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# FRONTISPIECE

THE first Vancouver Post Office was just a room in Hastings Mill Store; one of the panes of glass in the window (left window, right bottom pane) was left out, and a board hung there instead. To mail a letter, one pushed the board away and dropped the missive inside. In the picture, an Indian dugout is seen tied to the wharf, while the owner is in the store making purchases, leaving members of his family outside. The belfry surmounts the eating house shown to the left. The bell was used for various purposes—meal times, jovial occasions, alarms, etc. It rang for the first religious service held in Vancouver, when Rev. Ebenezer Robson preached in 1865, coming over from New Westminster on horseback. The first schoolhouse is on the knoll to the right. Close by ran the road to New Westminster. This building has been preserved and moved from its original location at the foot of Dunlevy Street to Jericho Beach by the Native Daughters of B. C.

# FOREWORD

TO portray Vancouver, Golden City of the West, is a challenge to the printer and artist-photographer of the keenest description.

In attempting this objective, it was necessary, first of all, to form in the mind some concept of Vancouver and then to portray this through carefully selected photographs which reveal the city's various activities and surroundings. By this means a composite picture is presented of Vancouver: as an industrial city; as a place of fine homes; as a civic centre, with modern office buildings, stores, hospitals, churches; as a city unique in the possession of parks of the most magnificent description, sea beaches and bathing pools; as a source of unequalled sporting opportunities and unparalleled scenic grandeur; finally, as Canada's Pacific Gateway linking the East and West through one of the world's finest harbours, open the year around.

As well as being a Souvenir of Vancouver, this book is presented as an example of the art of printing. It was produced by the Lumberman Printing Company Limited, of Vancouver, B. C., by the offset-lithographic process.

It has been a privilege to attempt this pleasant task and to carry it through. It is also a pleasure to acknowledge the co-operation of Mr. Leonard Frank, of Vancouver, B. C., from whose collection the photographs used in this presentation were selected.

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# VANCOUVER—THE GOLDEN CITY OF THE WEST

FIFTY years in the life of a city is but a brief interval in the passing of Time. Yet few cities with hundreds of years of history behind them can show a record of solid achievement comparable with Vancouver, metropolis of the Pacific Northwest. It is all the more interesting to record that by every test of a city's growth—undeveloped natural resources, strategic world position and the ever-growing importance of Oriental trade—Vancouver is but at the threshold of its youth as a great City of Tomorrow . . . .

In the short span of fifty years, Vancouver has progressed from a few rude dwellings, located on the fringe of an unexplored forest and housing less than a thousand souls, into a progressive city of 300,000 people. But, Vancouver's destiny remains still to be written in a future, that, in the opinion of an economist as eminent as Roger Babson, will make her one of the four great cities of the Pacific Coast; perhaps the foremost of the four.

Several major factors are, in the main, responsible for Vancouver's present growth. These factors must also profoundly influence the city's future destiny. Vancouver is the Canadian gateway to the Orient and the Panama Canal. It is the *only* feasible outlet for the rapidly increasing Oriental trade of the Dominion. It is also the *logical* outlet for the bulk of Canada's huge grain crop. Vancouver exports from eighty to one hundred million bushels of grain annually, by way of the Panama Canal route to Europe and via the Oriental seaway. Fifty-two lines of steamships operate in and out of Vancouver harbour—among them the finest and most modern ships of the line—carrying annually an export tonnage, from Vancouver, of nearly ten millions of tons. Vancouver's water frontage extends for nearly one hundred miles, indicating the enormous possibilities of its future harbour development.

British Columbia is the richest Province in Canada in mineralized wealth: gold, silver, platinum, lead, zinc,

copper, iron ore and coal abound in rich deposits, and Vancouver is the pivotal city around which this vast wealth is concentrated. As yet its potentialities have merely been surface-scratched. With a unified mining policy now being sponsored by the Dominion Government, stabilization of mining laws and security for the investor are assured. A huge increase in investment and development must inevitably result, for B. C. is one of the world's great mining frontiers.

