THE JAPANESE CONNECTION IN STEVESTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Visual History on The Map

PREFACE

The first Japanese immigrant, Manzo Nagano, arrived in Canada in 1877. Later some other Japanese immigrants arrived in the Vancouver area. In 1888, Mr. Gihei Kuno, from Mio, Mihama, Wakayama, Japan arrived in Victoria and noticed the large school of salmon going down the Fraser River. He was so impressed by the sight that he wrote a letter to his village in Japan to invite his fellow fishermen. Since then, hundreds of immigrants arrived and settled in along side the river, particularly at the mouth of the Fraser River. Steveston was chosen as a base port.

From 1870 on, Steveston grew to be the largest fishing town in British Columbia. Many Japanese immigrants contributed to the fishing industries on the West Coast as fishermen and shore workers.

At the peak in the 1930's, there were approx. 3,500 Japanese descendants living in the Steveston area till the Second World War broke out.

During the 1920's and 1930's all Asians experienced severe racial discrimination from the Caucasian community. Japanese Canadian fishermen were especially hard hit by the denial of their fishing rights on the west coast in 1924. During those years, their living conditions were generally very poor in the fishing villages. Their young children could not even attend the public school in Steveston. Moreover, in 1942 after the Pearl Harbor incident their lives completely changed; the Canadian Government confiscated their livelihoods, land, homes, and boats and fishing gear (May 4, 1942, by the B.C. Security Commission, P.C. 1665). Then they were forced to move inland for security reasons (Jan. 16, 1942, P.C. 365 designated an area 100 miles inland from the west coast as a "protected area" and Feb. 24, 1942, P.C. 1486 empowered the Minister of Justice to control the movement of all persons of Japanese origin in the protected area).

In 1949, as soon as the War Measures Act was lifted, people started to return to the coast. Many returned to Steveston to engage in the fishing industry again.

In 1988, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney announced the Canadian Government's formal apology for the wrongful incarceration, seizure of property and the disfranchisement of thousands of Canadian of Japanese ancestry. A redress settlement was also announced which included individual compensation for all survivors.

In this project, you are able to observe the movement of the settlers of the Japanese descendants on the maps to show where they made their homes in the last decade.

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A Guide to Researchers

1. Master index sheets Page 4 to Page 36 show the all known family names in alphabetical orders.

2. The periods researched (years are indicated in **ID numbers**)

Pre-war period;	1930's
World War 2 :	1941 to 1949
Post-war period:	1960's
	1980's
	2000's

Note: Page number for the above periods, please refer to page 37.

3. Subject area is limited to Steveston, Fraser River waterfront to Steveston Highway and Garry Point to No.2 Road.
Area is divided into 12 zones and color-coded.

4. ID numbers

30-1Y-15	First two numbers shows the year, **1930's**
30-**1Y**-15	Number indicates **ZONE (1), Y** indicates color coded zone,
30-1Y-**15**	Number indicates resident/settlement,

5. Periods of 1941-1949
The war measures Act was in effect, all Japanese origin (Enemy Aliens) are forced to leave the protected Area (100 miles inland from the west coast, P.C. 365)

Major internment camps,

Alta:	Alberta	ID(#1)
Br/Riv	Bridge River, B. C.	#2
Chase:	Chase, B. C.	#3
Cr/L:	Christina Lake, B.	#4
GrF:	Grand Forks, B. C.	#5
Grw:	Greenwood, B. C.	#6
Kasl:	Kaslo, B. C.	#7
Lem/C	Lemon Creek, B. C.	#8
Lill:	Lilooet, B. C.	#9
Man:	Manitoba	(#10)
Mdw:	Midway, B. C	#11
Min.	Minto, B. C	#12
New:	New Denver, B. C.	#13

Ont/Agl	Ontario /Angler*	(#14)
Rev:	Revelstoke, B. C.	#15
San:	Sandon, B.C.	#16
Sloc:	Slocan, B. C.	#17
Tas:	Tashme, B. C.	#18
Vern:	Vernon, B. C	#19

(*): the concentration camp in Angler, Ontario.

Note: This area of the finding is left for further future research.

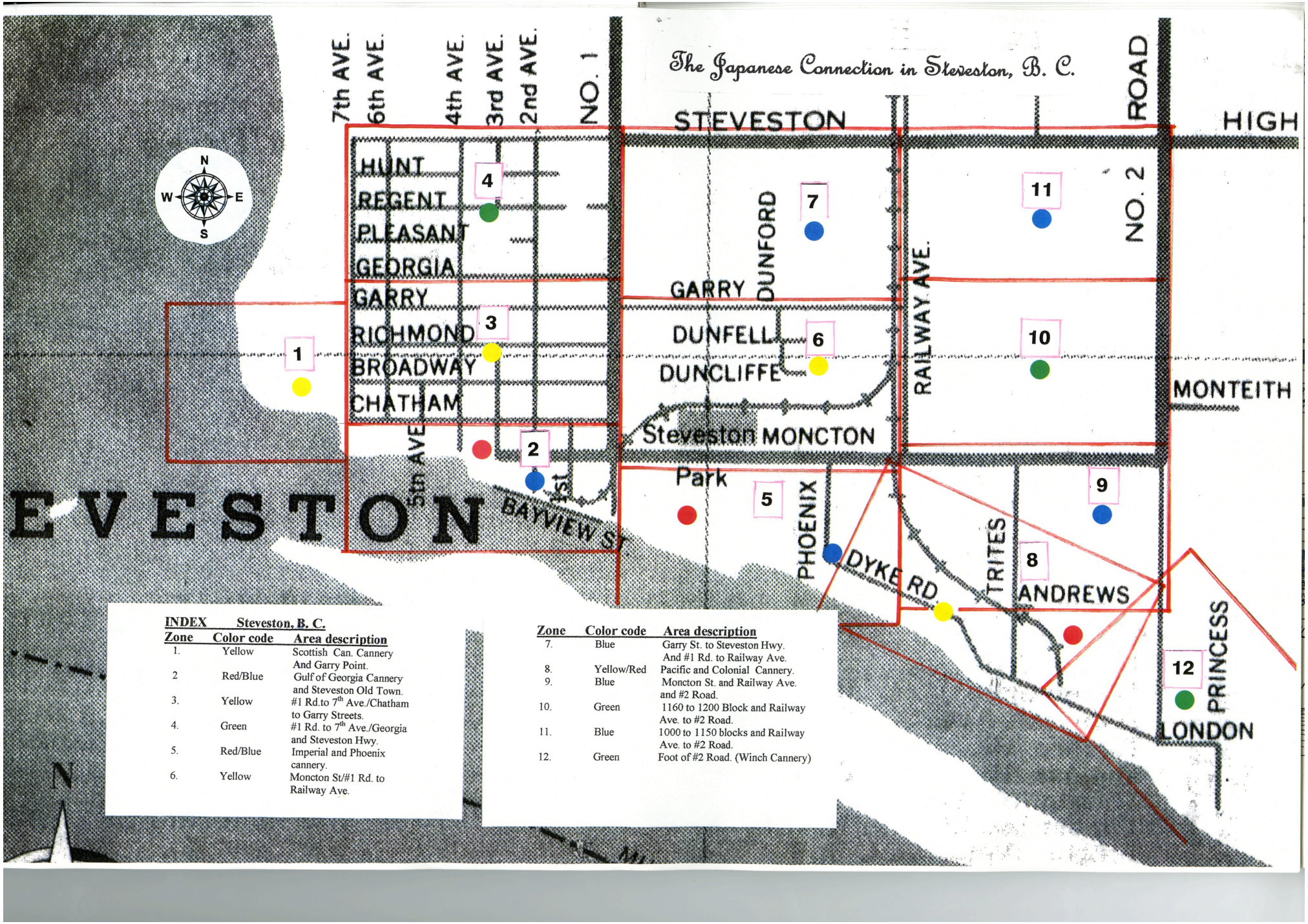
Possible sources;

