

Mr. D.T. Lutes

Interviewed April 13, 1972.

Born 1887 in Indian Mountain - Grandmother's brother was with Trites - arrived Richmond May 2, 1904 via C.P.R. at age 17 - first job was milking cows for Uncle - talks about farm - Trites farm at end of Trites Rd. first job at Colonial Cannery was "cooking cans" - (describes this) - later worked for C.P.C. - Calif. Packing Corp. on West Coast of Vancouver Island - talks about this - story about whaling plants and canning fin-back whale for W.W.I - Pilchard story - friend was Jimmie Brown whose wife lives in Steveston. Moved a cannery from Whaling plant to C.P.C. location - set it up - made \$175,000 for 1 year for Company and demanded and received for his work \$100.00 per month for life - Colonial Cannery job was as a "retort" man - this means he was in charge of cans being placed into a large retort which is heated - offal was hauled off - to New Westminster possibly to be reduced to meal and oil - salmon season: big run every 4 years for sockeye - lasted 3 weeks - end of June into July - worked also at Red Cannery which was next to the Colonial up river - talks about Aerry - McWilliams Cannery near Deas Is. - as a cannery worker didn't get much more than room and board - discusses milking cows - McKinney farm - story about Mary Ann Napoleon an Indian girl - Indians working in canneries and chinese as well - before electricity, piped gas was used as illuminating - discusses this - describes retort and cooking method of canned fish - discusses ownership of canneries - Uncle ran either the Colonial or Red Canneries - talks about last run of pilchards off west Coast of Vancouver Is. - pilchards use to swim in Fraser - North Arm and South Arm both had good salmon runs - thinks that some New Westminster Canneries did vegetables after the fishing season - Uncle had 27 Holstein cows - these could produce 5 gals. milk each - talks about

workin g on Harlock Is. at a cannery that opened once every four years
-geese and ducks on Sturgeon Banks rooting for grass roots in shallow
water - also in the fields - talks about his Aunt - talks about Ben
Rose and Sid Watts - talks about drum-drive.

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