PAPERS

Relating to the selection of a site for a University in British Columbia.

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UNIVERSITY SITE COMMISSION REPORT.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 28th, 1910.

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

SIR,—The University Site Commission begs to submit the following report:—

In accordance with the provisions of the "University Site Commission Act, 1910," your Commissioners have visited and made a careful examination of the several cities and rural districts in the Province suggested as suitable University sites, and have selected as the location for the University the vicinity of the City of Vancouver.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
R. C. WELDON, *Chairman,*
G. DAUTH,
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O. D. SKELTON,
WALTER C. MURRAY, *Secretary.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 28th, 1910.

To the Honourable H. E. Young, M.D., LL.D.,
Minister of Education:

SIR,—The University Site Commissioners are strongly of the opinion that the University should not be placed on a site which may in time be completely surrounded by a city. They respectfully suggest that not less than 250 acres be set apart for the University campus and 700 acres for experimental purposes in agriculture and forestry. This is exclusive of a forest reserve for forestry operations on a large scale.

The Commissioners are of the opinion that the most suitable site is at Point Grey, unless the soil there and that of the delta land adjacent are found to be unsuitable for the experimental work of the College of Agriculture. Should Point Grey prove impossible, the Commissioners suggest: first, a site along the shore west of North Vancouver, provided the tunnel and bridge are constructed; second, St. Mary's Hill overlooking the Pitt, Fraser, and Coquitlam Rivers, provided residences are erected for the students. Central Park, though conveniently situated, will probably be surrounded by the Cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, and because of this and of the absence of outstanding scenic advantages is undesirable.

While the Commissioners are firmly convinced that it is of the highest importance to have all the faculties of the University doing work of University grade located together, they believe that the diverse conditions of agriculture in this Province make it advisable to divide the work of agricultural education between the College of Agriculture at the University and Schools of Agriculture of secondary grade located in different centres. The College of

Agriculture should conduct researches, provide courses leading to a degree, supervise the extension work and Schools of Agriculture. These schools should be established in conjunction with the Demonstration Farms in typical centres, and should provide short courses extending over the winter months of two or three years for the sons of farmers. Each school might specialise in one or more branches, such as horticulture, dairying, etc.

Similarly, Technical Evening Schools might be opened in the different coal-mining centres for the preparation of candidates for mining certificates, and in the metal-mining districts for the assistance of prospectors and others.

The Commissioners have been greatly impressed by the marvellous richness, variety, and extent of the natural resources of this Province, and by the very generous provision made for the endowment of the University; and they are of the opinion that if the University adopts a policy of offering salaries ranging from $3,800 to $5,000 to its professors, it will attract men of the highest ability, who, by their scientific investigations and outstanding reputations, will not only materially aid in developing the resources of the Province, but will also place the University on an equality with the best universities in America.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

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MINUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY SITE COMMISSION, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, May 26th, 1910.

The Commission met in the Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B. C., on the 26th day of May, 1910, at 10 A.M.

There were present: Canon Dauth, Vice-Rector of Laval University, Montreal; Dean Weldon, of Dalhousie University; Chancellor Jones, of the University of New Brunswick; Professor Skelton, of Queen's University; and President Murray, of Saskatchewan.

Dean Weldon was elected Chairman, and President Murray Secretary.

The Chairman announced that an appointment had been made for an interview with the Governor at 11.30, and with the members of the Executive Council at 11.45.

The Commission considered certain matters concerning which they desired information, and instructions were given for securing such information.

The correspondence from Boards of Trade and other public bodies containing invitations to the Commission to visit suitable sites for a University was read. The Secretary was instructed to arrange an itinerary which would meet as far as possible the wishes of the people.

Invitations from the Union Club and the Canadian Club were read, and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge them.

The Commission adjourned to meet the following day at the same hour.

May 27th, 1910.

The Commission met at 10.30 in the same place. All the members were present.

The Commission approved of the itinerary, and spent the session in examining various documents and gathering information concerning the Province.

The Commission adjourned to meet the following day at the same hour. Sites in the vicinity of Victoria were subsequently visited.

VICTORIA, May 28th, 1910.

The Commission met according to adjournment, all members being present.

The session was spent in discussion.

The Commission adjourned to meet Monday, May 30th, at 10 o'clock, and thereafter to receive the delegation from Victoria in the Executive Council Chamber at 10.30.

VICTORIA, May 30th, 1910.

