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KING EDWARD VII OAK, STANLEY PARK.

EXCERPTS.

The Vancouver Daily Province, 8 August 1902.

KING EDWARD'S OAK TREES.

The Brockton Point Association intends to do a little Coronation Day observing on its own account. This will be in the tree planting line.

A fine young oak, and English oak by special choice, has been secured, and tomorrow afternoon at three, the emblem tree is to be planted. The site chosen is near the north entrance of the athletic grounds, and Mr. Campbell Sweeney who has so long been connected with the excellent management of Brockton Point, and who is the popular president of the association, will have the honour of planting the "King's Oak."

The Vancouver Daily Province, 11 August 1902.

PLANTING OF THE KING'S OAK.

The Caledonian games had got well started on Saturday afternoon, and the big crowd was intent on the games. Thus it happened that comparatively few were aware of the interesting ceremony which was taking place but a stone's throw away, near the main entrance of the Brockton Point Grounds.

There, a little group of prominent men who love the oak, were gathered around a specimen of the emblem of Old England, which was being planted to mark the coronation of the King. The joy of the event was stayed by reverence, and in days to come it is to be hoped that the little stranger planted in the park of pines by Mr. Campbell Sweeney, president of the Brockton Point Association, will thrive and grow to cast a grateful shade on children, and refresh the memories of the week now past.

COPY OF LETTER, F.M. CHALDECOTT TO J.S. MATTHEWS, CITY ARCHIVIST.

Cable Address
"Vanclub"

Crest
Vancouver
Club

626 West Pender St.
5th Oct. 1935

Dear Major Matthews:

I enclose you a cutting from the "Province" of the 4th inst. which refers to the Oak tree at Brockton Pt. as having been planted by the Duke of York, our present King, 1901.