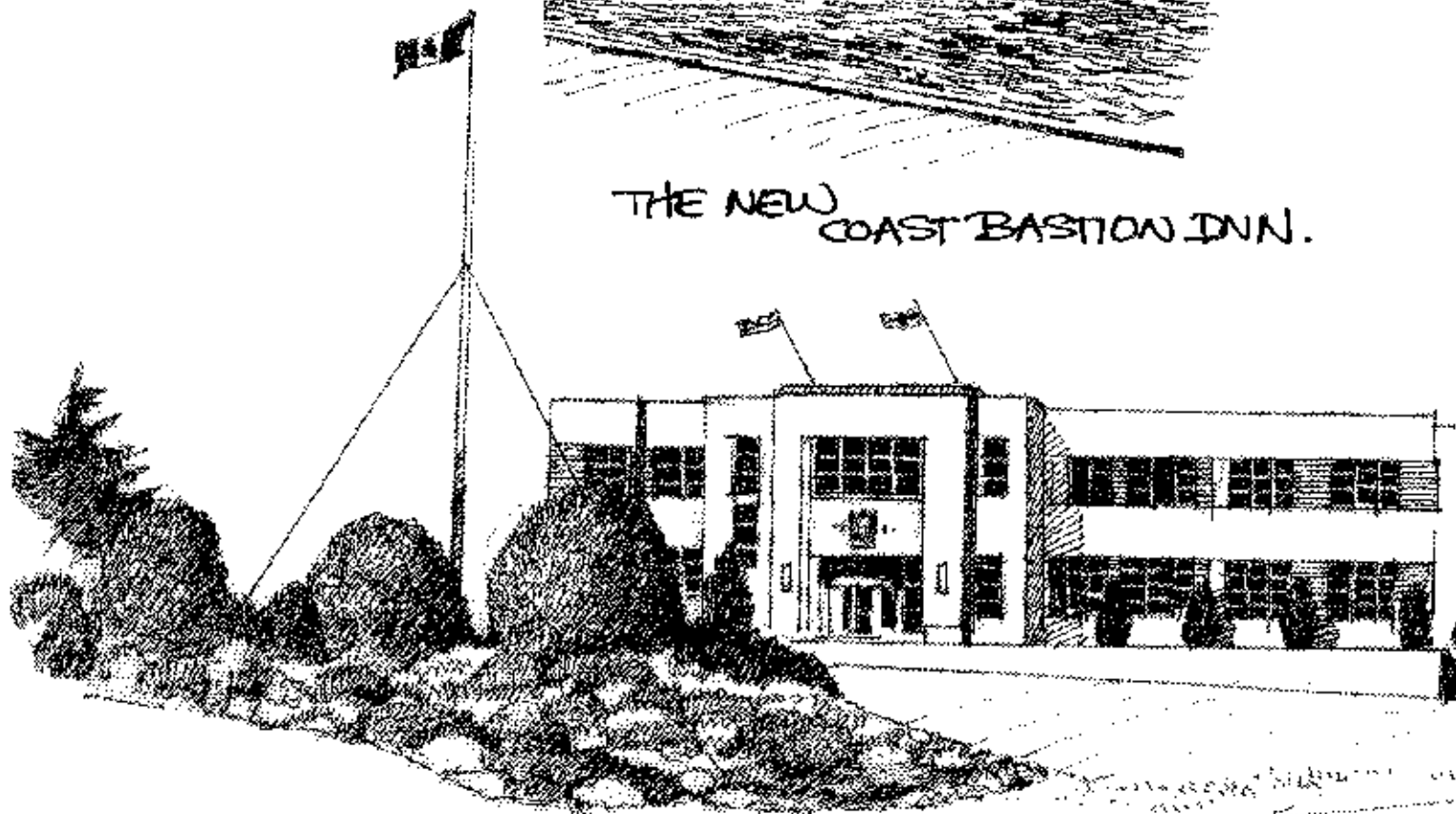
EXTRA PAY INTO A POT. HENCE THE SAYING  
THERE WILL BE A LITTLE JINGLE IN THE  
POT THIS WEEK

PATHS SOFTENED WITH FIR NEEDLES LEAD TO THIS  
VIEW OF WESTWOOD LAKE AND MOUNT BENSON. THE  
ROCKY SLOPES ARE SPOTTED WITH ARBUTUS, UNUSUAL  
THIS FAR INLAND



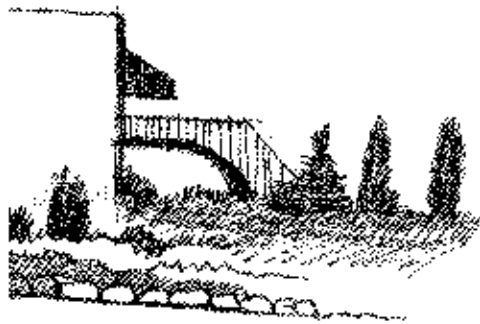


THE NEW  
COAST BASTION INN.

