

# Vancouver

## The Metropolis on the Pacific

continues to forge ahead, and in every line of activity is showing the same rapid and substantial growth that has made it unique among the cities of the world

The outstanding feature in the statistics of Vancouver's growth during March, 1912, is the large increase in the total of the bank clearings. The clearings for the month just passed show an increase of \$5,818,024 over March of last year, and an increase of \$14,487,817 over the total for March, 1910, the total clearings for the three periods being as follows:

March, 1912 .....	\$49,902,878.00
March, 1911 .....	44,084,854.00
March, 1910 .....	35,415,061.00

One of the best indications of the rapidity with which Vancouver is coming to the front among the trade centres of the world is the enormous increase over any previous year in the Customs receipts for the fiscal year ending March 31. The receipts for the year total \$7,675,161.73, establishing a new record for the port of Vancouver, which, compared with the total for the year ending March 31, 1911, of \$6,231,604.64, shows an increase in revenue of \$1,442,557.09. These figures do not represent the total gain, as for the last six months of the year the revenue from Chinese head-tax, which amounts in the aggregate to a large sum, has gone into the hands of the Immigration Department instead of the Customs as heretofore.

The value of the building permits issued for the month of March, 1912, show the very satisfactory total of \$1,434,392.00. Although this total is somewhat under that of March, 1911, the number of permits issued for the month just closed is much greater than for the corresponding month last year, the figures being for March, 1912, 342 permits, and for March, 1911, 269 permits, showing an increase of 73 in the number of permits issued. The most noteworthy item in the building inspector's record for the last month is the large number of building permits that have been issued for dwelling-houses, the total number being 235.

The permits issued for the month were as follows:

	Number	Value
Repairs and alterations .....	41	\$ 21,965.00
Dwelling-houses .....	235	477,930.00
Apartment and rooming-houses	19	213,500.00
Factories and warehouses ....	49	313,495.00
Office and store buildings ...	18	407,400.00

Owing to the small area included in the Vancouver city limits in comparison with all other cities of anything like the same population, the above figures do not give a true estimate of the growth of this city. Just beyond the city limits in the adjoining municipalities, and which are to all intents and purposes a part of Vancouver, an enormous amount of building is being done. In the first three months of the present year the value of the buildings erected in Point Grey amounted to \$269,850, South Vancouver \$684,357, North Vancouver \$175,099, and Burnaby approximately \$150,000 (the exact figures are not available). Were these amounts added to that of Vancouver proper they would swell the total very materially, and would represent more equally the amount of building taking place in this city.

One of the difficulties with which the city authorities have to contend is in the provision of accommodation for the school children of the city. Although modern and commodious schools are being opened every few months, it seems almost impossible to keep up with the rapidly increasing attendance. The average attendance for the month of March of this year is considerably over that of a year ago, the average attendance being as follows:

March, 1912 .....	11,651
March, 1911 .....	10,038

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