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HARBOUR OF VANCOUVER, B.C.

1. Introductory.

SIR,—Having been honoured with instructions from you to proceed to Vancouver, B.C., to examine into and report on the general conditions and present facilities at the Harbour of Vancouver and make such recommendations for the future development as seem to me most advantageous to the port and to the Dominion, I beg respectfully to submit the following.

I left Montreal on 19th November, 1918, and after visiting Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., returned on 22nd December. I had previously visited Vancouver in December, 1911, and January, 1912, and at that time prepared a report and made certain recommendations dated 29th March, 1912, addressed to the Minister of Public Works.

2. Present Conditions.

The present facilities at the port are much similar to those referred to in my former report, except that the C.P.R. have extended one of their piers and the Dominion Government has constructed a new pier on Burrard inlet. Otherwise there is about one and one-half miles of timber wharfage along the main front of the city at Burrard inlet, nearly all of which is operated, and a considerable portion owned outright, by the Canadian Pacific Railway, but there is little or no equipment for the handling of cargo.

A certain amount of wharfage for vessels of reduced draught, has, in addition, been provided at False creek and Granville island, referred to hereafter.

3. Tonnage.

The tonnage entering and leaving the Harbour at Vancouver for the year ending 31st March, 1910, was:—

	Tons.
Seagoing vessels, inwards	1,566,018
" " outwards	1,459,868
Coasting trade, inwards	1,634,352
" " outwards	1,796,600
Total	6,456,838

which increased for the year ending March, 1911, to the following:—

	Tons.
Seagoing vessels, inwards	2,509,445
" " outwards	1,010,658
Coasting trade, inwards	1,996,963
" " outwards	2,521,847
Total	8,038,913

while for the year March, 1917 to April, 1918, the tonnage was:—

	Tons.
Seagoing vessels, inwards	1,890,873
" " outwards	1,643,382
Coasting trade, inwards	3,549,997
" " outwards	3,806,496
Total	10,840,748

Tons.