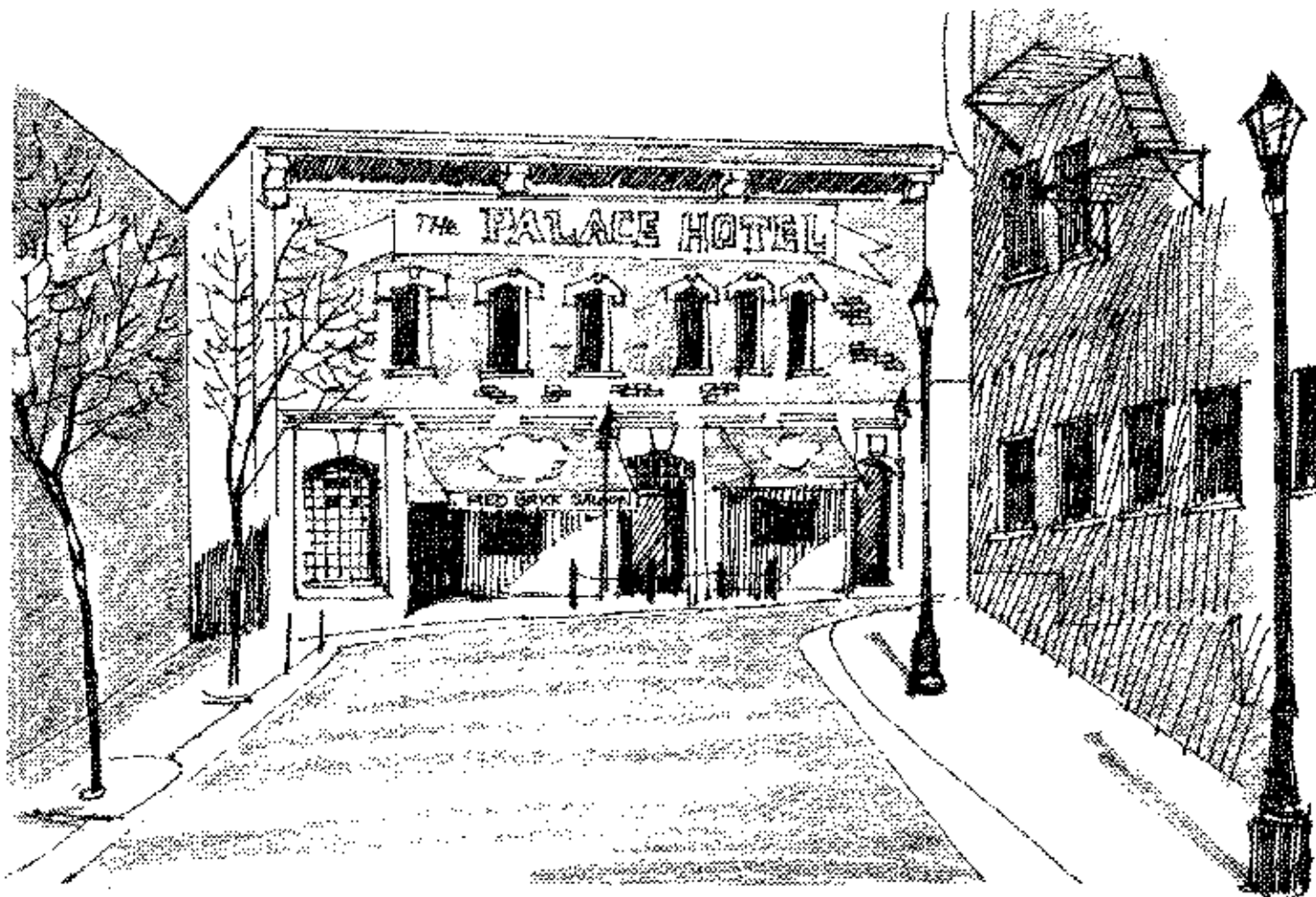




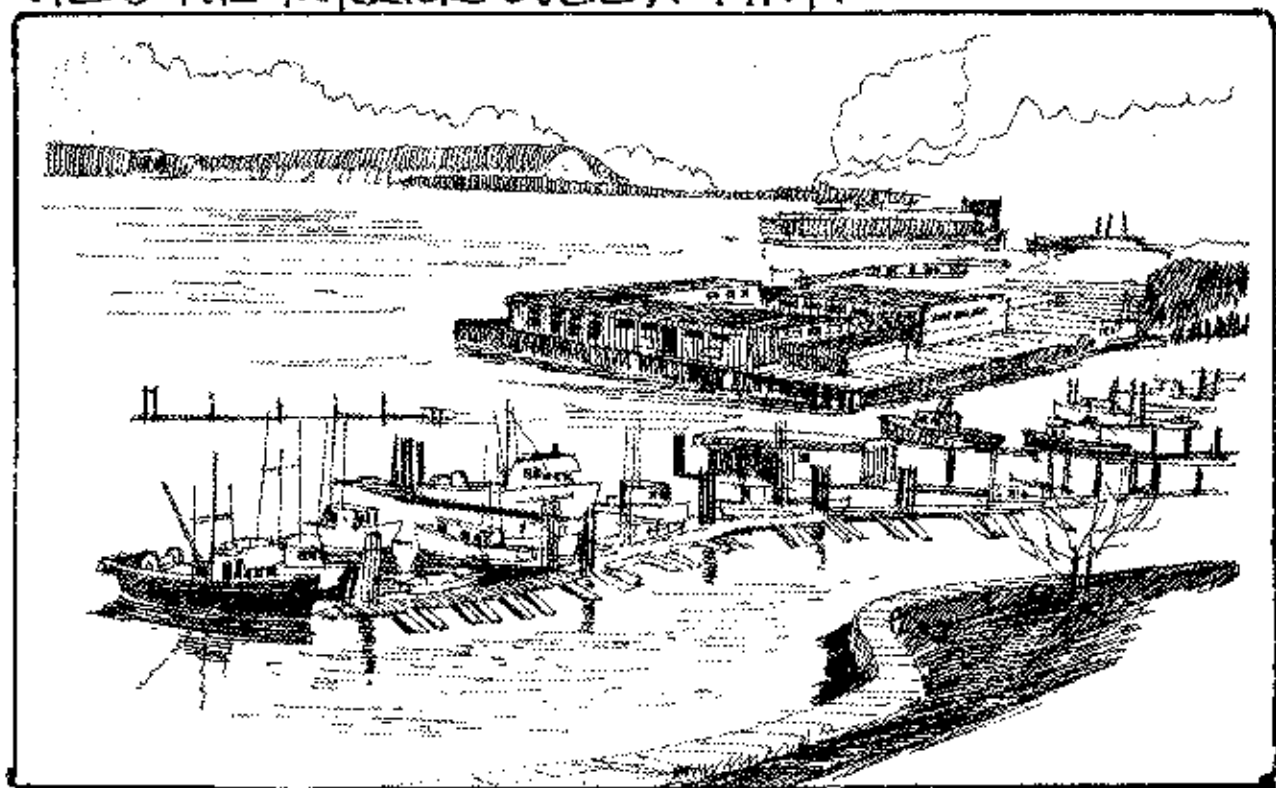
I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THE WINDMILL PALMS OF PEARSON BRIDGE AS MUCH AS I DO. I EAGERLY AWAIT THEIR SPRING OUTCOMING AND HOPE FOR THEIR SAKE AND MINE THAT THE SUMMER IS LONG AND HOT



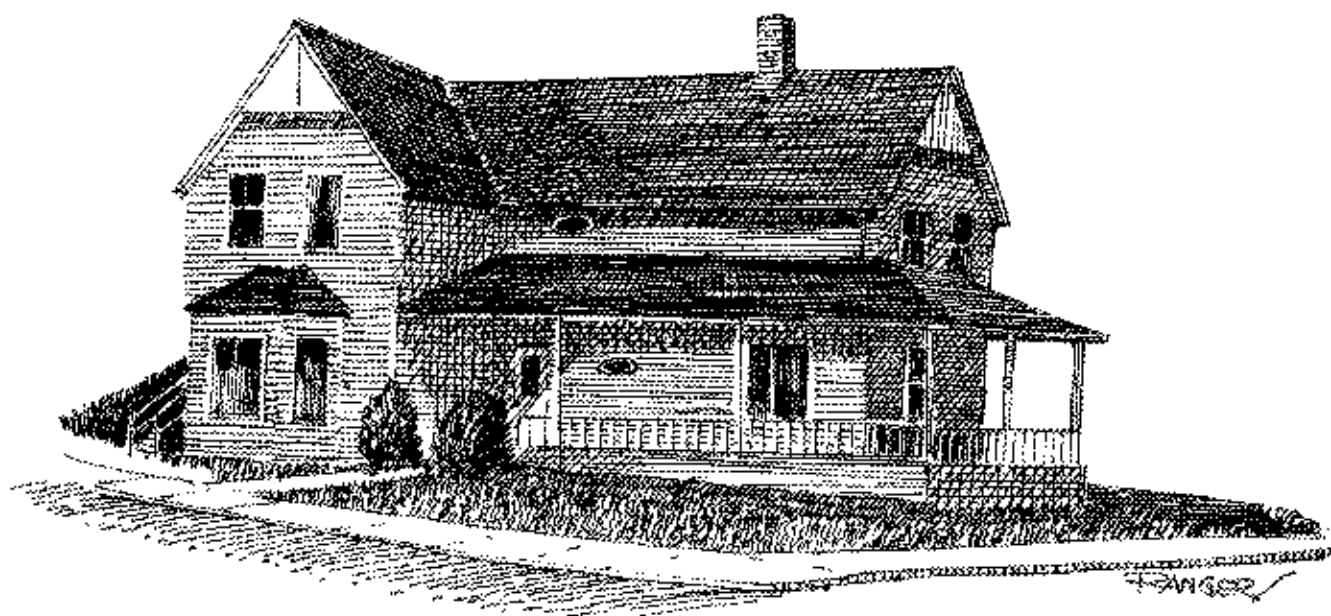
THE NANAIMO CITY HALL THOUGH MODEST IN DESIGN IS GRAPEFULLY COMPLEMENTED BY BEAUTIFULL LANDSCAPING. A SPHERICAL TIME CAPSULE ONCE TOPPED THE FLAG POLE AS I SKETCHED I WONDERED WHAT HAD BECOME OF IT.



