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### **COVES, VIEWS AND HEIGHTS.**

Men, like sheep, follow each other in many matters, and do it without thought. In the early years of Burrard Inlet the word “cove” was in fashion; everyone applied the word “cove” to some recess in the shore whenever he got a chance. There was Cedar Cove and Jerry’s Cove and Skunk Cove, Fisherman’s Cove and others.

Then, about 1910, the naming of Shaughnessy Heights started an epidemic of “heights,” but before that the suffix “view” was in fashion—period 1890-1900. First it was Fairview, then Grandview, and then followed a stream of them until now there must be 15 or 20 “views.” The worst was the torrent of “heights” which followed 1910 until now there must be twenty-five or more “heights,” “ridges,” “mounts” or “hills” in and about Vancouver.

There are those who assert that “Jericho” got its name in some other way, but the facts are, someone called “Jerry’s Cove” by the appellation “Jericho” and the name stuck. Early Burrard Inlet residents had a passion for nicknames; everyone had one.

See the compilation, *Sobriquets of Gastown*, Matthews.