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"Then, the doctor's sleeping room (Medical Superintendent's) was beyond the sitting room. Miss Clendenning's bedroom was on that side, looking into the lane. That concludes the right hand side.

"Then, to the left hand side, was the general kitchen, with a large pantry and store room. Then, the nurses' dining room took up the remainder.

"In the main building, facing Cambie Street, there were four wards—two upstairs, two downstairs. Each ward had four beds on each side, and two beds down the centre—ten beds to each ward—forty in all, though, originally, intended to be thirty-two beds. We were crowded and the two beds placed centrally in each ward were added."

Note: In 1949-1950 the buildings were torn down and the site made into a parking lot for the Downtown Parking Commission. J.S.M.

At this point Miss Smith was called to her ailing sister waiting in a motor car, and the conversation ceased.

J.S. Matthews

10 July 1948.

### **"THE MERRY CHILDREN OF VANCOUVER" IN STANLEY PARK.**

One brilliant summer's day last year, our photographic artist, Mr. Art Jones, strolling with his camera in Stanley Park, observed a group of merry little children, under their beloved governess, fondly known to them as "Ting," though actually Mrs. G.M. Bingham, 1560 Nelson Street, marching on their way to play. Mr. Jones instantly saw the beauty of the scene, and created one of the most charming of all photographs of our famous park. It was reproduced, together with its story by Miss Muriel Maclean, in our magazine section, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1946. The City Archivist obtained some prints, and sent them to the Lord Derby, to illustrate to that venerable gentleman, the great changes which have taken place in Stanley Park since he assisted at its dedication in 1889. Lord Derby's two letters are his acknowledgment.

It was the original intention to honour Lord Strathcona by naming our famous domain "Strathcona Park," but Lord Strathcona hesitated, and requested that he be allowed to ask Lord Stanley, Governor General, to accept the distinction; which he, Lord Stanley, did, and upon the occasion of his first visit, a ceremony took place at the end of the Pipe Line Road, First Narrows, upon a grassy spot, known as "Chaythoos," in Squamish Indian tongue, beside the wooden mausoleum of Khay-tulk, son of Chief Khahtsahlanogh, from whom our great suburb, Kitsilano, takes its name. Lord Stanley laid the foundation stones of a cairn, composed of samples of the ores of British Columbia, which has since been lost or destroyed. Then, throwing his both arms to the heavens as though embracing within them the whole of the one thousand acres of primeval forest, he dedicated Stanley Park with these words:

"To the use and enjoyment of the peoples of all colours, creeds and customs for all time."

Bending forward, he poured the champagne from its bottle slowly to the ground, and solemnly pronounced, "I name thee Stanley Park."

The present Rt. Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G., is the son of His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor General of Canada, 1888-1893, and was present as his father's A.D.C. at the ceremony. The reference in his letter to Lady Derby is that their recent marriage made the visit to Vancouver part of their honeymoon. He is the seventeenth to bear the title, pronounced "Darby," created in 1485, the first being Sir Thomas Stanley, K.G., who was summoned to Parliament as Baron Stanley in 1456. The present earl, now 82, served in the South African War, 1900-1901, was mentioned in despatches, and has since filled countless public offices including Ambassador to France, Postmaster-General, Secretary of State for War, and Lord Mayor of Liverpool.

In addition to being a King of the Garter, the highest honour excepting the Victoria Cross at His Majesty's disposal, Lord Derby takes a keen delight in being a fully fledged member of the "Hot Stove Hockey League," as the notable band of retired, or "has been," hockey players are known, and takes much

pleasure in recalling many a hot chase after the puck on the ice arena sixty years ago. It is thought that he is the only surviving member of the original Stanley Cup hockey team.

The original hockey team of Ottawa was called "The Rebels," and at a banquet, 18 March 1892, tendered to the Ottawa Hockey Club which had won the championship of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, Lord Kilcourse, on behalf of His Excellency, John Stanley, Governor General, offered a cup emblematic of Canadian Hockey championship. This cup is now the famous Stanley Cup, the competitions for which are now being played.

In writing Major Matthews, City Archivist, recently, the aged earl said:

I remember so well its initiation. It was in connection with a small group of hockey enthusiasts of whom four or five, if not more, were members of the staff of my father, Lord Stanley, Governor-General. We formed a team of ourselves; our name "The Rebels." I'm glad to think that from that very small beginning there has developed the present contest for the "STANLEY CUP," which you tell me is now the greatest ice hockey contest in North America, and that means in the world.

### **THE OPENING OF STANLEY PARK, OCTOBER 1889.**

#### **THE CHILDREN'S GREETING TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES LORD STANLEY, GOVERNOR GENERAL, AND LADY STANLEY.**

We come! We come!  
We come, good friends, to greet you.  
Our hearts are free and happy are we,  
Yes! happy are we to meet you.

There was a platform erected on Georgia street, across from the old Hotel Vancouver at Granville street, and there the scholars of Vancouver Schools stood. I was one of them. The above verse was sung by the school children upon the occasion of the visit of Lord and Lady Stanley to Vancouver in 1889.

Excerpt from letter, 11 May 1954, from Mrs. N.E. (Jane) Lougheed, 2941 West 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to Mrs. Jean Gibbs, Assistant Archivist, Vancouver.

### **THE RT. HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G.**

6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1948

The Rt. Hon.  
THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G.

Dear Mr. Stroyan:

I have the honor to call your attention to the press notices announcing the demise of Lord Derby. Lady Derby survives. Other descendants include the Rt. Hon. Oliver Stanley, P.C., who was Secretary of State during the late war, grandson.

It is known to you, but, merely to refresh your memory, Lord Derby, as A.D.C. to his father, His Excellency The Governor-General, Baron Stanley of Preston, was present, with his bride, now his widow, at the dedication ceremony at the end of the pipe line road, Oct. 1889, when His Excellency exclaimed that he dedicated Stanley Park "to the use and enjoyment of peoples of all colours, creeds and customs for all time." And "I name thee Stanley Park."

A beautiful, but peculiar illuminated scroll had been presented to Lord Stanley, and to which he was replying. The original is now in the City Archives, suitably framed, as in 1939, the late Lord Derby generously, at our request, represented it to the Citizens of Vancouver. I enclose a printed copy of it; one well worth reading.

I also enclose you a photograph of two letters, not yet one year old. They were received following our sending him the admirable photo, "The Merry Children of Vancouver" in Stanley