British Columbia Security Commission Records, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa.
Redress Records, National J.C.C.A. and Library and Archives Canada.
Person/persons who experienced relocations.

6. Known resident's address.
   Details are shown in the Zone pages for the period.

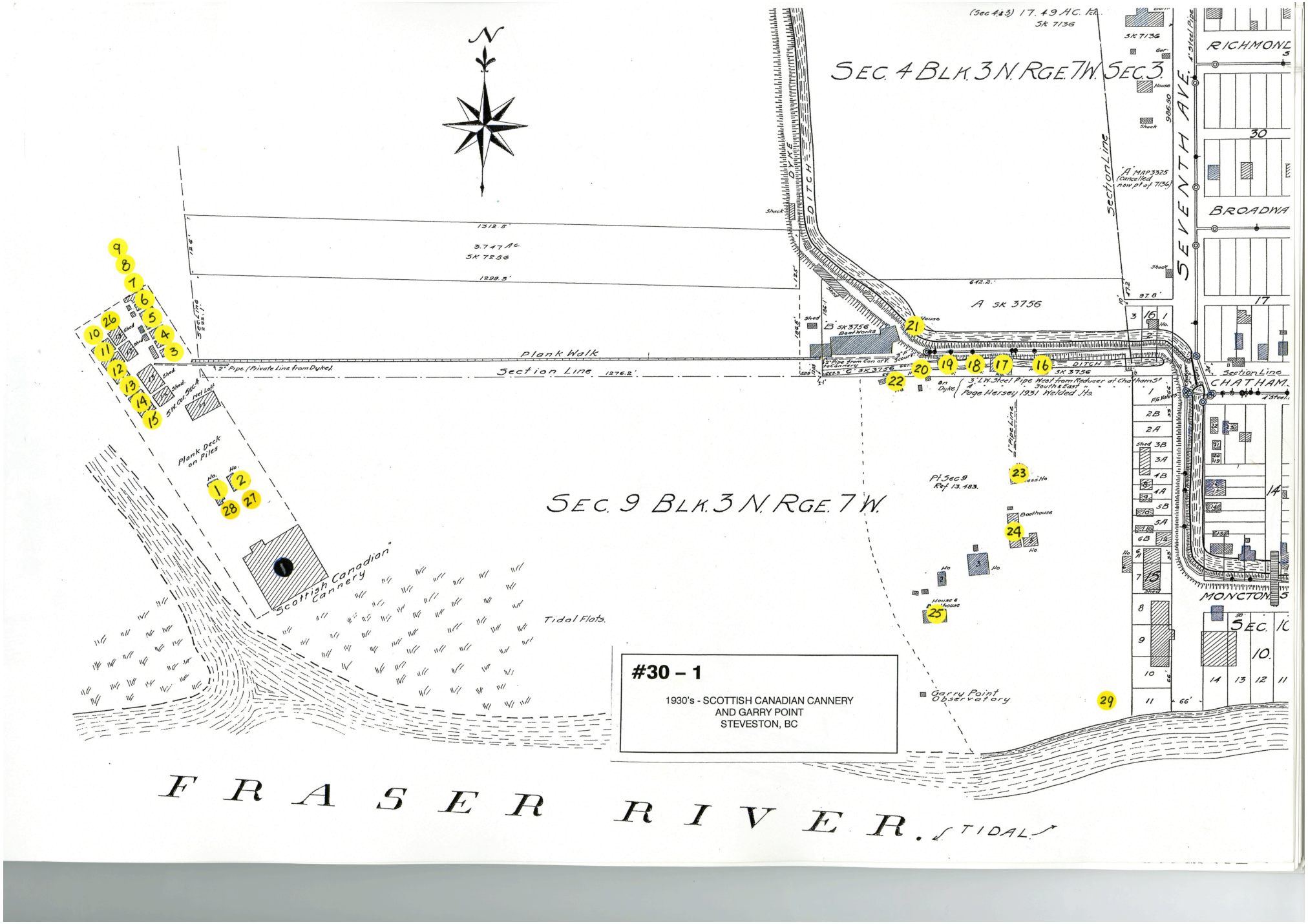
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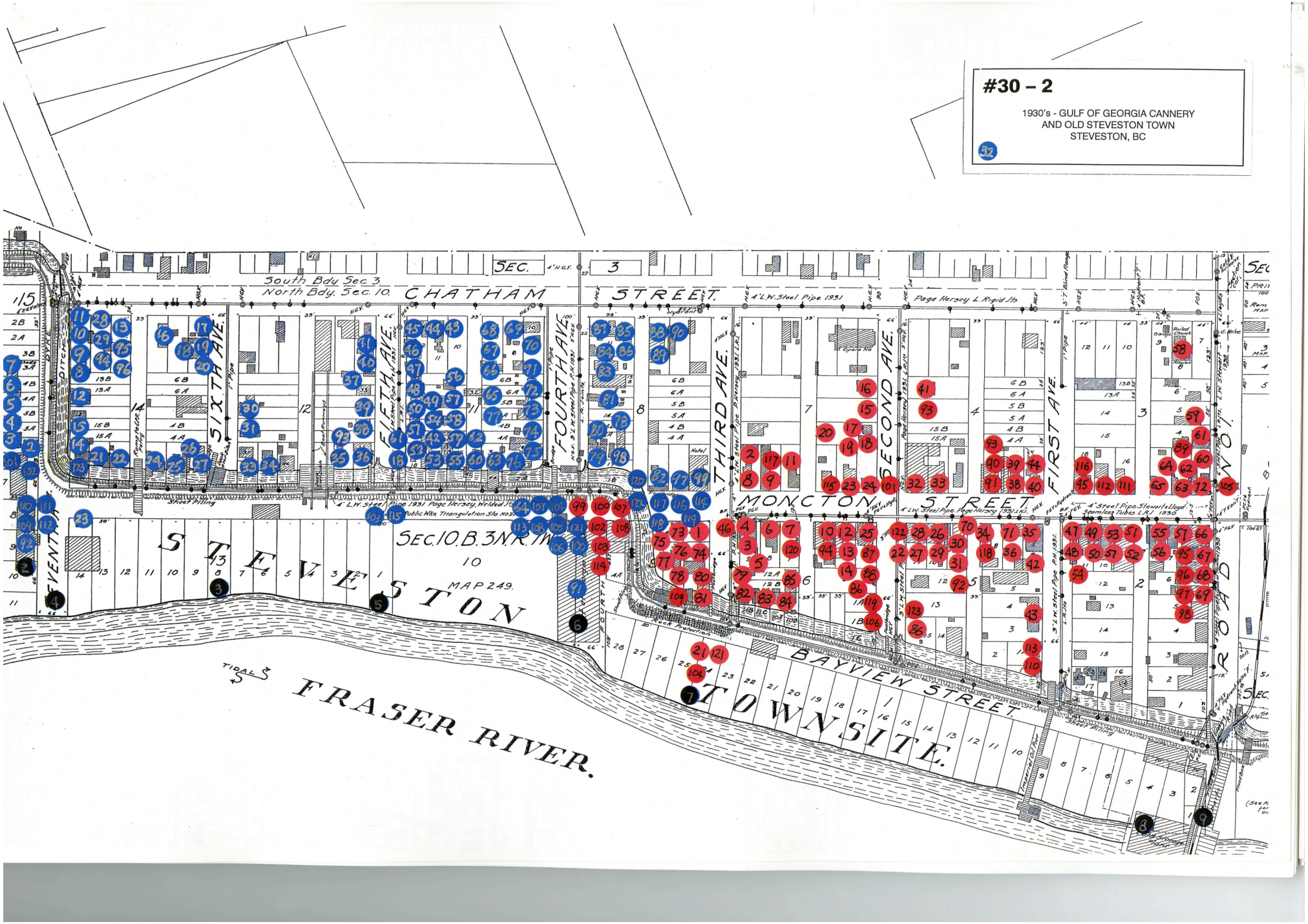
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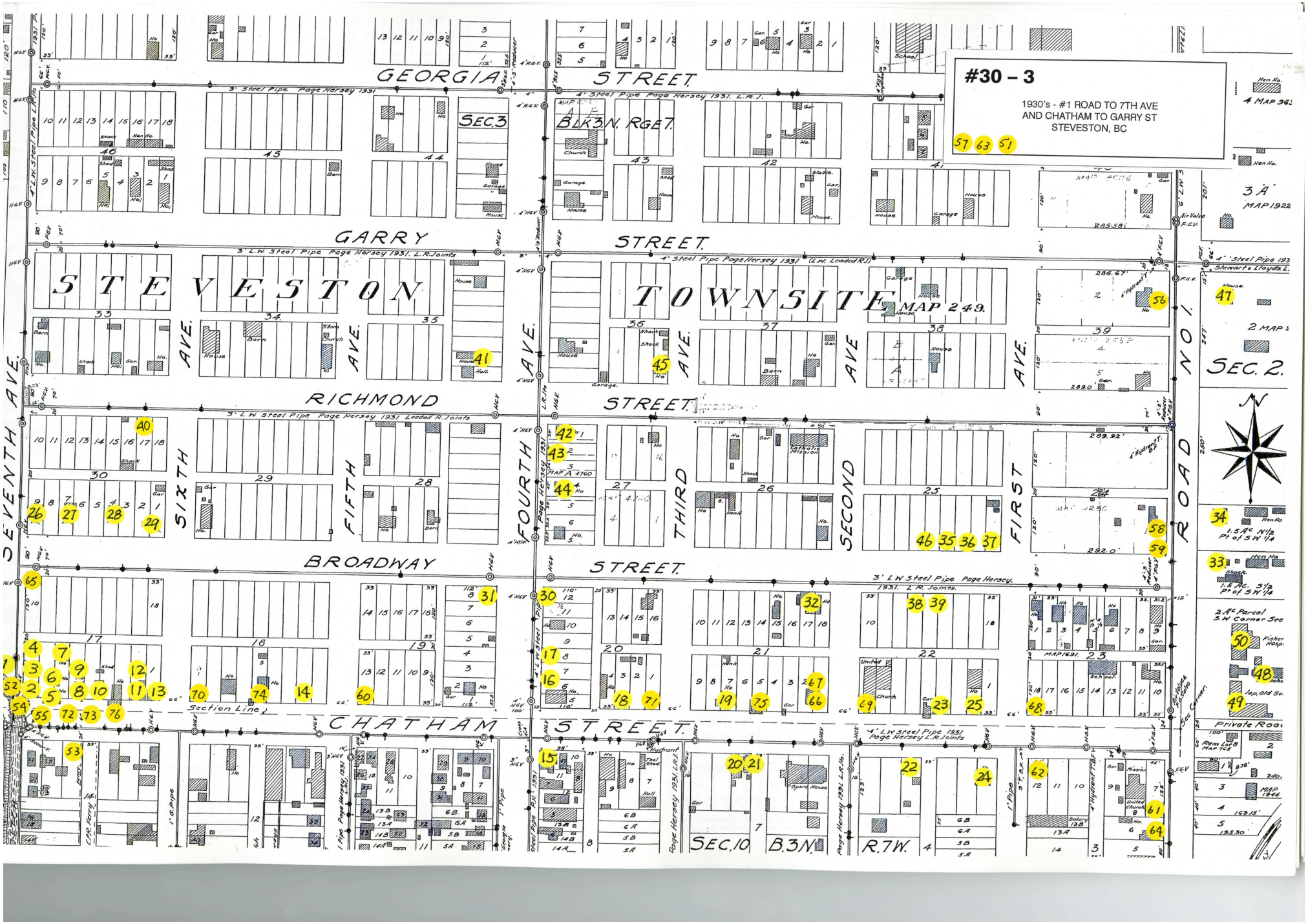