The Commission met according to adjournment, all the members being present.

The advantages of Victoria were set forth by Messrs. Jay, Bolton, Lugrin, Paul, Sutton, Nelson, Mrs. Watt, and several others.

The Commission adjourned at 1.20 to meet in Nanaimo May 31st at 3 P.M.

NANAIMO, May 31st, 1910.

The Commission met at 8.30 P.M. in the Court-house, all the members being present. Several sites were visited in the afternoon.

The advantages of Nanaimo were set forth by Mayor Planta, Messrs. Aitken, Dixon, Hodson, Kitchen, and others.

The Commission adjourned to meet in Vancouver June 2nd, 1910.

VANCOUVER, June 2nd, 1910.

The Commission met according to adjournment, all the members being present.

The advantages of Vancouver were set forth by Mayor Taylor, Dr. Davidson, Messrs. W. P Argue, Stone, Burwash, Pearson, Judge Howay, and Maxwell Smith.

The Commission adjourned to meet in North Vancouver June 3rd, and in Vancouver June 4th.

NORTH VANCOUVER, June 3rd, 1910.

The Commission met in North Vancouver at 3 P.M., all the members being present. Sites were viewed, and the claims of North Vancouver were presented by Reeve McNaughton, Mayor Lee, Mr. Phillips, and others.

The Commission adjourned to meet in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, June 4th, 1910.

The Commission met in Vancouver at 9.30, all the members being present.

Addresses were made by Mr. Cowan, Principal Robinson, Father Welch, Archdeacon Pentreath, Mr. Gibson, and Professor Fraser. Several sites were visited.

The Commission adjourned to meet in New Westminster.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 6th and 7th, 1910.

The Commission, after visiting various sites and the surrounding districts, met on the evening of the 7th and heard addresses from Mayor Lee, Messrs. Trapp, Sipperell, Taylor, MacAulay, Stramberg, Wade, and Henderson.

The Commission adjourned.

CHILLIWACK, June 8th, 1910.

The Commission visited sites and the district, and met in the Court-house to hear addresses from Mayor Munro, the Reeve, Messrs. Bowes, Gowland, Barber, and others.

The Commission adjourned.

KAMLOOPS, June 10th, 1910.

The Commission, after viewing various sites, met in the Court-house and heard addresses from Mayor Robinson, Judge Swansen, Messrs. Wade, Shaw, and others.

The Commission then adjourned.

VERNON, June 11th to 13th, 1910.

The Commission viewed several sites and the surrounding districts on Saturday, and met in the City Hall on Monday, when addresses were given by Mayor Husband, Messrs. McKelvie, and Comminskey.

The Commission decided to send some of their number to Kelowna, others to Summerland, others to Penticton, returning on Tuesday.

The Commission then adjourned.

REVELSTOKE, June 15th, 1910.

The Commission met in the Drill Hall at 8.30 P.M., all the members being present. During the day the Commission visited sites.

Addresses were made by Messrs. Potter, Buise, Atkins, Lloyd, and Gordon.

The Commission then adjourned.

NELSON, June 17th, 1910.

The Commission met in the Court-house at 10 A.M., all the members being present.

Addresses were made by Mayor Selons, Messrs. Starkey, Farris, Jones, Westman, Patenaude, Rutherford, Johnson, Drs. Arthur, Ferguson, and Wolverton.

Sites were visited.

The Commission then adjourned.

During the trip to Nelson, and also on the return, a delegation from Nakusp interviewed the Commission.

The Commission also inspected sites in Vancouver and North Vancouver on their way to and from Prince Rupert.

PRINCE RUPERT, June 22nd and 23rd, 1910.

The Commission visited Prince Rupert, interviewed some of the citizens, and inspected possible sites and made inquiries concerning the development of the northern portion of the Province.

The Commission adjourned.

VICTORIA, June 27th, 1910.

The Commission met in the Maple Committee room and reviewed the opinions informally discussed during the trip to and from Prince Rupert. A draft of the report in accordance with the opinions previously expressed was considered.

The Commission then adjourned.

VICTORIA, June 28th, 1910.

The Commission met and considered the draft of the report as revised. After long and careful discussion a vote was taken, and the report as amended was adopted. The Secretary was instructed to have the report signed, and in due time to forward it to the Provincial Secretary.

The Commission adjourned *sine die*.

WALTER C. MURRAY, *Secretary*.

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