Vancouver's tidewaters and tributary rivers provide thousands of tons of fish annually, notably choice red salmon, giving Vancouver a wide margin over all other Provinces in the Dominion in this great source of perpetual wealth.

Vancouver is the hub and spearhead of the great lumber industry of British Columbia. One-third of all the softwood supply of the entire British Empire comes from the forests of British Columbia.

Many other interesting facts might be enumerated showing the solid foundation upon which the superstructure of Vancouver's material future is reared, but the purpose of this book is to give a pictorial portrait of this richly-favoured City of Destiny, rather than a statistical review.

This, however, remains to be said. As a tourist centre, Vancouver is an annual source of international interest. Within a single hour of the city the visitor may scale a lofty mountain peak and view a panorama of mountains and sea unsurpassed the world over in grandeur and magnificence; or sail the ocean, always within clear sight of scenic beauties of unrivalled interest and splendour; or penetrate the forest hinterland amid the silence of first growth fir, cedar, hemlock, spruce and pine, 150 to 200 feet high; or fish in the vast waters of mighty rivers and the sea; or ski among the firs and pines of a snow-covered plateau thousands of feet above sea level; or hunt big game in the forest or among the rocky eminences of snow-capped mountains—and return to a city ready to extend the latest and most modern advantages of comfort, entertainment and pleasure.

Such, in brief, is Vancouver, Golden City of the West.

*View of Harbour taken from financial section*

*Canada's Pacific metropolis lies in a matchless environment of sea and mountains*

*Granville Street, looking towards mountains*

*Vancouver is noted for the number and variety of its busy retail stores*

*Hastings Street, Standard Bank to Marine Building*

*Vancouver's newer business blocks are among the finest in the Dominion*

*C. P. R. Piers B, C, D. Grain Elevators in distance*

*Vancouver is Canada's all-year-round seaport for the trading vessels of the Eastern and Western hemispheres*

*Five-million-bushel Grain Elevator of Canadian Wheat Pool*

*Vancouver is the Pacific seaboard and Panama Canal outlet for millions of bushels of Canada's annual wheat crop*

*View of Vancouver Harbour at night*

*Sailing into Vancouver harbour under a moonlit sky with myriads of twinkling harbour lights ahead is a fascinating experience*

*Burrard Bridge, taken from Beach Avenue*

*Burrard Bridge stretches a full mile in length across False Creek linking together city and suburb*

*One of Vancouver's Beautiful Residences*

*Vancouver is distinguished by many lovely homesites set in surroundings of great natural beauty*

*Marine Drive is another choice residential section*

*Vistas of mountain and sea and almost every type of flower and shrub make for ideal home environment*

*Shaughnessy Heights is a select neighborhood of fine homes*

*Green lawns the year through and the glowing loveliness of seasonal flowers form a setting of perpetual charm*

*Beautiful Setting of a Vancouver mansion*

*Vancouver is famous for the grandeur of its rock gardens filled with native alpine ferns and plants*

*A Typical Residential Street*

*Suburbs with sea and mountain views are built up with attractive homes of interesting architecture*

*Hotel Vancouver*

*Splendid modern hotels vie with each other in giving faultless service to the tourist*

*Hotel Georgia*

*Vancouver's hotels are centrally located in the best and newest areas*

*St. Paul's Hospital*

*Provision for the sick through adequate hospital accommodation is a responsibility seriously undertaken*