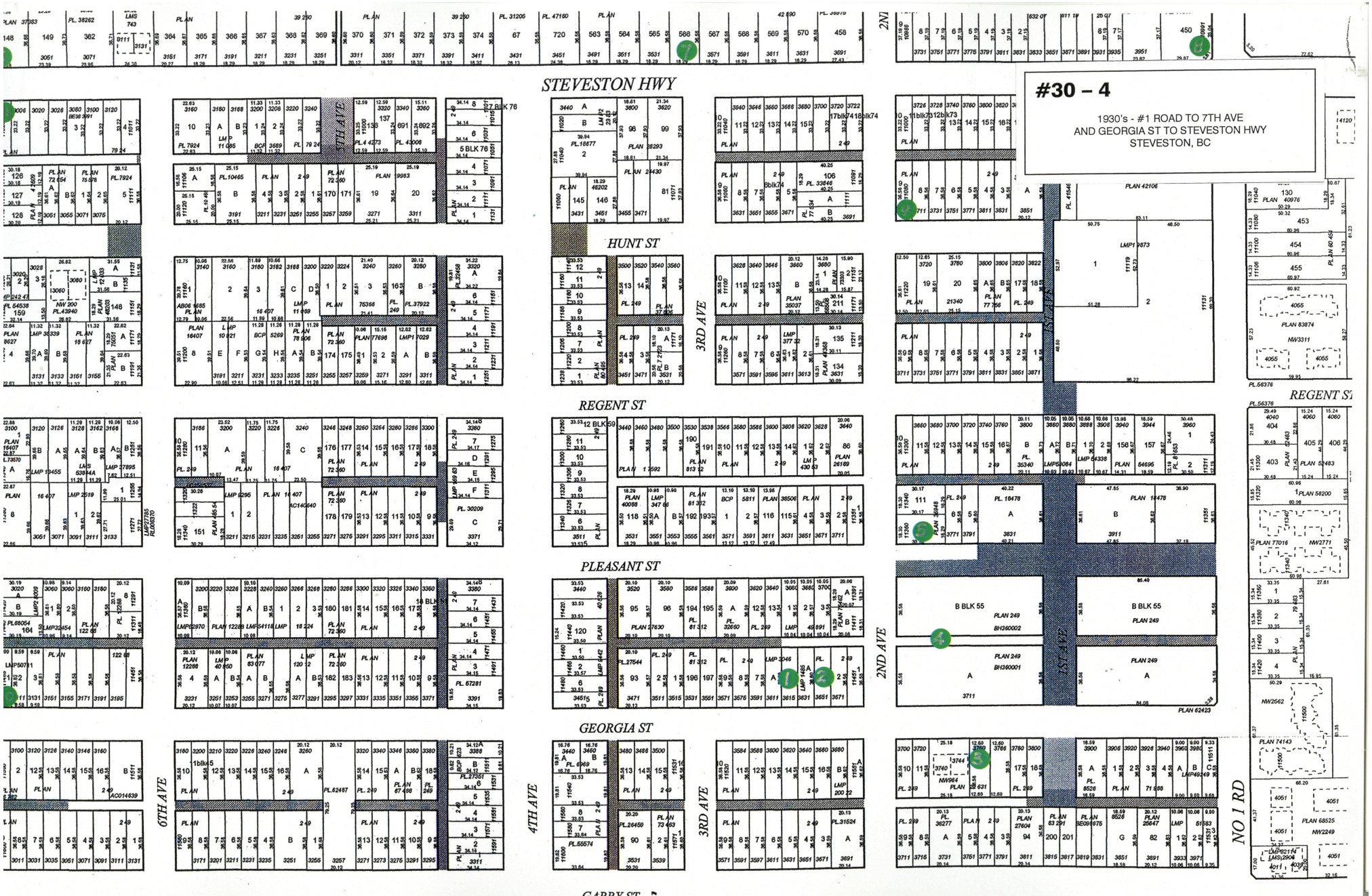
INDEX Steveston, B. C.

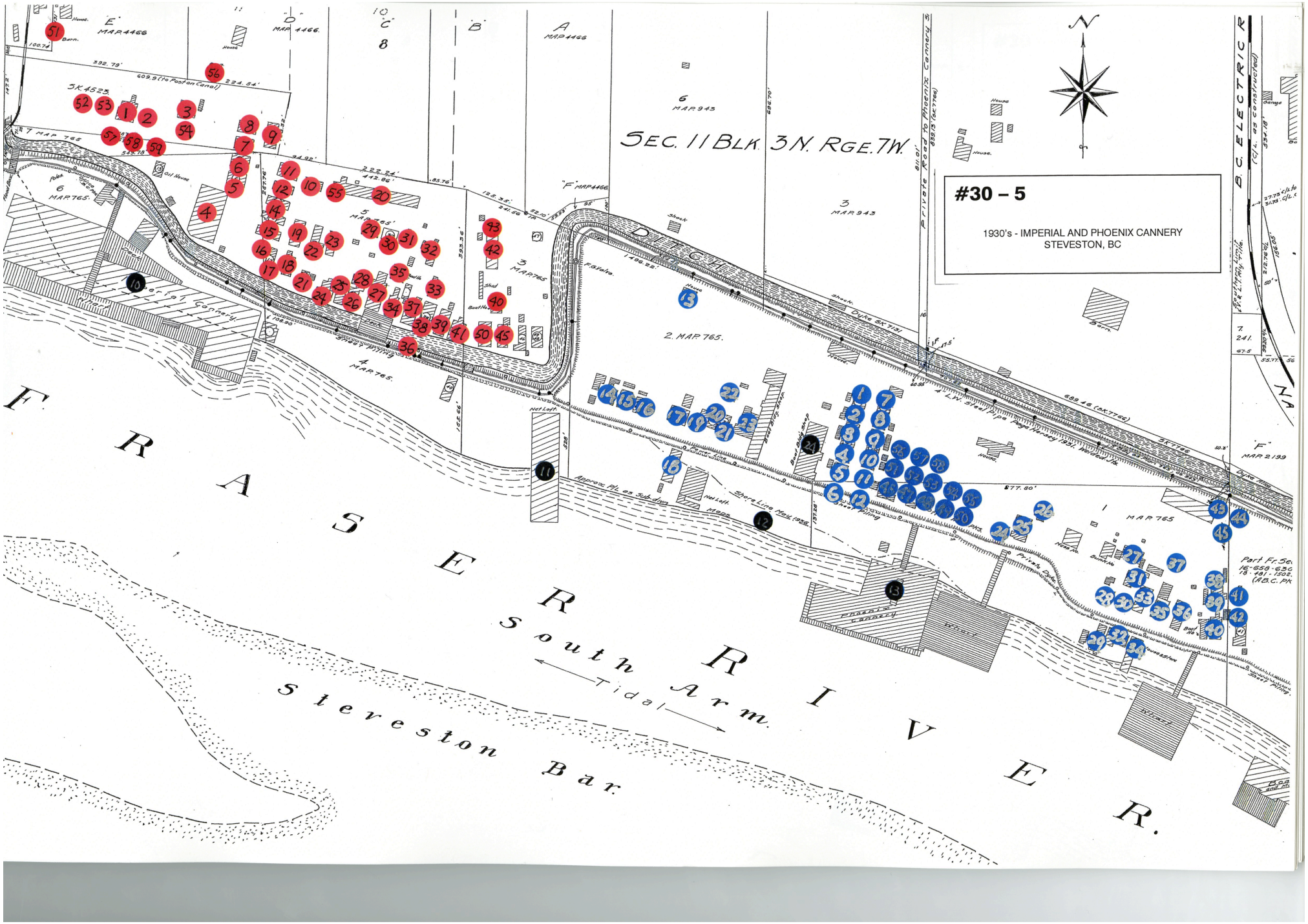
Zone	Color code	Area description
1.	Yellow	Scottish Can. Cannery And Garry Point.
2	Red/Blue	Gulf of Georgia Cannery and Steveston Old Town.
3.	Yellow	#1 Rd.to 7th Ave./Chatham to Garry Streets.
4.	Green	#1 Rd. to 7th Ave./Georgia and Steveston Hwy.
5.	Red/Blue	Imperial and Phoenix cannery.
6.	Yellow	Moncton St/#1 Rd. to Railway Ave.
7.	Blue	Garry St. to Steveston Hwy. And #1 Rd. to Railway Ave.
8.	Yellow/Red	Pacific and Colonial Cannery.
9.	Blue	Moncton St. and Railway Ave. and #2 Road.
10.	Green	1160 to 1200 Block and Railway Ave. to #2 Road.
11.	Blue	1000 to 1150 blocks and Railway Ave. to #2 Road.
12.	Green	Foot of #2 Road. (Winch Cannery)