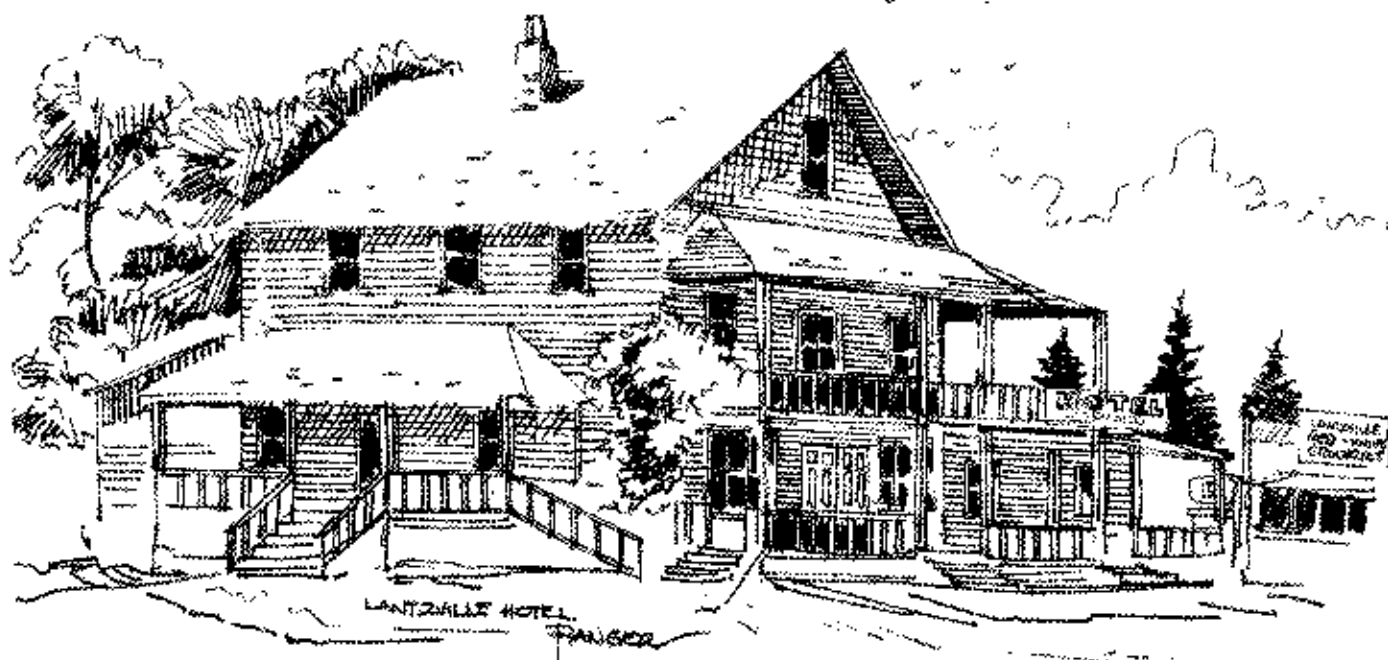
THE GRAND OLD PALACE HOTEL HAS BEEN BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED. TO TRULY APPRECIATE THE RESTORATION ONE MUST VIEW THE INTERIOR OVER A PINT.



108 THIS VIEW OF NANAIMOS BOAT BASIN WAS FROM THE ROOF OF THE MALA SPINA HOTEL



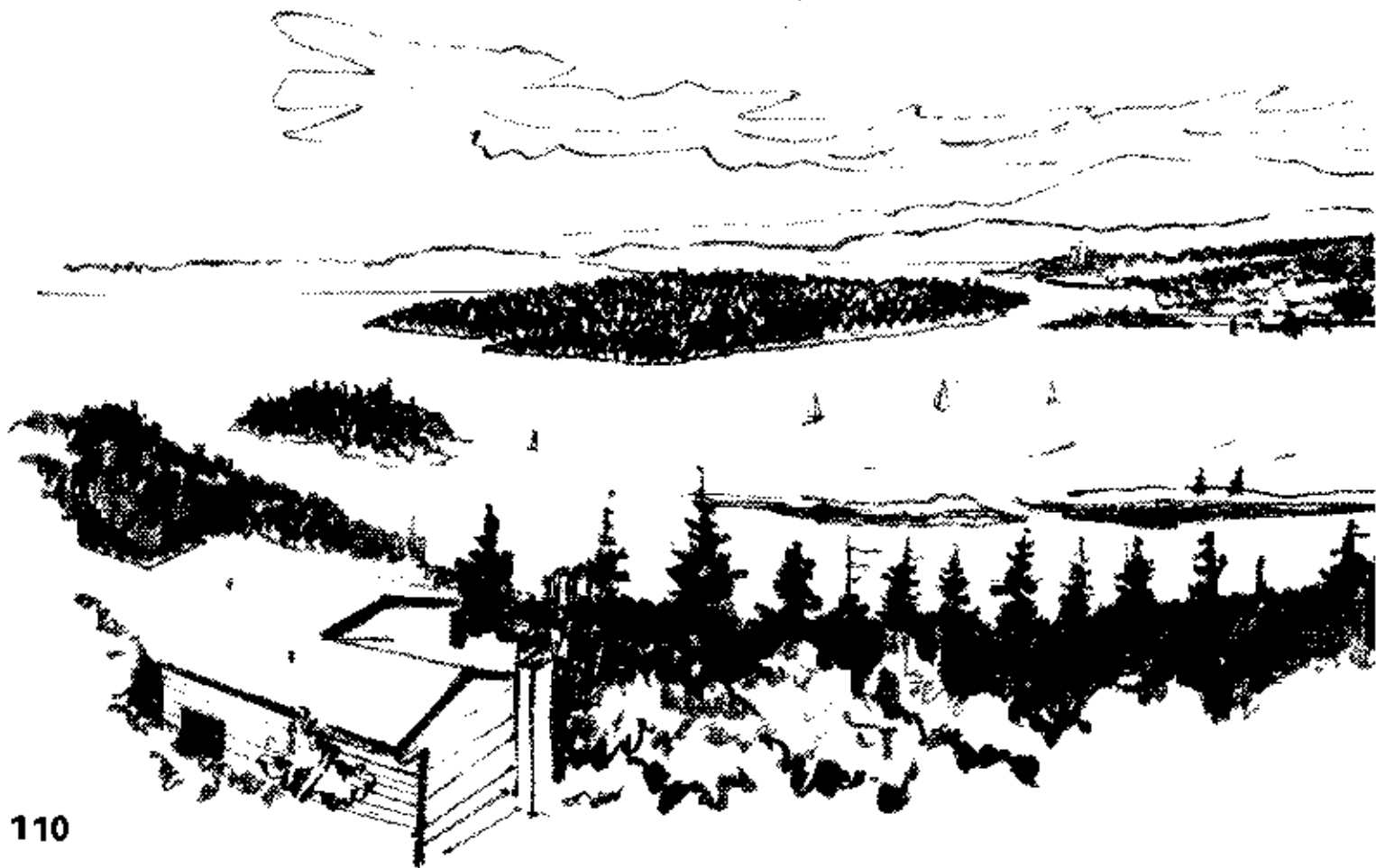
THIS BUILDING ON ALBERT STREET WAS ONCE MRS  
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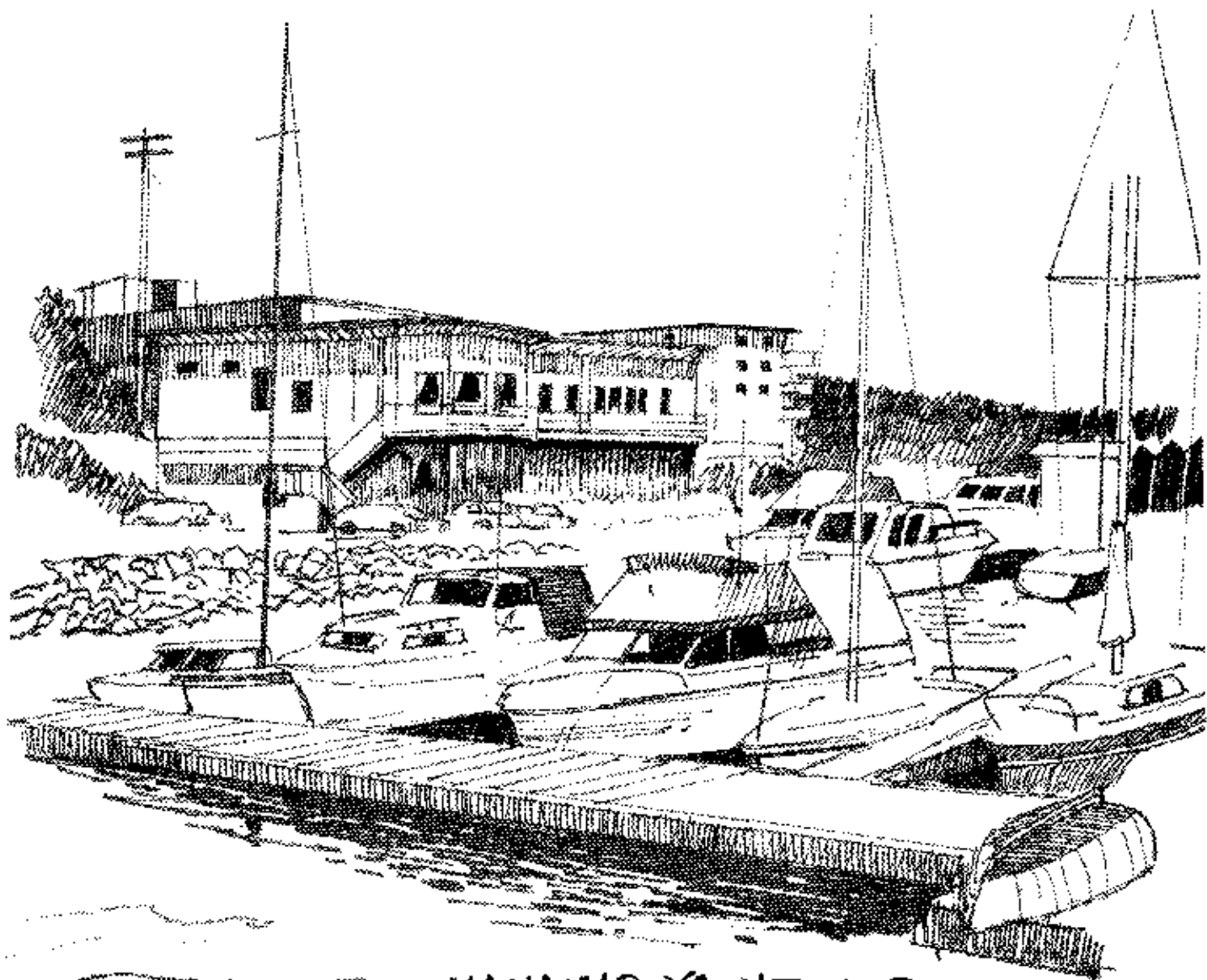
THE LANTZVILLE HOTEL WAS ONCE CONSIDERED A  
WAY OUT IN THE BOON DOCKS BUT NANAIMOS  
MAJOR GROWTH HAS BEEN TOWARD THE NORTH AND  
NOW LANTZVILLE LIES JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY  
LIMITS.