*Vancouver General Hospital*

*A monument to the city's thoughtfulness for the sick*

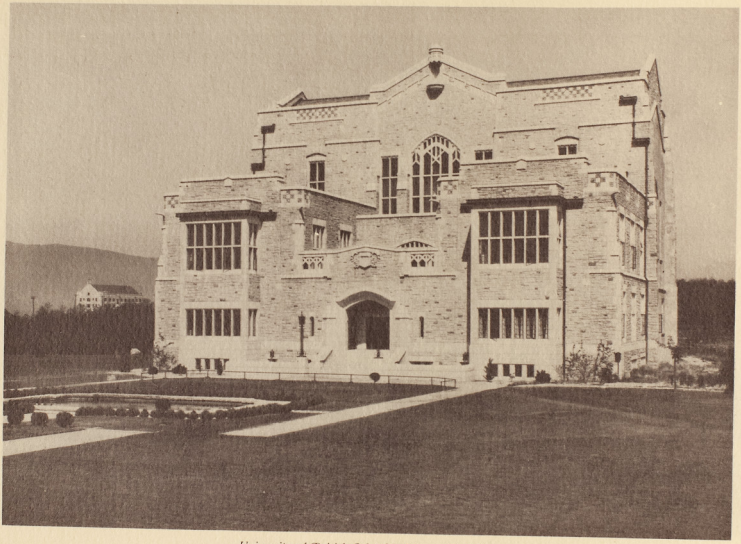
*Holy Rosary Cathedral*

*The religious life of the city is well served by the different denominational bodies*

*St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church and First Baptist Church*
*A broadly sympathetic ministerial body ministers to the citizen's spiritual needs*

*University of British Columbia Science Building*

*Overlooking the Gulf of Georgia and a magnificent panorama of sea and mountains*



*University of British Columbia Library Building*

*The University in its proud natural eminence is also one of Canada's greatest seats of learning and culture*

*Alexandra Park and English Bay*

*Vancouver, beyond all other Canadian cities, is richly favoured with naturally beautiful parks*

*Entrance to Stanley Park from Georgia Street*

*Canada's finest park stands in a veritable Robin Hood forest setting and provides unrivalled scenic splendours and recreational activities*

*Stanley Park Pavilion*

*Here one may sit and browse, walk the nine-mile stretch of winding woodland road, golf, swim or play tennis*

*Indian Totem Poles in Stanley Park*

*Many historic sights add to the entrancing interest of this wonderland park*

*Lumbermen's Arch in Stanley Park*

*The mansion-site of a ten-million dollar residential property development by British investors is shown in the distance*

*President Harding Memorial, Stanley Park*

*A tribute to Canada's friendship and regard for her great southern neighbour*

*Sunset View from Stanley Park*

*Crystal sea, the setting sun, towering shadows of fir and cedar and the Coast mountain range*

*View from Prospect Point, Stanley Park*

*One of the world's scenic delights; viewing the Gulf of Georgia and the incoming ships from the Panama and the Orient*

*Kitsilano Beach and Swimming Pool*

*This city-owned bathing pool provides a safe and glorious sea-water "swimming hole"*

*A Glorious Day at English Bay*

*Vancouver's English Bay is famous for its surf bathing and a source of endless pleasure to thousands who throng the beach*

*Fishing in Capilano River*

*Vancouver and British Columbia are the fisherman's paradise for salmon, cod, bass and trout*

*Another Capilano River Scene*

*When "they're biting" there is no finer place on earth than the Capilano River*

*Jericho Golf Course*

*Vancouver's many golf courses enjoy settings of unrivalled beauty, which adds to the pleasure of the game of games*

*Yachting at Coal Harbour*

*One of the sights of the harbour is to watch the yacht races, and, of course, the privately-owned yachts are many and magnificent*

*Shaughnessy Heights Golf Course*

*Not the least of the city's advantages is year-round golf; Vancouver is a golfer's paradise*