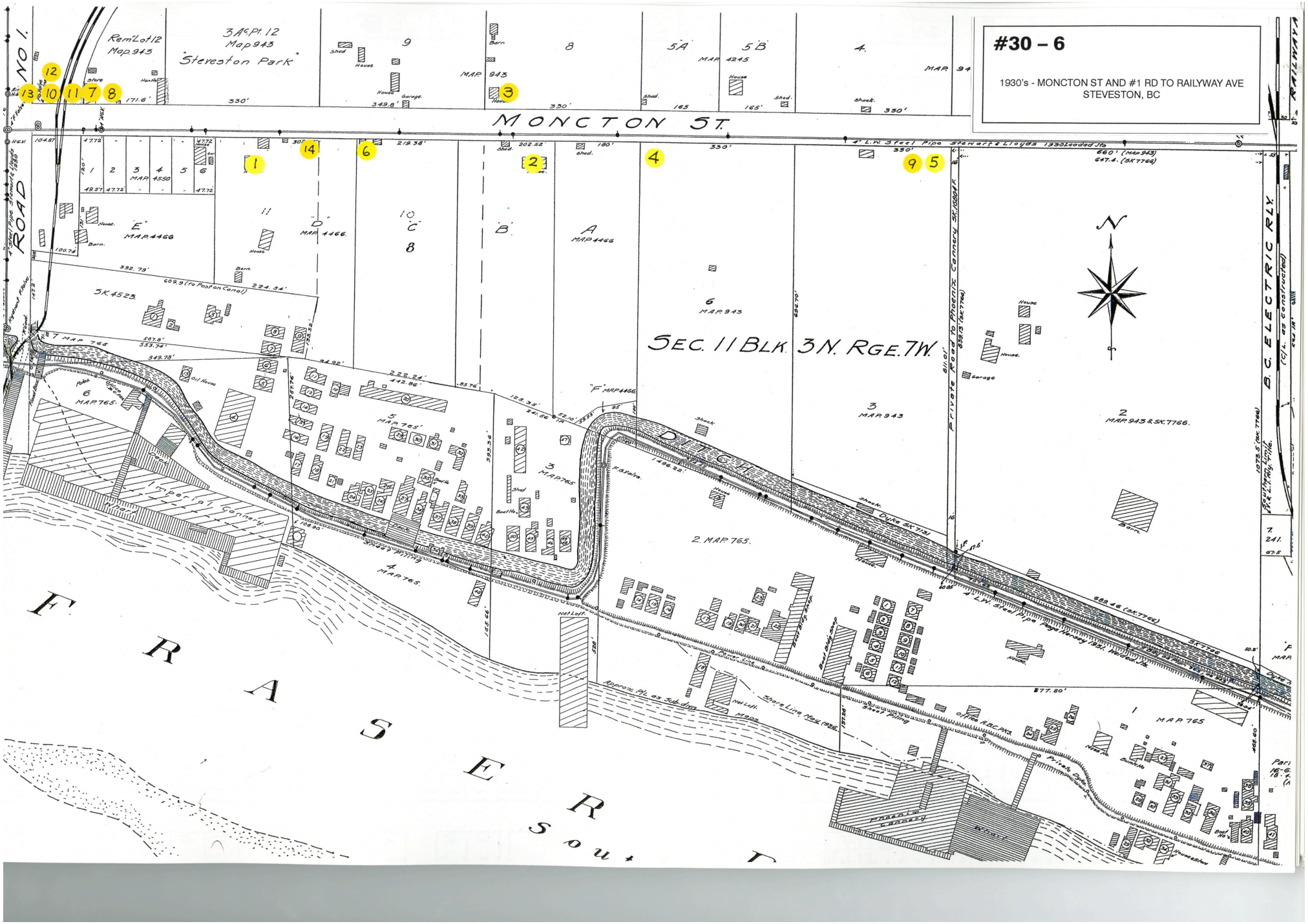

SEC. 4 BLK. 3 N. RGE. 7 W. SEC. 3.
SEC. 9 BLK. 3 N. RGE. 7 W.
SEVENTH AVE.
RICHMOND
BROADWAY
CHATHAM
MONCTON
Section Line
Plank Walk
DITCH
DYKE
Plank Deck on Piles
Scottish Canadian Cannery
Tidal Flats.
Garry Point Observatory
FRASER RIVER. (TIDAL)
#30 – 1
1930's - SCOTTISH CANADIAN CANNERY
AND GARRY POINT
STEVESTON, BC

