

## **Early Vancouver**

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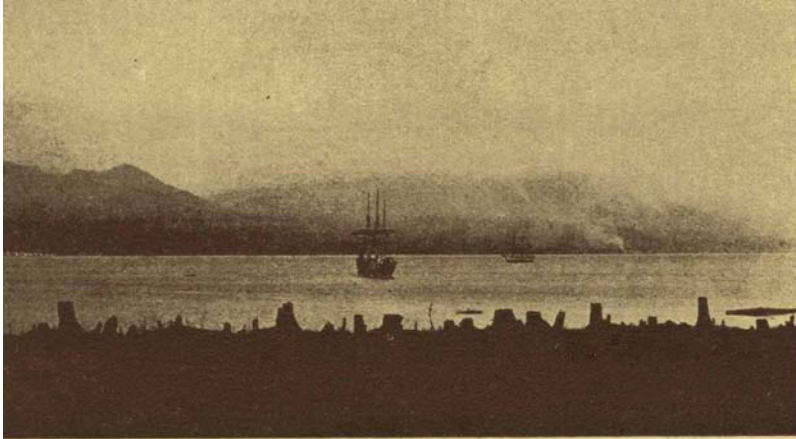
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Vancouver, 1886

1886 \* \* \* \* 1946

*City of Vancouver*  
**DIAMOND JUBILEE  
COMMEMORATIVE LUNCHEON**

*Banquet Room - - - Hotel Vancouver  
Friday, April 5th, 1946*

ARRANGED BY  
VANCOUVER JUNIOR BOARD OF TRADE

*"Hamilton! Hamilton! This is destined to be a great city; perhaps the greatest in Canada. We must see to it that it has a name commensurate with its dignity and importance, and 'VANCOUVER' it shall be if I have the ultimate decision."*

Sir Wm. Van Horne, at the village of Granville, Burrard Inlet, 1884, to Hamilton, the C.P.R. Land Commissioner who laid out in the forest the streets and blocks of the new city.

*. . . Program . . .*

Everett Crowley, President of the Junior Board of Trade,  
Chairman.



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G O D S A V E T H E K I N G

The following is a list of specially invited guests to this luncheon, which commemorates the incorporation of the City of Vancouver, April 6th, 1886. Many of these individuals were residents of Vancouver at the time of incorporation, and some played an important part in the city's affairs at that time.

ELECTOR WHO SIGNED THE PETITION OF INCORPORATION, FEBRUARY, 1886

*Mr. Henry Blair.*

VANCOUVER VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE, 1886

*Mr. J. A. Mateer.*

*Mr. Hugh E. Campbell.*

*Mr. Fred G. Upham.*

*Mr. Herbert W. Martin.*

VANCOUVER POLICE FORCE, 1886

*Mr. V. Wallace Haywood.*

ELECTORS WHO VOTED AT FIRST CIVIC ELECTION, 3RD MAY, 1886

*Mr. W. D. Haywood.*

*Mr. Allan K. Stuart.*

*Mr. V. Wallace Haywood.*

*Mr. Chris. L. Behnsen.*

*Mr. Calvert Simson.*

*Mr. James Myers.*

*Mr. Henry J. Newton.*

EARLY PIONEERS OF BURRARD INLET

*Mr. John Henry Scales, 1867*

(EARLIEST LIVING RESIDENT OF VANCOUVER)

*Mr. Frank Plante, 1868*

(FIRST CHILD BORN ON BURRARD INLET)

*Mr. A. E. Mann*

(NEW WESTMINSTER, A VERY EARLY LOGGER OF SITE OF VANCOUVER)

*Mr. John Bell, 1871*

(PASSENGER ON "S.S. BEAVER", 1871, VICTORIA TO VANCOUVER; WENT TO FIRST SCHOOL ON BURRARD INLET)

*Mr. M. S. Logan, 1874*

(PIONEER, MOODYVILLE, 1874, WHERE HE WITNESSED A STRANGE INDIAN INCIDENT)

ALSO ARE GIVEN THE NAMES OF THE MAYORS OF VANCOUVER NOW LIVING,  
WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE LUNCHEON

1907-8—His Worship Alex Bethune, 1952 North Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

1910, etc., 1934—His Worship L. D. Taylor, 717 Robson St.