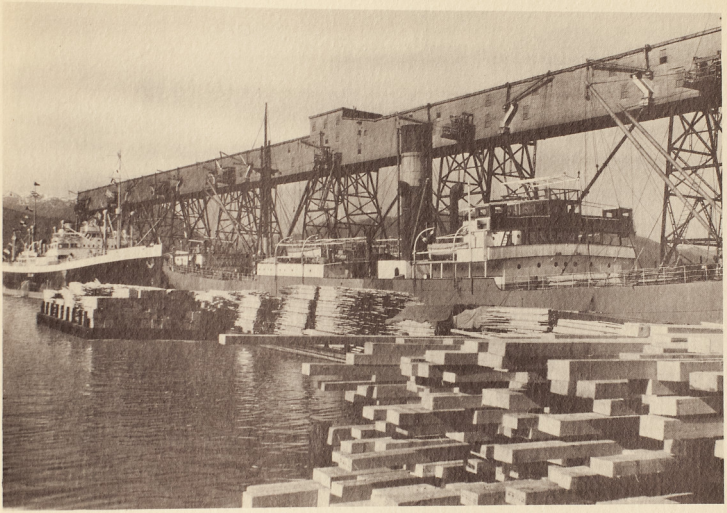
*Ski-ing on Grouse Mountain*

*Ski-ing at an eminence of nearly 4000 feet—an hour's journey from the centre of the city*

*Red Cedar, Hemlock, White Pine, Hemlock and Fir—all growing together*
*A unique forest scene—the source of much of the world's finest timber supply is British Columbia.*

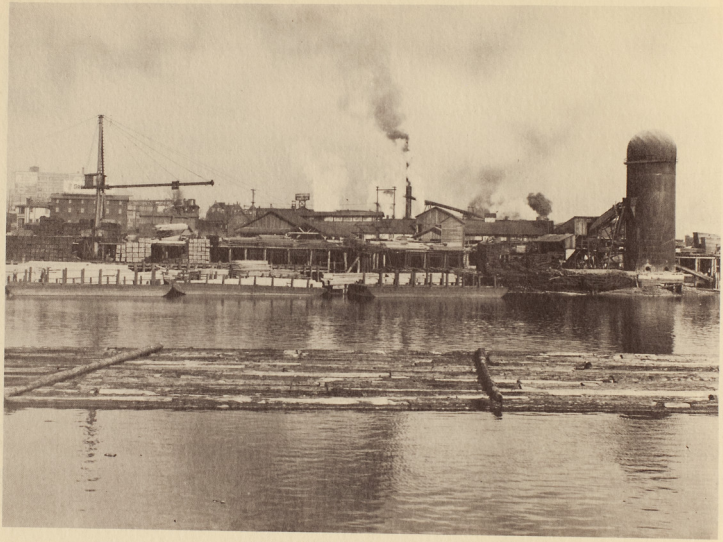
*The "Seven Sisters" in Stanley Park*

*Typical giants of the forest with which Stanley Park abounds*



*Loading Grain and Lumber at Lapointe Pier*

*Vancouver is the busiest lumber export centre and the fastest-growing grain port in Canada*



*Sawmill in Vancouver*

*Located in Vancouver and vicinity are some of the world's largest sawmills*

*View of Chicken Ranch, near Vancouver*

*B.C. is world famous for the quality of its poultry flocks and the high egg-production records*

*Harvesting the Potato Crop*

*B.C. potatoes provide the earliest and finest crop in Canada*

*Threshing Scene, near Vancouver*

*Intensive farming provides a properly balanced agricultural income with crop failures a rarity*

*A Typical British Columbia Farm Scene*

*Sleek herds of Jersey and Holstein cows graze in the luscious meadows of the Fraser Valley*

*Salmon Cannery near Vancouver*

*Scene of one unit of a great industry, where B. C. fish is canned and shipped to all parts of the world*

*A Good Catch of B. C. Sockeye Salmon*

*The harvest of the sea—a crop of speckled beauties weighing upwards of twenty tons*

*Bralorne Mines, near Vancouver*

*Actually and potentially British Columbia is one of the world's richest gold and copper areas, with Vancouver the outlet to the world*

*Pioneer Gold Mines, near Vancouver*

*Mining is the greatest wealth-producing industry of B. C. and as yet is merely beginning*

*Siwash Rock, Stanley Park*

*A silent sentinel viewing with stolid calm the passing ships*

*First Narrows, entrance to Vancouver Harbour*

*First Narrows is the entrance to Vancouver harbour from the Gulf of Georgia*

*The "Sleeping Beauty"*

*Vancouver's strange mountain phenomenon, a mountain that sleeps in sombre grandeur while the centuries roll by*