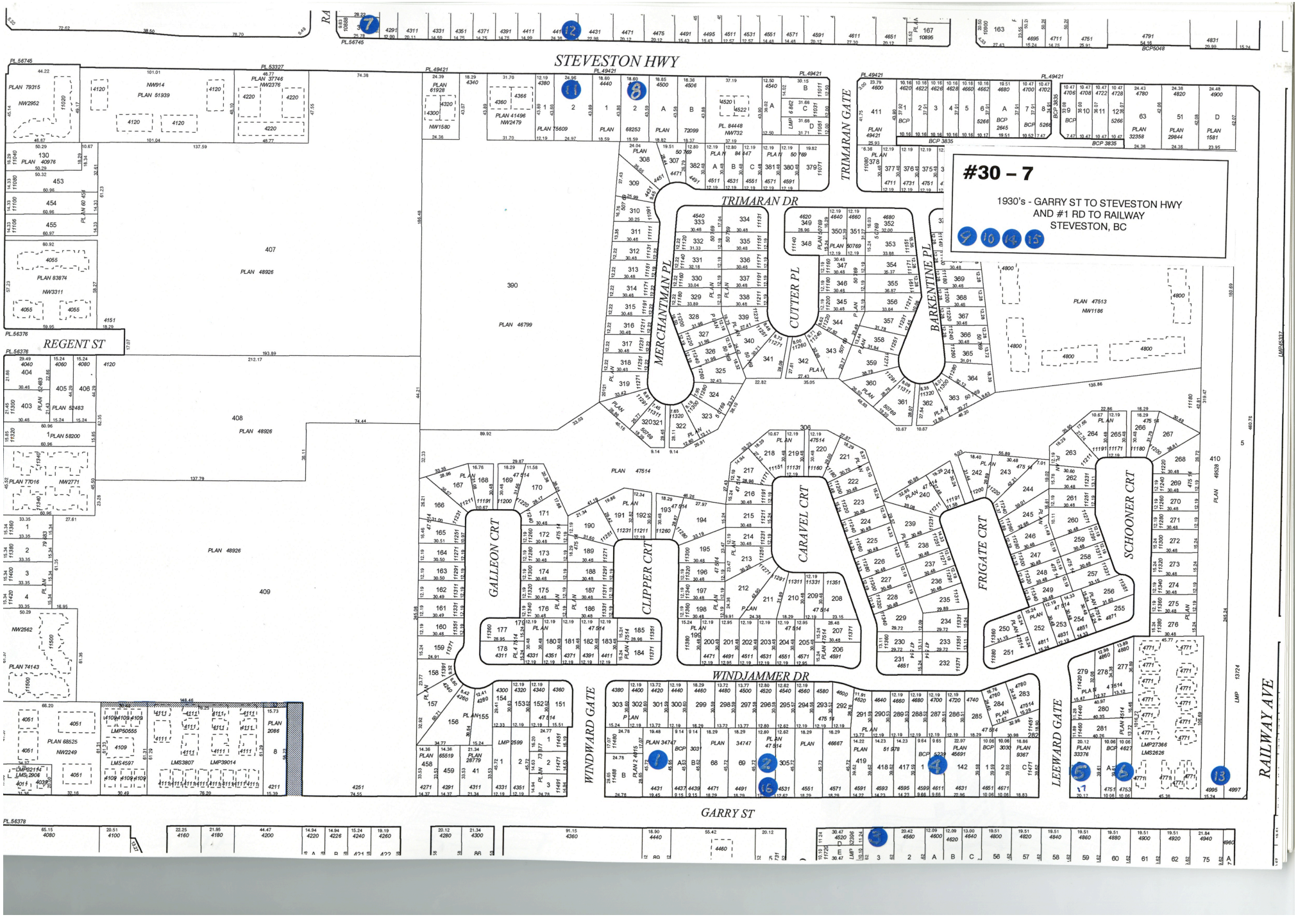

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1930's - GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY
AND OLD STEVESTON TOWN
STEVESTON, BC
32
South Bdy Sec. 3.
North Bdy. Sec. 10.
CHATHAM STREET
SEC. 3
SIXTH AVE.
FIFTH AVE.
FOURTH AVE.
THIRD AVE.
SECOND AVE.
FIRST AVE.
MONCTON STREET
BAYVIEW STREET
SEVENTH
STEVESTON TOWNSITE
SEC. 10 B. 3 N.R. 7 W.
10
MAP 249.
TIDAL FLATS
FRASER RIVER.