1916-17—His Worship Malcolm McBeath, 4260 Imperial St., Burnaby, B.C.

1918-21—His Worship R. H. Gale, 933 Dominion Square Bldg., 1010 St. Catherines St. West, Montreal 2.

1924—His Worship W. R. Owen, 175 East Broadway.

1929-30—Col. His Worship W. H. Malkin, 3269 S.W. Marine Drive.

1935-36—Senator, His Worship G. G. McGeer, K.C., 4812 Belmont.

1937-38—His Worship Geo. C. Miller, 4470 Pine Crescent.

1939-40—His Worship J. Lyle Telford, M.D., 925 West Georgia.

1941-46—His Worship J. W. Cornett, City Hall, Vancouver.

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**"LOCAL ITEMS"**

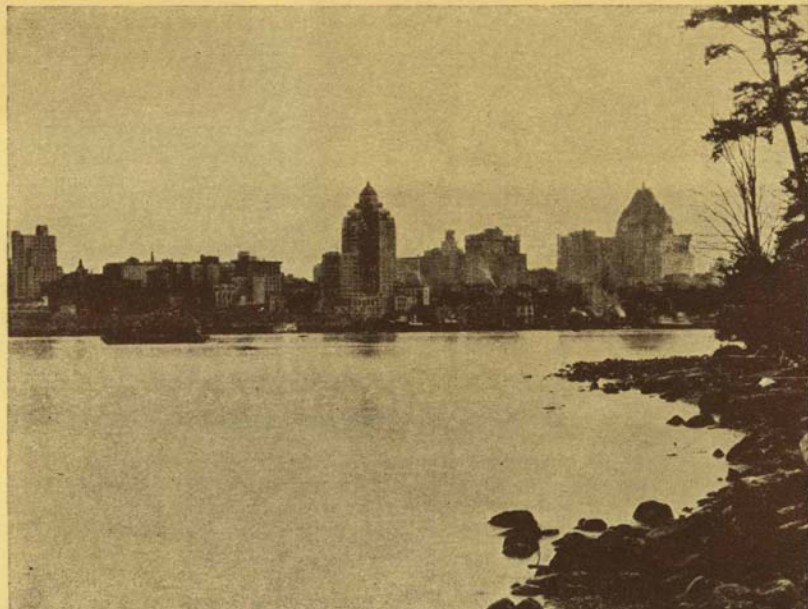
"At a public meeting held here on Friday evening last a committee was appointed to draw up an act of incorporation for the City of Vancouver. The names are Messrs. Ferguson, Black, Hamilton, Ross, Caldwell, Alexander, Mannion, Miller, Blake and Johnston.

"The committee appointed to draft the act of incorporation met at Blair's hall on Saturday and elected Mr. Alexander chairman. They agreed to proceed at once with the matter in hand, and drew up notices for insertion in the Gazette and Herald, in compliance with the rules of application to the Legislature. We thought that the Railway company had made a very good beginning in including in the site of the new city about 2,000 acres. The committee have gone one better, and made the limits from the town site of Hastings to English Bay, a distance of about five miles along the Inlet, and southward about two miles. That is certainly a good beginning.

**STEPS LEADING UP TO INCORPORATION**

- 1886—Jan. 8th—Villagers appoint incorporation committee.
- Jan. 15th—By this date 125 signatures were affixed.
- Feb. 15th—Petition was presented to B.C. Legislature.
- April 2nd—Incorporation bill was read for third time.
- April 6th—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor assents.
- May 3rd—First election, 499 voters (men only).
- May 10th—Mayor and ten aldermen form Council.

Vancouver, 1946



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