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The Badge of Vancouver  
1886 - 1903

# The Pioneers of Burrard Inlet

GRANVILLE - - HASTINGS  
MOODYVILLE  
NORTH ARM - FRASER RIVER

1886

OUR CITY IS THEIR MONUMENT



## AN APPRECIATION

By the Board of Park Commissioners  
upon the 66th Anniversary of the  
incorporation of Vancouver as a City,  
6th April, 1886

City Archives,  
City Hall, Vancouver  
April, 1952



IN COMMEMORATION OF  
THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

*Incorporation of Vancouver  
as a City*

Sixth of April, 1886

THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
REQUESTS

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AND ALL PIONEERS OF VANCOUVER  
RESIDENT HERE IN 1886 OR EARLIER,  
TO ASSEMBLE AS GUESTS

*At Dinner*

THE PAVILION, STANLEY PARK  
MONDAY, 7th APRIL, 1952, at 6 P.M.

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## The Pioneer Guests

One hundred and ninety invitations were extended. Indisposition and distance prevented acceptance by many, but of the one hundred and ten elderly ladies and gentlemen who attended, each and every one had lived in Vancouver or its vicinity since before Vancouver had a name, or so soon after it was named that its name did not appear on maps. The response of one well known eastern Canadian corporation to a pioneer merchant's application for their agency was that he could have it if he would tell them where Vancouver was.

The Chairman of the Park Board, Commissioner Arnold Webster, presided. At an appropriate moment the Commissioners retired, leaving the Pioneers, closely seated together in groups, to gossip, confidentially, in happy smiling abandon. Then, as the evening grew longer, pleasantly tired, they drifted off in twos and threes until all had gone home and to bed, leaving the most beautiful park in the world to silence and dark night.



## The Gracious Hosts

Arnold A. Webster, Esq., *Chairman*

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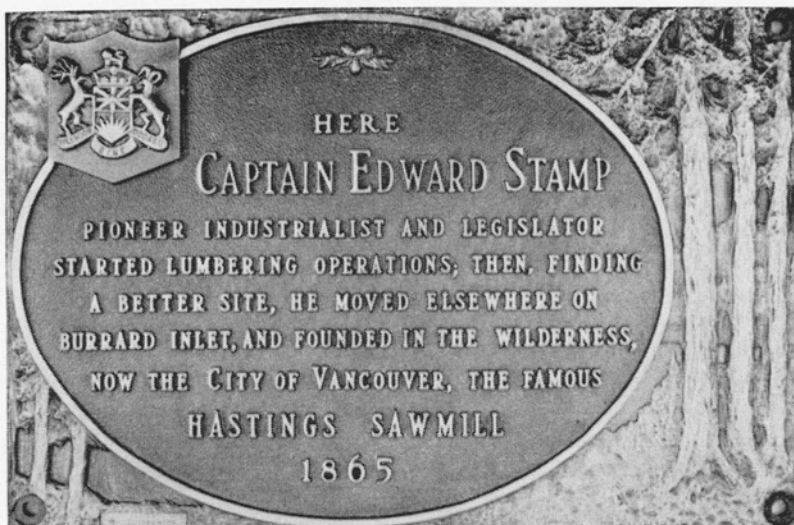
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*The site of the City of Vancouver was covered with huge trees growing thick as a field of grain. As a site for his pioneer sawmill, Captain Stamp chose our Brockton Point Grounds, which he cleared. A greater supply of fresh water and better anchorage for sailing ships being found elsewhere, he abandoned his first choice, and erected "Stamp's Sawmill," afterwards the historic Hastings Sawmill, at the foot of Dunlevy Avenue.*

This plaque is one of many similar ones erected throughout the Province by the Government of British Columbia, Department of Trade and Industry, to commemorate historic sites.

## The Unveiling

At the conclusion of Mr. McKelvie's historical narration, the Union Jack was drawn aside jointly by John Charles Maclure, born at "The Camp," (New Westminster), 1862; by August Jack Khahtsahlano, grandson of Chief Khahtsahlanogh (Kitsilano), and Fred L. Beecher, son of C. M. Beecher, one of the proprietors of Hastings Sawmill.

It was subsequently erected, permanently, near Brockton Point Grounds, First Narrows.

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## The Master Builders of Vancouver

Address by E. G. ROWEBOTTOM, ESQ., Deputy Minister of  
Trade and Industry, Victoria.

“Mr. Chairman:

“It is a pleasure to be present at this interesting ceremony of unveiling a memorial plaque to honour one of British Columbia’s great pioneers.

“I come to you as a grandson of a pioneer; my grandfather arrived on the *Thames City* in 1859. He came with the Royal Engineers under Colonel Moody, and he helped to build the Cariboo Road.

“I take this opportunity to compliment the Park Commissioners on their thoughtfulness and enthusiasm in having this particular site in beautiful Stanley Park marked; that all may know – young or old, the resident nearby or the visitor from afar, those of this day or the posterity of tomorrow – British Columbians are proud of their heritage. The marking of this site is a symbol of our pride, and a recognition of the deeds and achievements of our forefathers who laid the foundations of our beloved province. What they accomplished is too often forgotten; the lessons they taught too often lost. Here we are marking in imperishable bronze one brief paragraph in the book of our history. It has no small significance when one looks back and compares the modest Stamp mill with the tremendous forest industry of our day, and looks forward to the even greater industrial future of which this old mill was the genesis.

“More important still is that these markers prompt us and all those who read the inscription to reflect upon our tradition, and our own enterprise in a community founded by men of courage and initiative whom we all strive to emulate.”