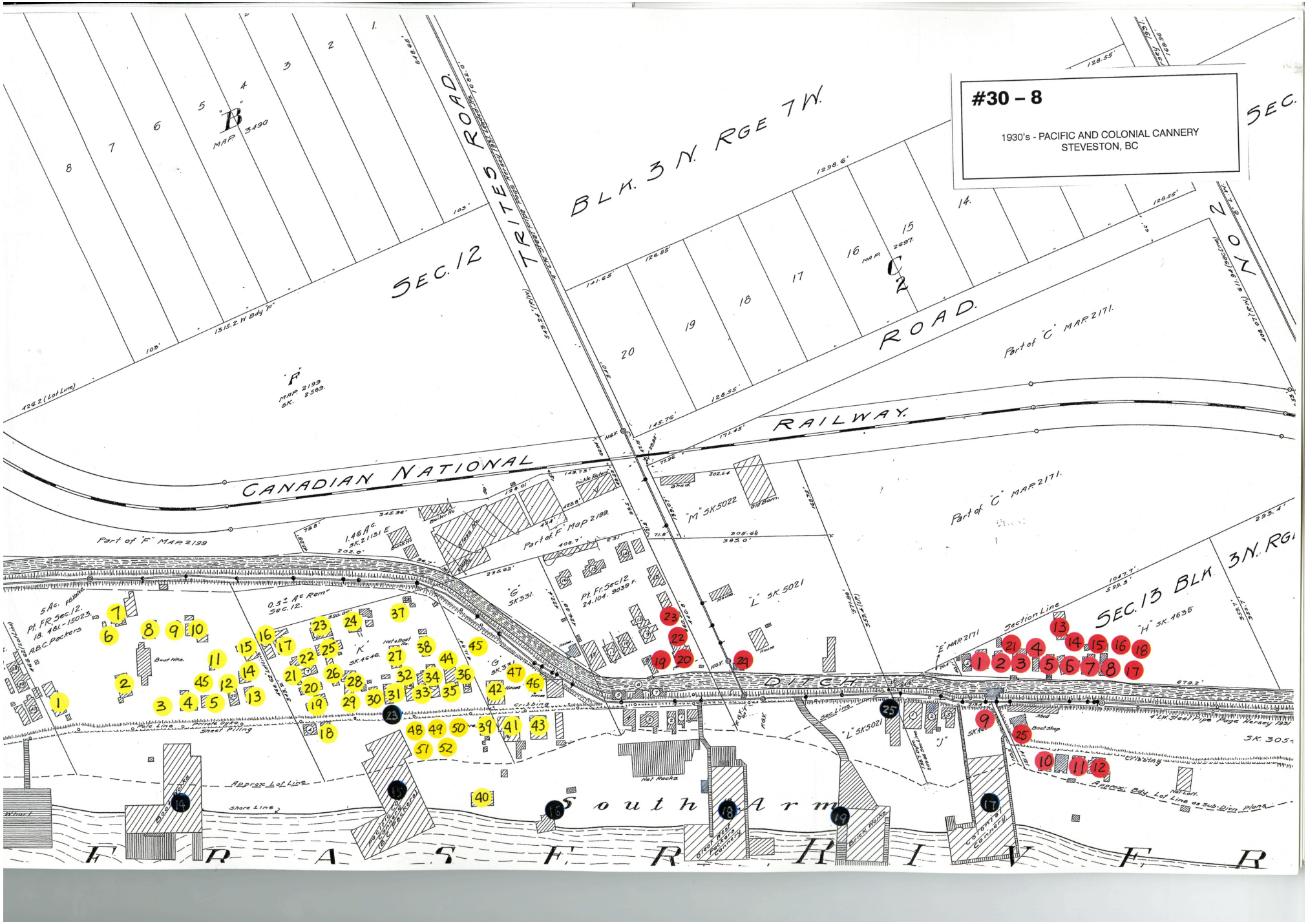

#30 – 3
1930's - #1 ROAD TO 7TH AVE
AND CHATHAM TO GARRY ST
STEVESTON, BC
57 63 51
GEORGIA STREET
GARRY STREET
RICHMOND STREET
BROADWAY STREET
CHATHAM STREET
STEVESTON TOWNSITE MAP 249.
SEVENTH AVE.
SIXTH AVE.
FIFTH AVE.
FOURTH AVE.
THIRD AVE.
SECOND AVE.
FIRST AVE.
NO. 1 ROAD
SEC. 3
BLK 3 N. RGE 7.
SEC. 10 B. 3 N. R. 7 W.
SEC. 2.
Section Line
3" Steel Pipe Page Hersey 1931
4" Steel Pipe Page Hersey 1931. L.R.J.
3" L.W. Steel Pipe Page Hersey 1931. L.R. Joints
4" Steel Pipe Page Hersey 1931 (L.W. Loaded R.J.)
3" L.W. Steel Pipe Page Hersey 1931 Loaded R. Joints
3" L.W. Steel Pipe Page Hersey.
4" L.W. Steel Pipe 1931 Page Hersey L.R. Joints
4" L.W. Steel Pipe Page Hersey 1931 L.R. Joints
MAP 1922
MAP 1931
MAP 1944
MAP 1760
MAP 263
Rem Lot 6 MAP 263
Fisher Hosp.
Jap. Old Sc.
Private Road
Sec Corner
Hydrant
Opera House
Bakery
Church
School
Garage
Barn
Shack
House

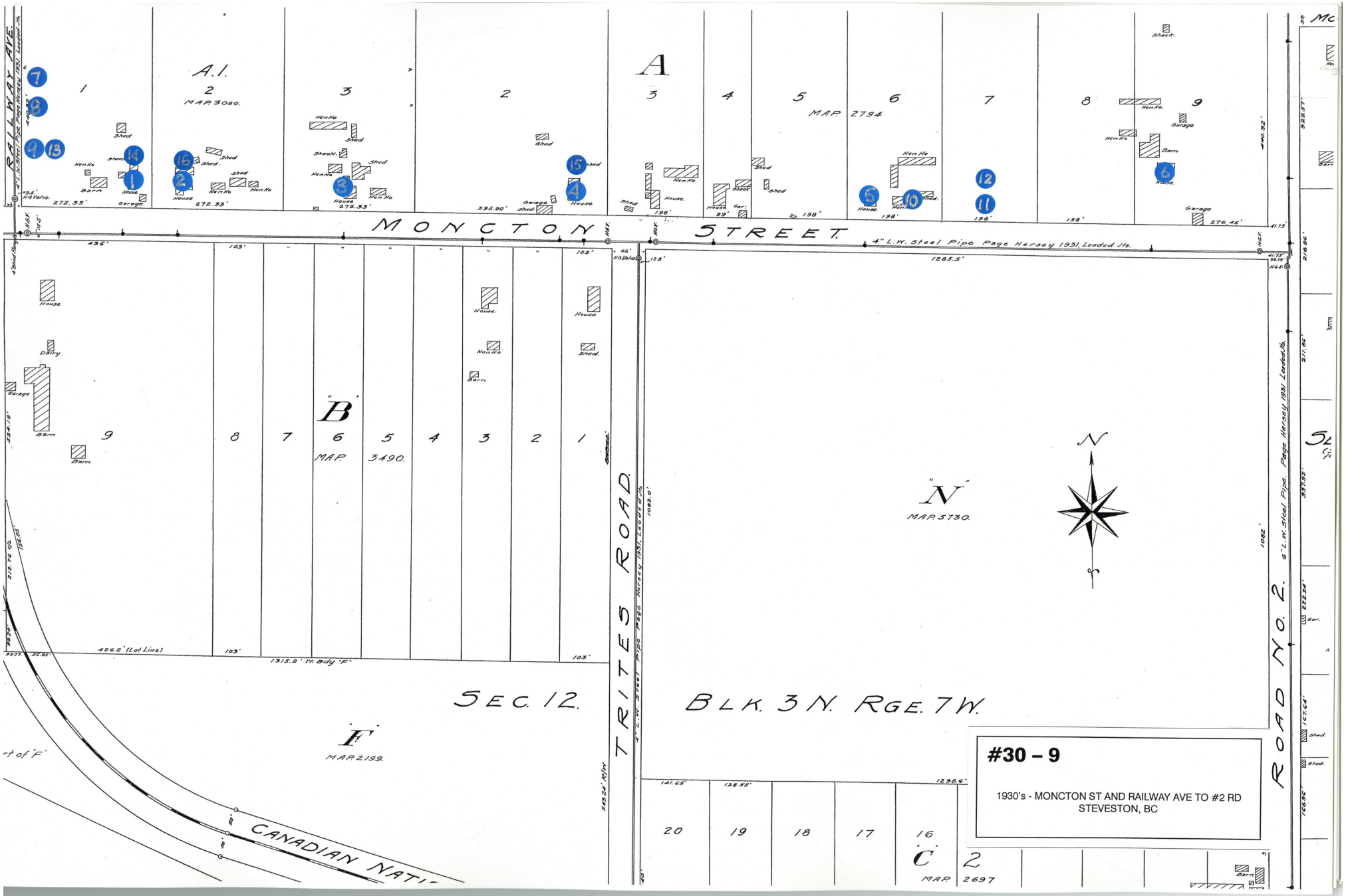

#30 – 4
1930's - #1 ROAD TO 7TH AVE
AND GEORGIA ST TO STEVESTON HWY
STEVESTON, BC
STEVESTON HWY
HUNT ST
REGENT ST
PLEASANT ST
GEORGIA ST
GARRY ST
6TH AVE
5TH AVE
4TH AVE
3RD AVE
2ND AVE
1ST AVE
NO 1 RD


#30 – 5
1930's - IMPERIAL AND PHOENIX CANNERY
STEVESTON, BC
SEC. 11 BLK. 3N. RGE. 7W.
F R A S E R R I V E R.
South Arm.
Tidal
Steveston Bar.
B.C. ELECTRIC R'Y.
Private Road to Phoenix Cannery
DYKE
N