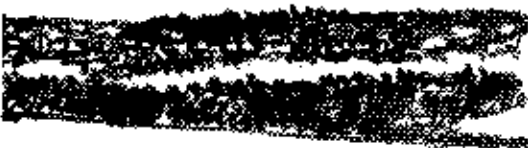
*ABOVE: THE VIEW FROM REEF COVE ON  
PROTECTION ISLAND, LOOKING NORTH*








NANAIMO YACHT CLUB  
NEWCASTLE ISLAND CHANNEL



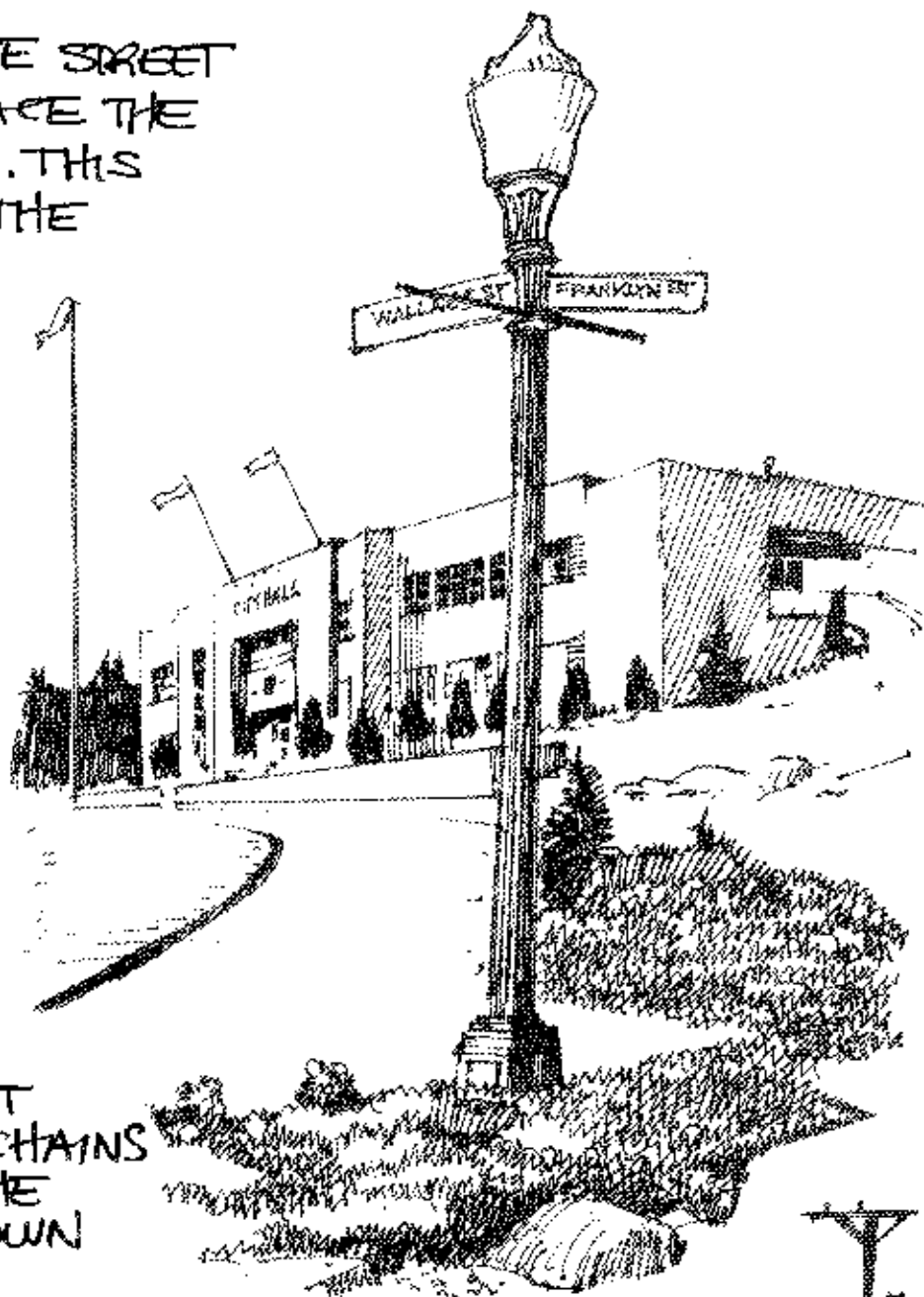
THIS FANTASTIC PANORAMIC VIEW OF DEPARTURE BAY IS SEEN FROM ONE OF NANAIMOS NEWEST RESIDENTIAL AREAS. THE LITTLE ISLAND TO THE LEFT IS JESSE ISLAND. THE LONG ISLAND IN THE FORE GROUND IS BRANDON ISLAND. NEWCASTLE ISLAND IS IN THE MIDDLE GROUND TO THE LEFT AND NANAIMOS DOWNTOWN IS TO THE RIGHT

