

## **Early Vancouver**

### **Volume Four**

**By: Major J.S. Matthews, V.D.**

**2011 Edition (Originally Published 1944)**

*Narrative of Pioneers of Vancouver, BC Collected During 1935-1939.*

*Supplemental to Volumes One, Two and Three collected in 1931-1934.*

### **About the 2011 Edition**

The 2011 edition is a transcription of the original work collected and published by Major Matthews. Handwritten marginalia and corrections Matthews made to his text over the years have been incorporated and some typographical errors have been corrected, but no other editorial work has been undertaken. The edition and its online presentation was produced by the City of Vancouver Archives to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City's founding. The project was made possible by funding from the Vancouver Historical Society.

### **Copyright Statement**

© 2011 City of Vancouver. Any or all of *Early Vancouver* may be used without restriction as to the nature or purpose of the use, even if that use is for commercial purposes. You may copy, distribute, adapt and transmit the work. It is required that a link or attribution be made to the City of Vancouver.

### **Reproductions**

High resolution versions of any graphic items in *Early Vancouver* are available. A fee may apply.

### **Citing Information**

When referencing the 2011 edition of *Early Vancouver*, please cite the page number that appears at the bottom of the page in the PDF version only, not the page number indicated by your PDF reader. Here are samples of how to cite this source:

Footnote or Endnote Reference:

Major James Skitt Matthews, *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 4 (Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011), 33.

Bibliographic Entry:

Matthews, Major James Skitt. *Early Vancouver*, Vol. 4. Vancouver: City of Vancouver, 2011.

### **Contact Information**

City of Vancouver Archives  
1150 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9  
604.736.8561  
archives@vancouver.ca  
vancouver.ca/archives



**LETTER FROM J.S. MATTHEWS TO MRS. GEORGE W. BROWN**

Kitsilano Beach,  
Vancouver, Canada  
19<sup>th</sup> July 1944

"EARLY VANCOUVER"  
Index. Vol. IV

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am deeply indebted to you; very deeply. It was a long tedious painstaking task.

I started the book ten years ago; it has taken ten years, and not quite finished yet; will not be until the four copies are bound into four books. Words are not adequate to express the tireless care necessary for an index such as you have compiled, and there are those who would not comprehend even if they were adequate.

Lord Tweedsmuir, greatest historian of his day in the British Empire, said to me, "**This is admirable work; just what I have been urging.**" A letter received from Lord Bennett yesterday, reads, "**I congratulate you on the splendid efforts you are making to build up the Archives of Vancouver. Few things are more important from the standpoint of future citizens of your great community.**" Sir Arthur Currie said to me, "**Archives are worth their weight in gold.**" You are in good company.

So, on behalf of those for whom I have the honor to speak, and they are many and varied, rich and poor, hale and halt, old and young, stranger and old timer; those who have gone, are here now, or coming in the long years; perhaps even like Mike himself; we all, including me took, thank you and send our gratitude. I grasp your hand.

Most sincerely,

J.S. Matthews

Mrs. George W. Brown,  
2274 West Tenth Avenue  
Vancouver.

(She was formerly Miss Ethel Glazier of the City Archives, and the "naughty" young lady who, one April Fool Day about 1937-8, dressed up Capt. Vancouver's statue in dust cap, apron and broom, and hung a string of sausages, as a necklace, around his neck.)