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FIRST AERIAL SURVEY OF VANCOUVER, 1933 OR 1934 BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AND CITY OFFICIALS.

Conversation with former Alderman William J. Twiss, at the Vancouver Pioneers' Association picnic to Nanaimo, on board S.S. *Princess Joan*, Wednesday, 7 June 1950.

Major Matthews: Last February 28th I went up there (pointing towards Howe Sound) with all the Council and City officials. There must have been 20 or 30 of us, and we went up Howe Sound, over Squamish, around Black Tusk, Mount Garibaldi, back around Point Atkinson, up to loco, over to New Westminster, and back down river to the Airport. They said it was the first aerial flight survey ever made. Do you think it was?

Mr. W.J. Twiss: "Nooo. Why, it was while I was chairman of the Airport Committee of the Council, we had a similar flight. We went up Howe Sound, around Garibaldi, down the Seymour Valley, over New Westminster, and back to Sea Island.

"We had to make two trips of it as the plane was not sufficiently commodious for all to go on one trip."

Major Matthews: Well, the *Province* newspaper sponsored the trip last February 28th, and they promulgated right and left that it was the first full-scale aerial survey made in Vancouver's civic history.

Mr. W.J. Twiss: "What do they mean by full-scale?"