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FIRST DOMINION DAY.

Vancouver Daily Advertiser, 14 May 1886.

“A public meeting called by His Worship the Mayor for last evening at Blair’s Hall to appoint a committee and make arrangements for the celebration of Dominion Day in this city was largely attended.”

PORT MOODY WHARF.

Vancouver Daily Advertiser, Monday, 15 May 1886.

CURRENT COMMENT

Can any person tell why the iron piles for Port Moody wharf are being unloaded at Victoria instead of Port Moody. There is nothing to hinder the ship reaching Port Moody with the piles.

(Victoria *Times* says ship *Titania* has sailed from Port Moody with piles.)

Note: see *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 1, Matthews, 1931, re Dr. H.E. Langis’ reference to these piles, included in the great “Pacific Scandal” which contributed to Sir John A. Macdonald’s defeat, lying in heaps on the dock at Port Moody. In brief, he remarks up on the lack of sense, or “graft,” in shipping piles for a wharf all away around the Horn from England to a country which produced piles within half a mile of where the wharf was to be built.

LEAMY AND KYLE’S SAWMILL, FALSE CREEK.

Vancouver Daily Advertiser, 17 May 1886.

“The last shipment of 200 tons of machinery was delivered at False Creek by Mr. Angus Fraser for Leamy and Kyle’s mill. The material came from Port Moody.”

STANLEY PARK.

Vancouver Daily Advertiser, 19 May 1886.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 18th May, 1886

To His Excellency The Most Honourable Sir Henry Charles Keith, Marquis of Lansdowne,
Governor-General of Canada.

The Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver in the Province of British
Columbia.

Whereas an act has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia
incorporating the City of Vancouver and:

Whereas there is within our city limits a portion of land known as the Dominion Government
Military Reserve, near the First Narrows, and is bounded on the west by English Bay, and on the
east by Burrard Inlet, and:

Whereas it is advisable that permission should be given to the Mayor and Council of said City of
Vancouver to have control of said reserve in order that it may be used by the inhabitants of the
City of Vancouver as a park.

Your petitioners therefore pray that said Reserve should be handed over to the said corporation
to be used by them subject to such restrictions as your Excellency may seem right, and to be held
by them as a Public Park.