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The bicycle shop was there before the turn of the century. In addition to the sale of bicycles and automobiles we sold the Edison gramophone with the cylinder records. Later we took on the agency for Victor and Berliner gramophones and gave up the agency in 1901. I remember my mother was there at the time and my sister Mrs. J.R. Kingham was in the buggy. She was born in 1900. My mother gathered all the classical records and put them in the buggy and I still have the records at home.

Another thing we did was to place a screen on the post office and show slides on a Saturday night with the records as background music.

As to the fourth paragraph of your letter I remember the floral arch and I think it would be about 1906, for we as school children marched across the causeway and I would be about eleven years old then.

Regarding the automobile business, the first garage was on Langley Street a few years before the building was erected on the corner of Superior and Government. I drove by the old garage on Government St. a year or two ago and the sign is still on the building and while painted a good many years ago at a certain angle, the name Plimley Automobile Co. is still visible. I do not think the old Plimley Automobile Co. made much money and the Company was pleased to sell it to the Government. The Plimley Automobile shareholders were quite prominent people in Victoria and looked like a social register of Who's Who.

When my father just started in Victoria he had a bicycle shop on Yates St. near Broad. The premises were occupied later by Harvey's Men's Clothing.

In the very early days there was a church on Broad Street which was eventually demolished and Brachman Ker Milling erected a building on it. Before it was demolished my father operated a skating rink in the old building.

On the second page of your letter, paragraph 8, you mention about the 1893 Directory. I discussed this once with Major Matthews and he said that when they made up the directory it was about a year later before it was printed which could account for the omission. I have a copy of a Plimley ad in the programme when the Jubilee Hospital was built which I think was about 1894.

With regard to the tenth paragraph of your letter I knew about this. My father was friendly with the Hutchison fellows and they had I think a shop on Broughton St. where the Pemberton Building is now. They, with my father, also built an automobile such as it was. Later my Dad took the agency for the Bleriot Aeroplane and to my knowledge never received one.

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