*Grouse Mountain*

*Vancouver's winter and summer playground is a never-ending source of interest and attraction*

*View of West Bay and Point Atkinson*

*Point Atkinson rock and lighthouse is a beacon of safety for incoming and outgoing ships at night*

*Suspension Bridge, Capilano Canyon, Vancouver*
*Capilano Canyon is one of the delights of our tourist visitors*

*Lynn Creek Falls, Vancouver*

*Crystal water, cascading over rugged rocks, amid towering firs and cedars*

*Lynn Creek*

*Where a spring becomes a waterfall and a waterfall becomes a rushing, mountain torrent*

*Cheakamus Canyon, near Vancouver*

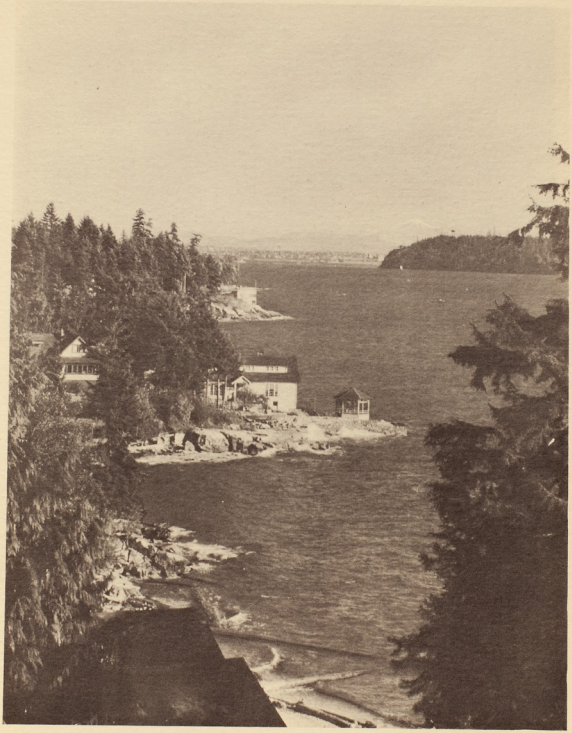
*The P.G.E. Railway is a remarkable scenic route that traverses through the Cheakamus Canyon*

*New Bridge across Capilano Canyon*

*Historic Indian inscriptions carved in the rocks may be seen from this pinnacle bridge*

*Capilano River, with view of "The Lions"*

*River, forest and snow-capped "Lions" combine to make an unforgettable scene*



*West Bay, looking toward Vancouver City*

*Observe the distant outlines of Mount Baker, in the State of Washington, 13,000 feet high*

*Marine Drive, West Vancouver*

*Glorious vistas of sea, forest and mountains make this a favorite automobile drive*

*View from Whytecliff, near Vancouver*

*An automobile drive of unexcelled magnificence, with the famed Howe Sound sea-way and the mountains providing constantly changing scenic interest*

*Rainbow Falls, Harrison Lake, near Vancouver*

*Irridiscent spray, caught by the sun's rays, forming a rainbow of exquisite colourings—a far-famed B.C. beauty spot*

*'Brandywine Falls, near Vancouver*

*A scenic beauty spot on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway into the B.C. hinterland*

*Snug Cove, Bowen Island*

*Vancouver's Island Playground; the family playground of Vancouver citizens of all ages*

*Alexandra Bridge, Cariboo Highway, near Vancouver*

*Spanning the Fraser River and leading up into the Cariboo mountains and the "gold vein" of B.C.*

*Scene on the Cariboo Highway*

*A unique trio—river, highway and railroad—through the Cariboo country to the "pot of gold" at the rainbow's end*

*A Double Tunnel on the Cariboo Highway*

*Engineering skill makes possible glorious travel journeys through the Cariboo country*

*Hell's Gate, on the Cariboo Highway*

*The swirling waters of the Fraser form a maelstrom at the rocky "gates" so aptly named!*

*Harrison Lake, near Vancouver*

*Site of the internationally-famous hot springs—health resort of thousands of annual visitors*

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