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SQUAMISH INDIAN LODGE, 1868, NOW "LOST LAGOON"

Green lawns now slope gently down to "Lost Lagoon." Squamish Indian lodges were of thick cedar slabs split with deer's horn wedges, and built with stone hammers and stone chisels by Squamish Indian, the greatest natural carpenters in North America. Six "dugout" canoes lie at rest upon the beach.



A RELIC OF THE FOREST

This great tree, over eleven feet in diameter, grew on Georgia Street a few yards west from the Hotel Vancouver, and had been one of thousands of forest monarchs, towering to the skies, which formerly stood, thick as a field of grain, since the dawn of time.

## Captain Edward Stamp

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Historical remarks by BRUCE A. MCKELVIE, Esq., historian, Victoria, B. C., past Grand Factor, Native Sons of British Columbia.

“Mr. Chairman:

“I am privileged to be here this evening to pay tribute to the memory of a pioneer industrialist and legislator; one who contributed much to the early development of this country.

“Captain Edward Stamp had already started one large sawmill on the west coast of Vancouver Island before he organized the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Spar, Lumber and Saw Mill Company Limited, and looked for a suitable site for a larger mill. On April 10th, 1865, he opened negotiations with the government of the crown colony of British Columbia at New Westminster, and was promised that any concessions he desired would be given consideration.

“On May 17th, 1865, he addressed the Colonial Secretary, asking for permission to purchase one hundred acres on the military reserve adjoining Brockton Point. Other requests included water rights on a small lake—Beaver Lake; fifteen thousand acres of timber lands on Howe Sound, Burrard Inlet and Fraser for twenty-one years leasehold at one cent per acre annual rental, and the remission of customs duties on machinery for the sawmill. All his requests were granted.

“Captain Stamp planned an assembly line—as it would be termed today—from his booming ground, sheltered by Deadmans Island, through a mill and lumber yards between Coal Harbour and the First Narrows to his docks. Clearing work was started across the strip where the Brockton Point athletic grounds are now located, but three months later, in July 1865, Captain Stamp advised the Colonial Secretary that unexpected obstructions had been encountered, and sought permission to select a new location. He suggested a point midway between his old location and the terminus of a new road—Douglas Road—from New Westminster to Burrard Inlet, a terminus afterwards named Hastings. On the back of his letter, in the handwriting of Governor Seymour, is written, ‘Yes. Pray carry this out. And the nearer this mill is to New Westminster the better.’

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“The sawmill was moved, ultimately to become the flourishing enterprise known as the ‘Hastings Sawmill,’ and about it grew up the community first called ‘Granville’, but eventually ‘Vancouver.’

“Edward Stamp was an enterprising citizen. He marked the dangerous Burnaby Shoal with a spar buoy; offered to construct other navigation marks; endeavored to establish a stone quarry here and prospected for coal near Ladysmith. He became a member of the Legislative Council.

“After about three years, in 1868, he left the Hastings Sawmill and engaged in the fishing industry, and was in England organizing a company to construct a large salmon cannery at New Westminster when he died, January 1872. It is eminently fitting that he should be remembered, and especially so in this magnificent metropolis and port where he established the first industry on the south shore of Vancouver Harbour.”



THE “WEST END” IN 1889

The waters are now enclosed by the “Causeway,” and known as “Lost Lagoon.”

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## Here Before Vancouver Had Its Name . . .

The Roll of Invitations issued, on behalf of the Park Commissioners by the City Archives, to all pioneers here in 1886 or earlier, in commemoration of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Vancouver, 6th April, 1886, to be their guests at dinner, The Pavilion, Stanley Park, Monday, 7th April, 1952, at 6 p.m.

190 invited – 110 attended.

Abbott, Mrs. J. L. G., 1300 West 26th Avenue  
Abrams, Mrs. J. B., 505 11th Street, New Westminster  
Alltree, Mrs. Lena E., 4122 Triumph Street  
Arkell, Mrs. F. R., 1638 West 29th Avenue  
  
Balfour, H. E., c/o Mrs. A. V. Tomlinson, 2246 West 13th Avenue  
Barton, Mrs. H. B., 2194 S.W. Marine Drive  
Battison, C. A., 6100 Battison Street  
Beach, Mrs. Jane, 240 S.W. Marine Drive  
Beck, Mrs. Jennie, 1490 Balfour Avenue  
Beecher, F. L., 2320 Harbour Road, Sidney, V.I.  
Bennett, Mrs. C. R., 2103 East 46th Avenue  
Black, George E., 1229 East Eighth Avenue  
Blaney, Mrs. Simon, 3121 Trafalgar Street  
Bonnallie, Mrs. G. A., No. 3 D'Arcy Court, 1361 Harwood Street  
Boulton, Mrs. Watkin, 1040 West Georgia Street  
Bower, Mrs. R. S., 1373 Nicola Street  
Brenchley, A., 1101 Nicola Street  
Brown, George, St. Vincent's Home, 853 East Pender Street  
Brown, Mrs. Edward, 2803 Franklin Street  
Brown, Mrs. W. H., 1512 West 12th Avenue  
Burd, Mrs. F. J., 1300 Comox Street  
Burwell, Mrs. H. M., 1058 Nelson Street  
  
Cambie, H. B., 2831 West 45th Avenue  
Cakebread, Mrs. Emily, 1016 West 12th Avenue  
Campbell, Mrs. E. B., 935 West 13th Avenue  
Campbell, Hugh E., 2848 Birch Street  
Carter, Mrs. Juliet, 1678 West 11th Avenue  
Ceperley, Arthur T., Suite 306, 1877 Haro Street  
Cocking, J. H., 1000 Haro Street  
Connon, Mrs. Jane F., 1058 Nelson Street  
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FIRST MEETING OF FIRST CITY COUNCIL, 10 MAY, 1886  
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 Cummings, Roderick, Murrayville, B. C.

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