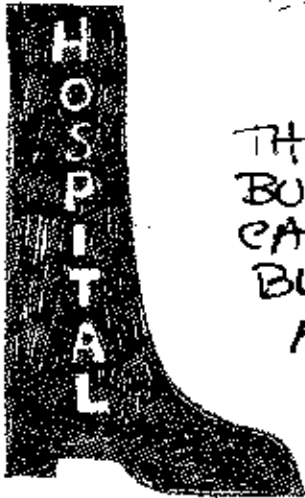
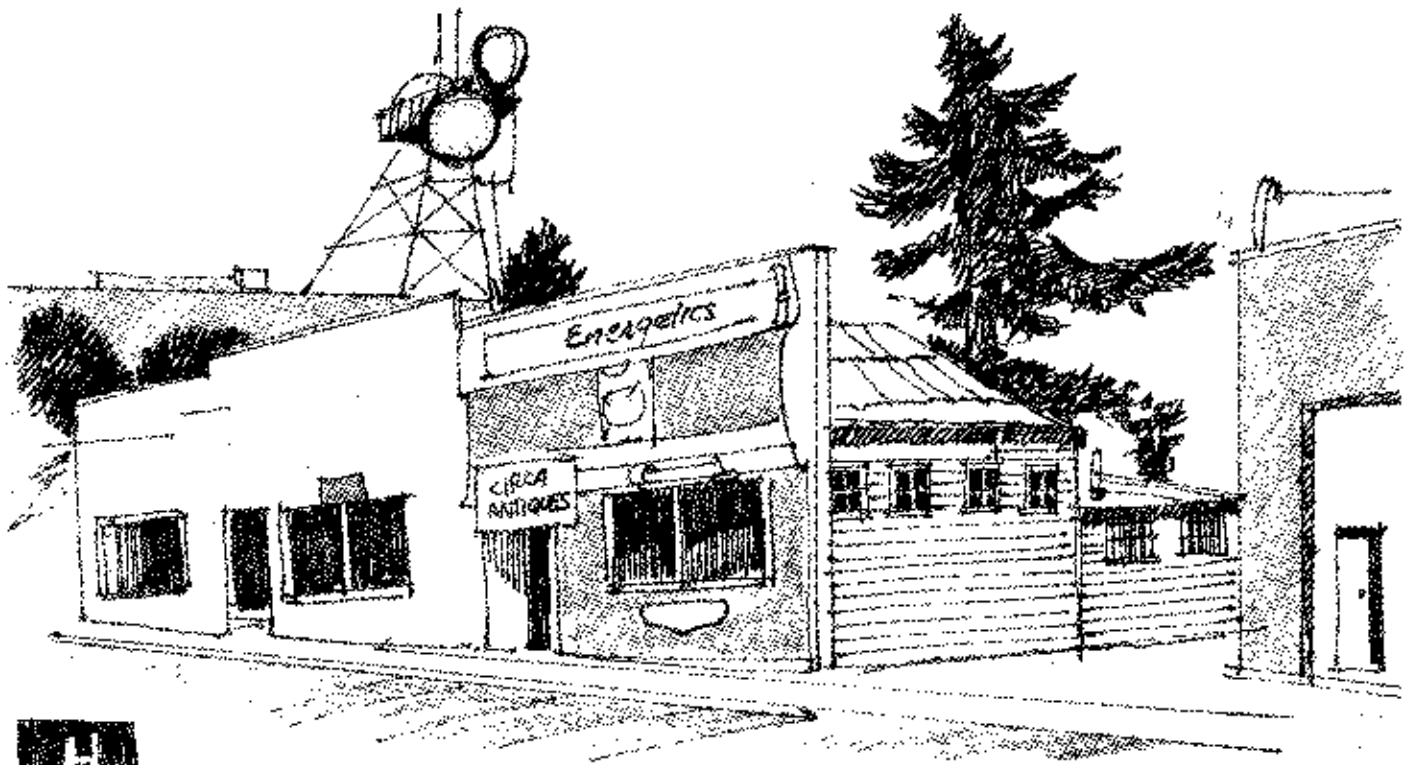


MANY ATTRACTIVE STREET LIGHTS NOW GRACE THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THIS STYLE LIGHTING THE ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL IS MY FAVORITE

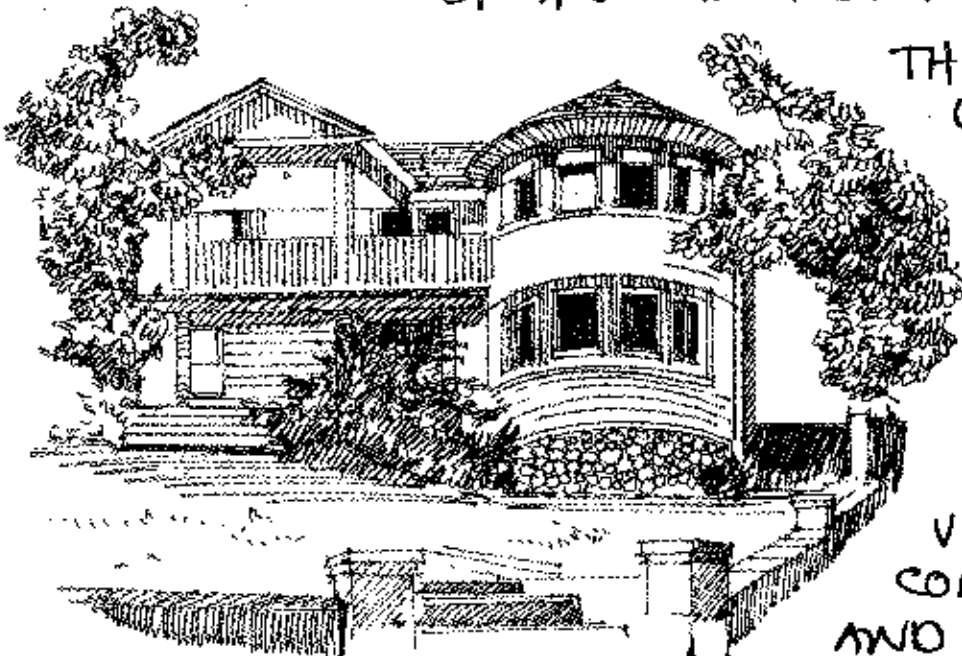
THE "YE OLDE CORNER STORE" AT BRUCE AND 7TH STREET IN SOUTH FIVE ACRES (HAREWOOD) IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF HOW SERVICE AND GOOD MERCHANDISING IN A CORNER STORE

