

Tranquil Morning - Hastings at Abbott
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acrylic on panel
16" x 24"

This view, looking north at the corner of Vancouver's Hastings St. up Abbott is based on a photo taken by W.J. Moore on Oct. 22 1923. Miraculously, most buildings in this view still stand - the facade of the 1906 Woodward's department store on the left, and the Traveller's Hotel to the right - now known as the Metropole. The original Metropole was across Abbott at the time but would be soon demolished to make way for the expansion of Woodward's to Cordova St. at which point the hotel took over the Travellers and remains there to this day.



Abbott St. looking north from Hastings St. W.J.Moore 22 Oct. 1923
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Rather than the bustling activity in the 1923 photo, I chose to set the scene on a quiet morning, probably a Sunday which at this time would have been extremely tranquil. It's just after a rain - the blue starting to peek through - a perfect Vancouver morning.