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### SOUTH VANCOUVER ASSESSMENT ROLL

South Vancouver's assessment for 1919, as returned to Commissioner Gillespie on Friday by Assessor William Thompson, shows a total taxable assessment, including improvements, of \$24,607,255.90, as compared with \$24,876,883 in 1918. The latter figure, however, included church property improvements, now valued at \$136,150, which have this year been deducted as non-taxable.

Details of the 1919 assessment are as follows: Wild land, \$13,887,423.99; taxable improvements, \$9,153,585; non-taxable church improvements, \$136,150. Total, \$24,743,405.90.

In 1918 the details of the assessment were: Wild land, \$1,569,447.91; improved land, \$13,884,185.09; improvements, \$9,423,250. Total, \$24,876,883.

In giving the above figures to the press Commissioner Gillespie points out that the figures representing the assessed value of improvements for 1919 do not altogether show the reduction that has been made in the assessments of residential property, owing to the fact that this year there is an increase in the assessment of the B. C. E. R. Company "improvements" in South Vancouver of approximately \$235,000. This increase, together with the deduction of \$136,000 for non-taxable church property, the Commissioner states, brings the reduction on ordinary improvements to about \$400,000.

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