CAN STILL HOLD OUT AGAINST THE BIG CHAINS THEY ALSO SERVE THE BIGGEST CONES IN TOWN

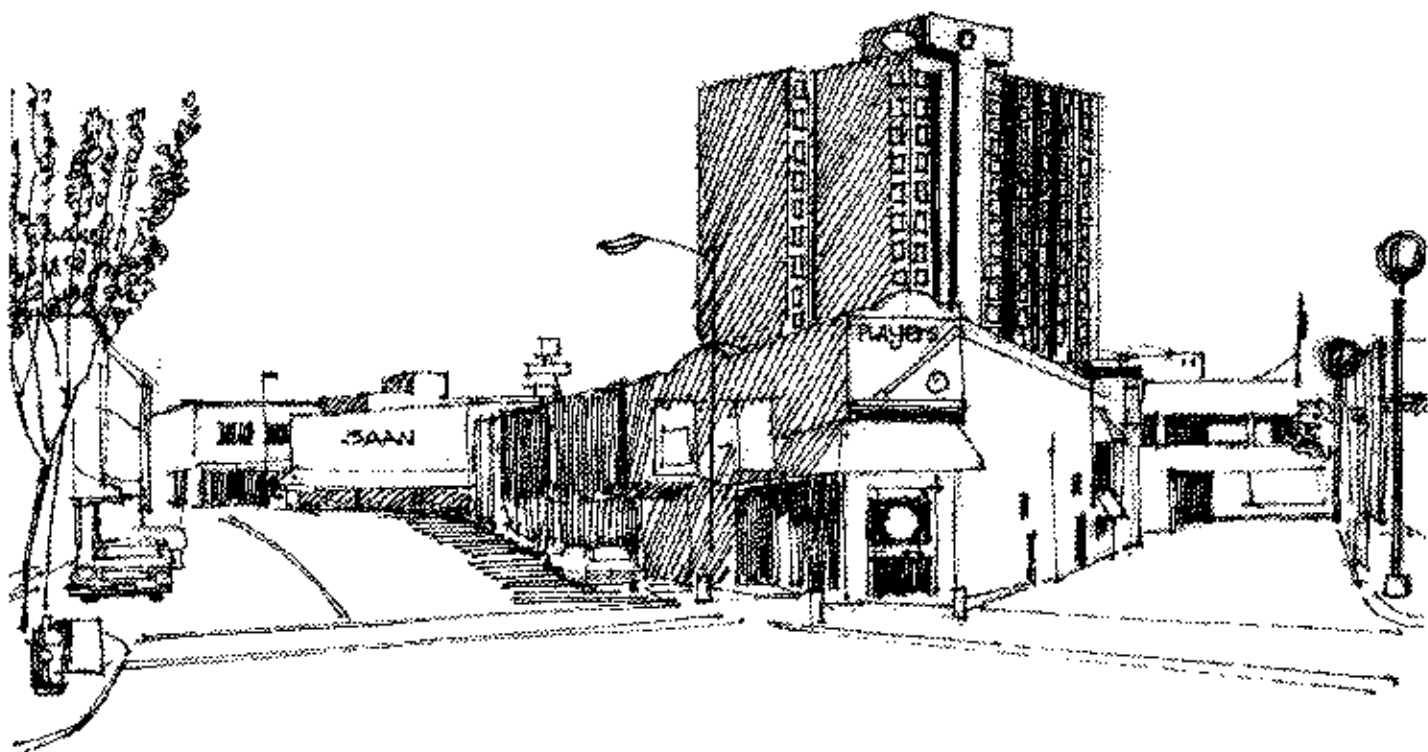




THIS BUILDING ON FITZWILLIAM STREET WAS BUILT BY MY GRANDFATHER WHEN HE CAME TO NANAIMO IN 1910. A LARGE METAL BLACK BOOT HUNG IN FRONT OF HIS SHOP ANNOUNCING HIS OCCUPATION. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE SHOES FOR THE LONDON POLICE FORCE. NEXT DOOR THE B.C. TEL NOW OCCUPIES THE SITE OF AN EARLY DRY CLEANERS



THIS FINE OLD HOME WAS THE PRIDE OF NANAIMOS FIRST ELITE RESIDENTIAL AREA. SITUATED AT THE CORNER OF KENNEDY AND FITZWILLIAM IT HAD A COMMANDING VIEW OF THE BUSY COMMERCIAL AREA AND NANAIMO HARBOUR



I WILL ALWAYS THINK OF THE ABOVE AS WALLS AND BRADSHAWS CORNER AFTER THE STORE WHICH WAS LOCATED TO THE EXTREME RIGHT

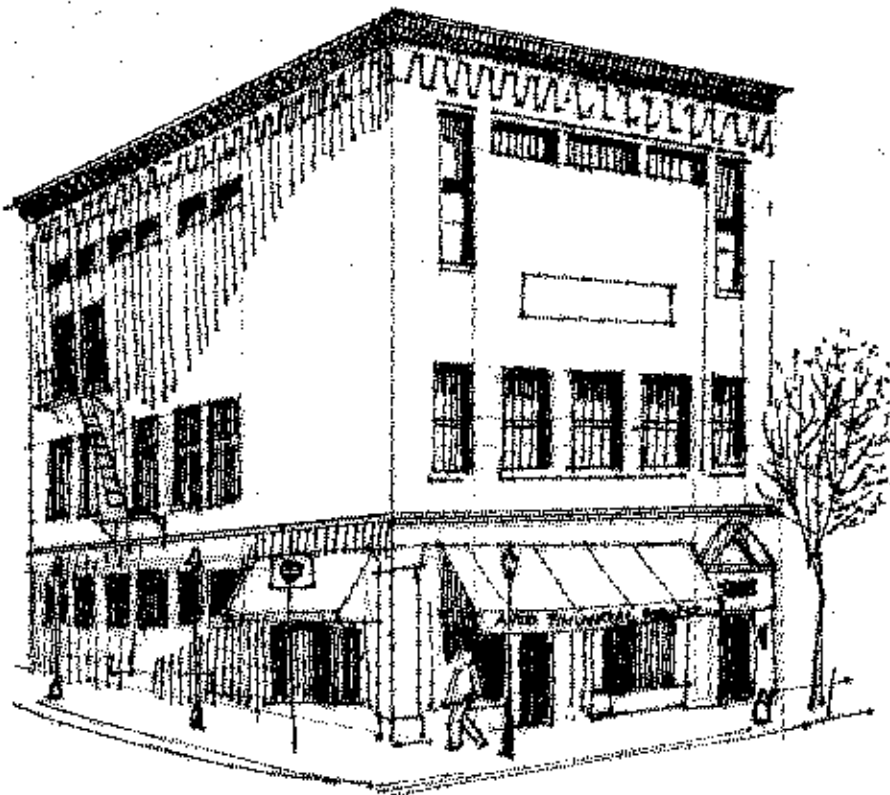
THE NANAIMO FREE PRESS PUBLISHED ITS FIRST EDITION IN 1874. EXCUSE ME I SHOULD HAVE STATED DAILY. THATS VERY IMPORTANT.



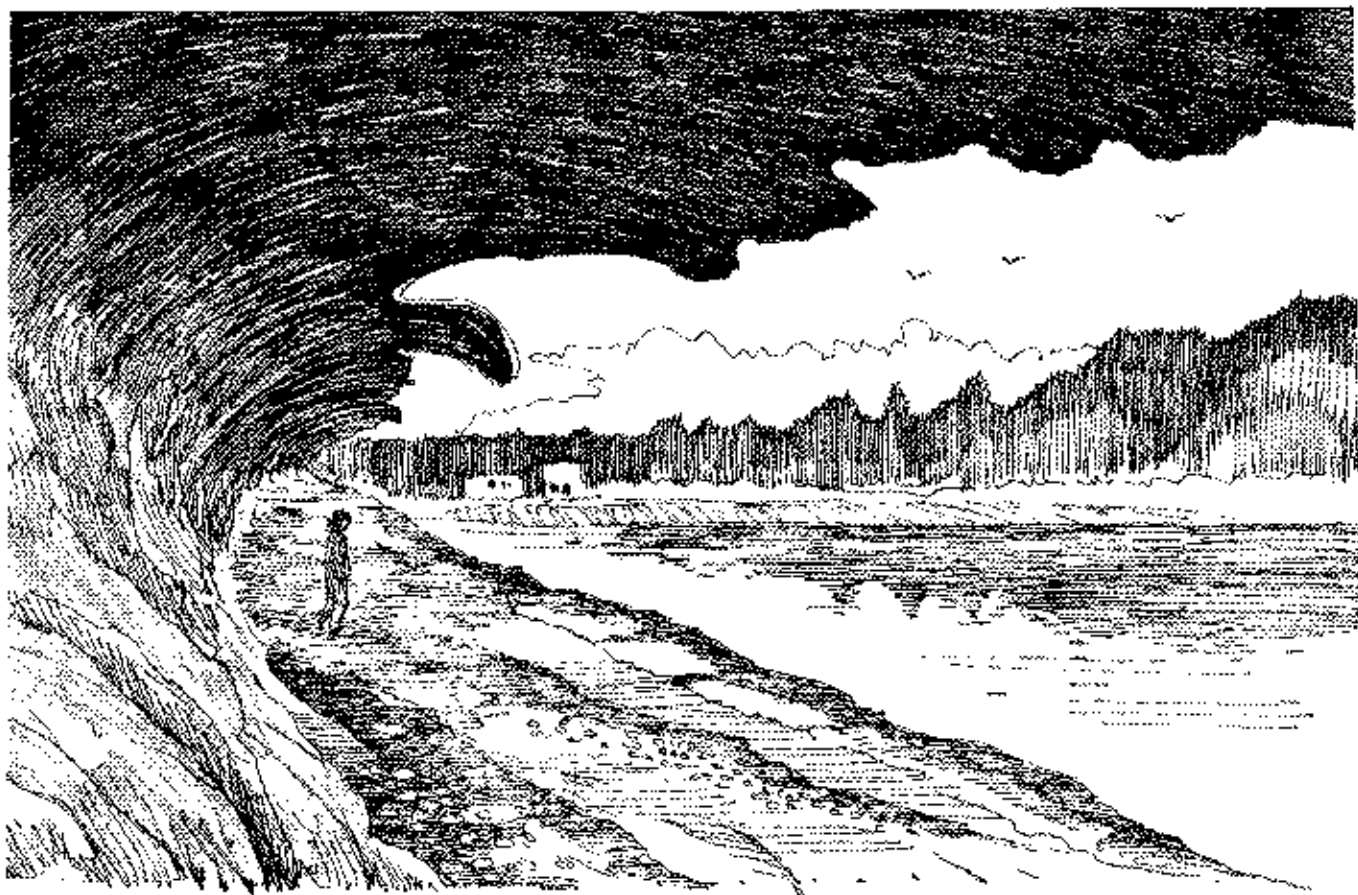
I REMEMBER THE SOUNDS OF THAT BIG PRESS AND THE SMELL OF NEWSPRINT AND INK AND THE PAPERBOYS 114 CANVAS BAGS IN HAND WAITING AT THE BUSINESS END



