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Charlie MacDonald, Taxicab Driver continued from back cover I'll tell you a little story. I damn near lost my own life. When they were building (the Government Wharf). The old wharf was an old one, falling down. So they decided to build a new one. And that's it down there--the Government Wharf. Well, they needed a half a million ton of slag. From the steel plant, got it for nothing, as long as took it out of their way. And don't interfere with their work or traf? fic, and you'd have it free. So all right, the fellow that was building the wharf, he hired a couple of dozen trucks, and--they were only small amounts (of) slag, you know, about two-ton, ton-and-a-half. And hauling it over all winter, 24 hours. Dump it on the ice. And when the ice would go, it would sink. And they'd come up with the wharf. They'd have the concrete and the abutments ready. Not concrete, then. You can see that it's all black timbers down there. See it down there. There was no concrete, just black timbers, then. Anyhow, to make a long story short. I was driving cab. Eight o'clock. I was taking two men over to the General Office, from the hotel. They were fairly big shots. I think one from England, one from New Glasgow. Well, anyhow, I was going over, 8 o'clock in the morning. It was morning--bright day

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