#30 – 6
1930's - MONCTON ST AND #1 RD TO RAILWAY AVE
STEVESTON, BC
MONCTON ST.
NO. 1 ROAD
B.C. ELECTRIC RLY.
SEC. 11 BLK. 3 N. RGE. 7 W.
FRASER
South
Imperial Cannery
Private Road To Phoenix Cannery
Rem Lot 12 Map 943
3 Ac. Pt. 12 Map 943
Steveston Park
MAP 943
MAP 4466
MAP 765
MAP 4245
MAP 94
Dyke
Approx. Pl. of Sub. Dyke
Share Line May 1938
Net Loft
Boat Bldg. Shop
Paradise Cemetery
Church
Private Dyke
Ditch
Shed
House
Barn
Garage
Store
Shack
Oil House
Boat Ho.
Net Loft.
Ruins
Tanks
Pipe
Pole
Fence
Road
Wharf
Slip
Ramp
Gate
Bridge
Culvert
Manhole
Hydrant
Flagpole
Sign
Tree
Hedge
Fence
Gravel
Concrete
Asphalt
Water
Land
Foreshore
Boundary
Lot
Block
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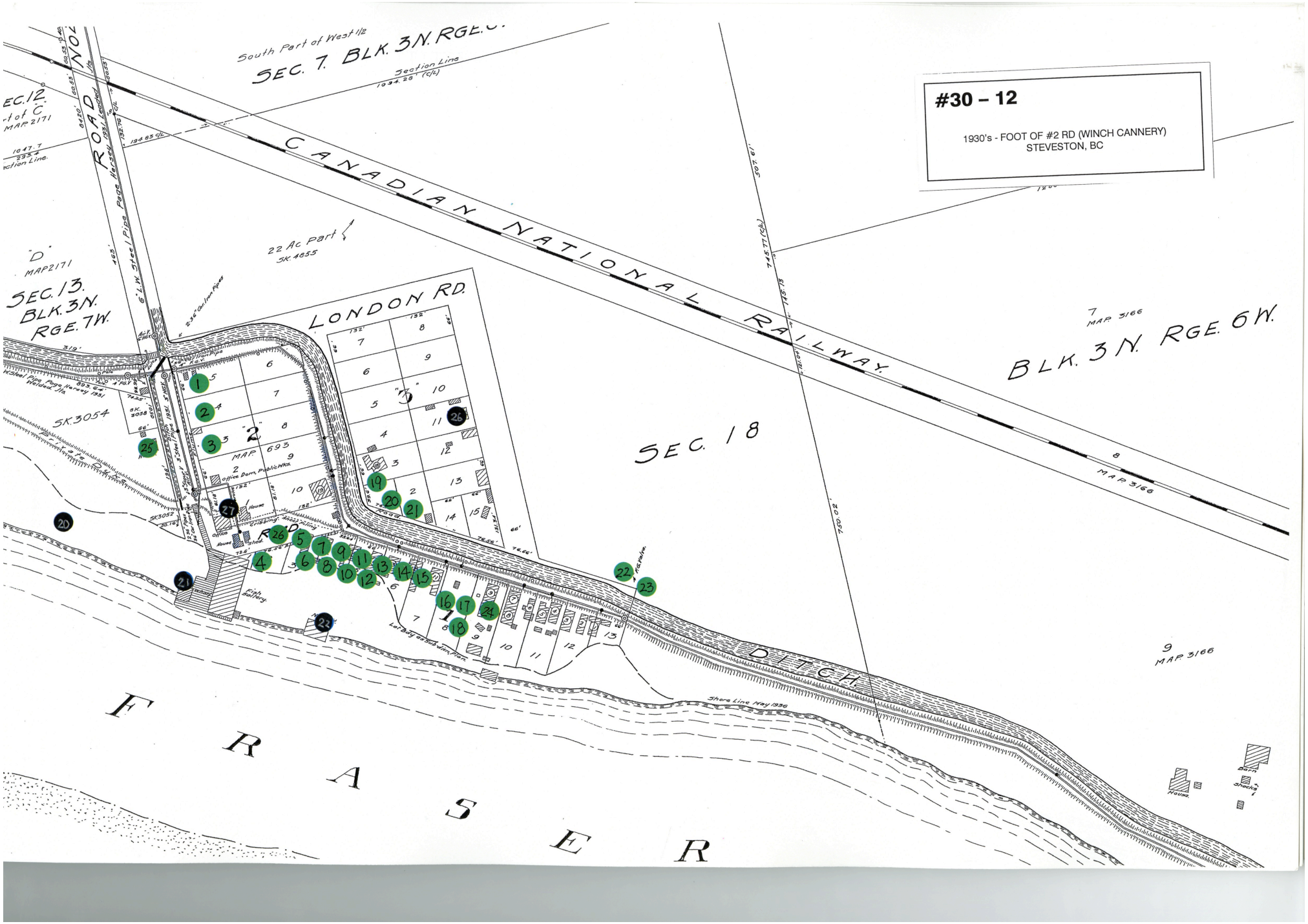

#30 – 7
1930's - GARRY ST TO STEVESTON HWY
AND #1 RD TO RAILWAY
STEVESTON, BC
STEVESTON HWY
TRIMARAN DR
TRIMARAN GATE
MERCHANTMAN PL
CUTTER PL
BARKENTINE PL
REGENT ST
GALLEON CRT
CLIPPER CRT
CARAVEL CRT
FRIGATE CRT
SCHOONER CRT
WINDJAMMER DR
WINDWARD GATE
LEEWARD GATE
RAILWAY AVE
GARRY ST


#30 – 8
1930's - PACIFIC AND COLONIAL CANNERY
STEVESTON, BC
BLK. 3 N. RGE 7 W.
SEC. 12
TRITES ROAD.
ROAD.
RAILWAY.
CANADIAN NATIONAL
Part of "F" MAP 2199
Part of "C" MAP 2171.
"M" SK 5022
"L" SK 5021
"G" SK 331
"K" SK 1646
"H" SK 1635
"E" MAP 2171
SEC. 13 BLK. 3 N. RG
DITCH
Section Line
Approx Lot Line
Shore Line
Sheet Piling
Net Racks
Boat Works
Boat Shop
Shed
Old Barn
Cannery
Bridge Piers
South Arm
FRASER RIVER



#30 – 9

1930's - MONCTON ST AND RAILWAY AVE TO #2 RD
STEVESTON, BC


#30 – 12
1930's - FOOT OF #2 RD (WINCH CANNERY)
STEVESTON, BC
CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY
LONDON RD.
No. 2 ROAD
SEC. 18
BLK. 3N. RGE. 6W.
SEC. 13. BLK. 3N. RGE. 7W.
SEC. 7. BLK. 3N. RGE.
South Part of West ½
22 Ac Part
SK. 1655
SK. 3054
MAP 693
MAP 3166
DITCH
FRASER