THE OLD HOME ABOVE IS SITUATED ON FRANKLIN STREET JUST HALFA BLOCK FROM THE CITY HALL. IT HAS A BEAUTIFUL SECOND STORY WINDOW LOOKING OUT TOWARD THE HARBOUR DECORATIVELY FRAMED WITH ARTISTIC GABLE FACING BOARDS AND FROM BELOW WITH IVY SEEN BEYOND THIS HOUSE IS THE FRANKLYN STREET GYMNASIUM

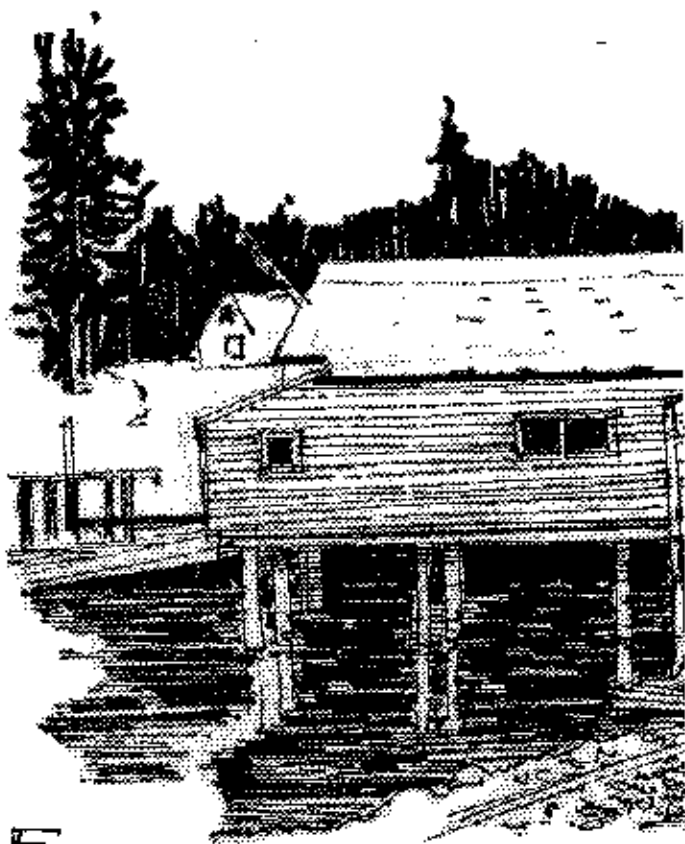


TO THE LEFT IS A SKETCH OF THE BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED ASHLAR LODGE BUILDING ON THE CORNER OF SKINNER AND COMMERCIAL

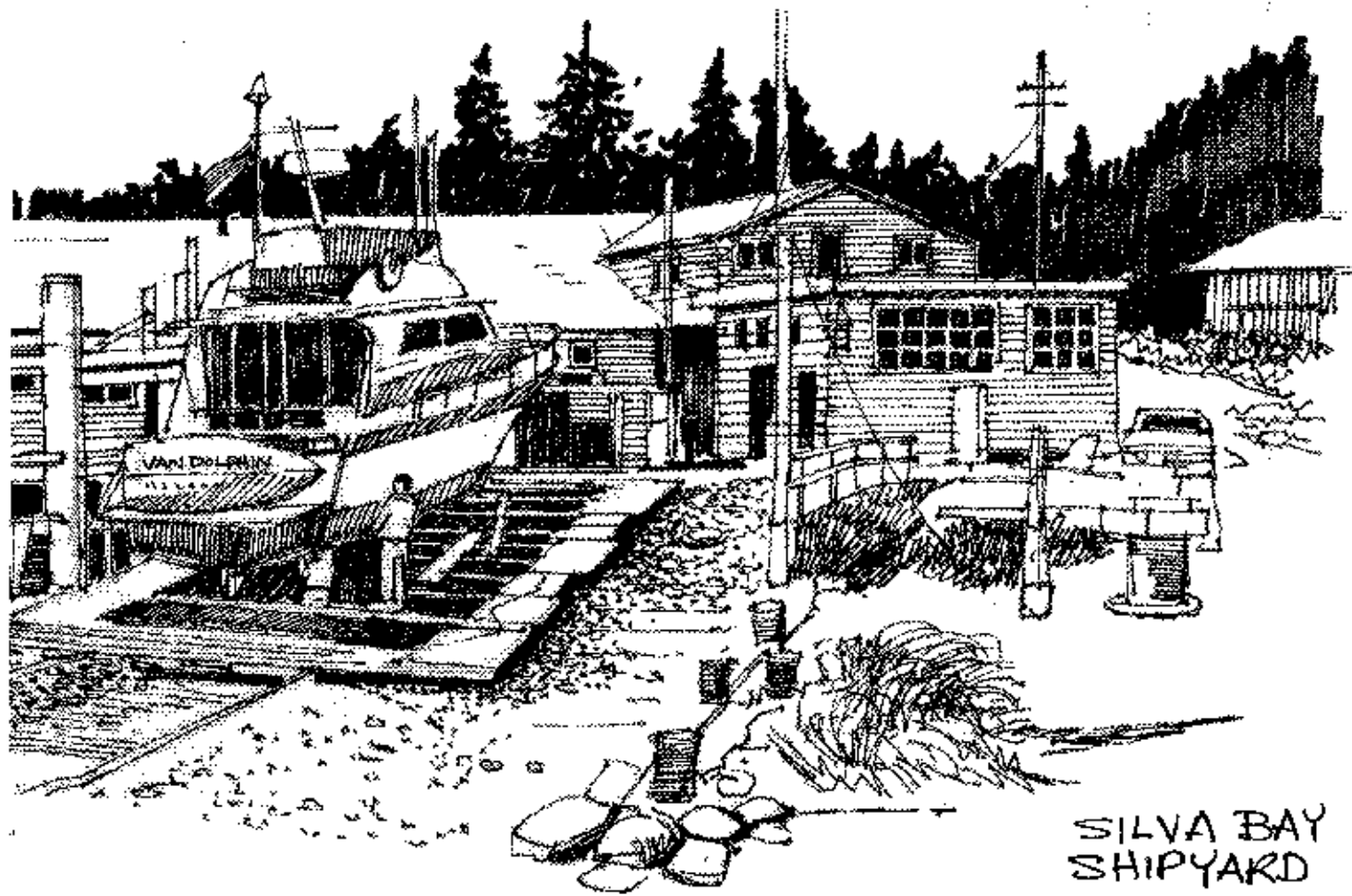
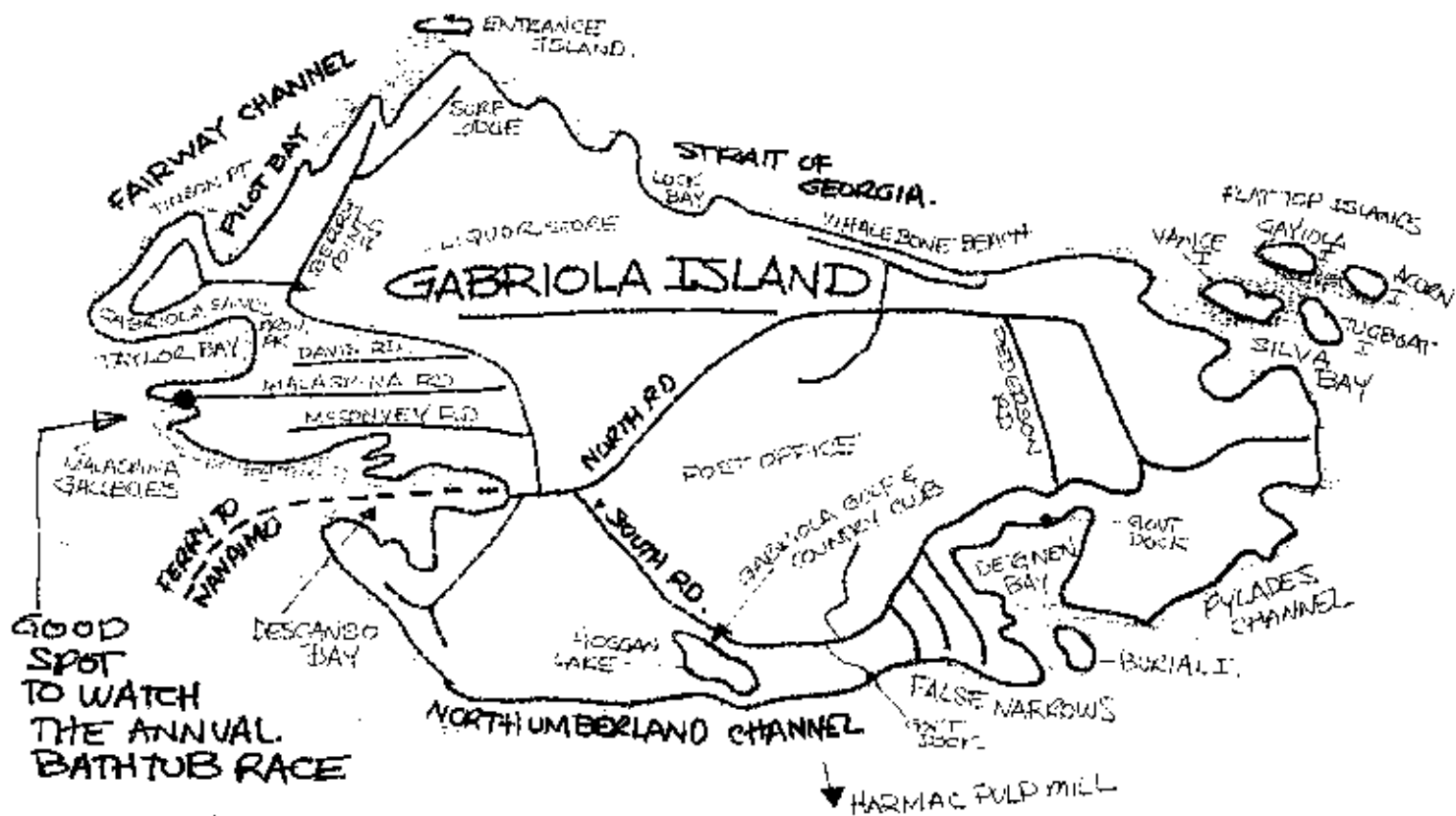


RESEMBLING HUGE SCULPTURAL WAVES MALASPINA GALLERIES IS THE OUTSTANDING WORK OF WIND AND TIDE. TO FIND IT GO TO THE END OF MALASPINA ROAD AND TAKE THE UNMARKED FOOT PATH FOLLOWING THE FENCE LINE. THIS NATURAL WONDER IS NOT WELL SIGNED

SILVA BAY COMPLETE WITH SHIPYARD, INN, GIFT SHOPS AND A HARBOUR FULL OF ISLANDS IS ONE OF GABRIOLA'S MOST PICTURESQUE SPOTS. I FOUND THE CHIPS AT THE "CAPE COD" EXCELLENT.



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SILVA BAY SHIPYARD 117

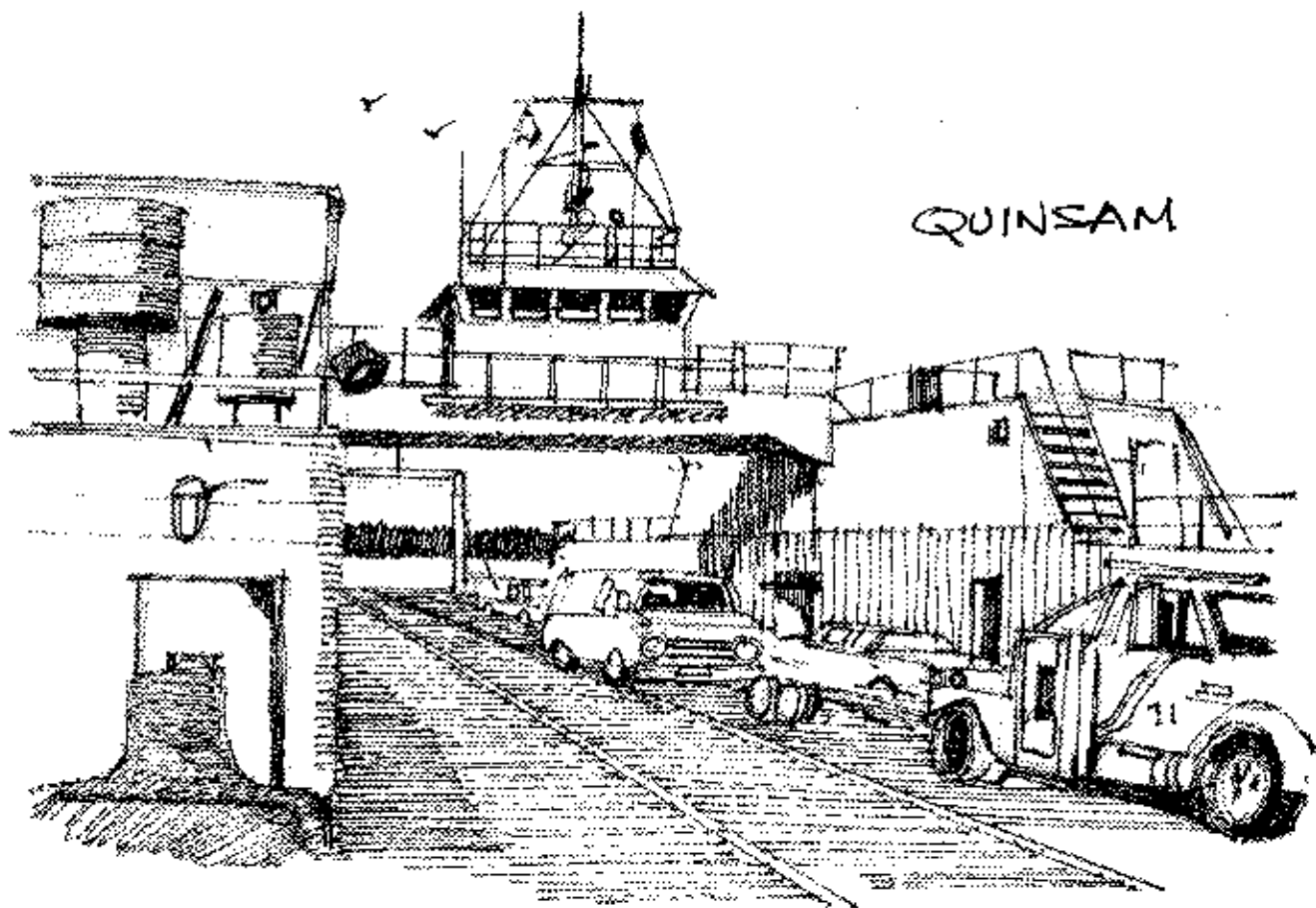


GABRIOLA SANDS PROV. PARK



ENTRANCE ISLAND  
LIGHTHOUSE





COUNTRY ROADS WITH TREE LINED SUMMER  
SHADE AND PASTORAL SCENES FROM A  
QUIETER YESTERYEAR LINK THE POCK-  
MARKED SANDSTONE BAYS AND  
HARBOUR ACTIVITIES OF THIS  
LARGE GULF ISLAND. LINKED TO  
NANAIMO BY A  
REGULAR B.C.  
FERRY SERVICE THE  
ISLANDERS HAVE  
MANAGED TO MAINTAIN  
A QUIET INDEPENDENCE



IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING THIS BOOK TOGETHER I REDISCOVERED MY HOMETOWN AND A SENSE OF PLACE I FEEL TOWARD THIS PARTICULAR SPOT ON THE GLOBE. I HOPE IT KINDLES A SPARK FOR YOU AS WELL.

*Art Daym*

THE MATERIALS USED FOR THE PRECEDING SKETCHES WERE

