

city also takes its name from that beloved sovereign, and New Westminster was named by Her Majesty in July, 1859, the old name being Queenborough. The new city of Prince Rupert takes its name from Prince Rupert, a cousin of King Charles II of England, and the first governor of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Following Quadra, Cooke, Vancouver, Dixon, Fraser, Mackenzie and other early explorers, came Capt. Richards (1859), in the ship "Plumper" and Capt. Pender of the "Beaver" (1867) as well as Walter Moberly and several others who did important survey work and named many coast places.

As is well known the City of Vancouver was named after Capt. George Vancouver, R.N. Vancouver was born at Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England, in June 1757. He entered the Navy in 1771 and sailed with Capt. Cook in the "Resolution" on that Navigator's second voyage of discovery (1772-5) and was a Midshipman on the "Discovery" when that explorer met his death at the hands of the Indians of the Sandwich Islands. He died in May 1798 and was buried in the Churchyard of St. Peters at Petersham, Surrey, England, a place frequently visited by travellers from the Pacific Coast. He spent the last four years of his life in preparing for publication an account of his voyage of discovery around the world, a book of great historic interest. Before the building of the C.P.R. Vancouver was known as Granville, and at an earlier

date, Gastown, from the fact that Gassy Jack had a road house in the middle of Carrall Street near the corner of Water Street. The city of Vancouver was incorporated in 1886, and is no mean monument to the man who explored Burard Inlet 94 years earlier.

It is to be regretted that so few Indian names survive as many of them possess melody, dignity and individuality. Capilano is surely the logical name for North Vancouver, and Kitsilano might well have been given to a place of greater importance. Relatively few Spanish names continue in use among them being Alberni, Haro, Lasqueti, Texada, Valdes, Quadra and Galiano. Alaska is almost the only place name to remind us that Russian explorers were among the first to visit our shores.

Pauline Johnston wrote:

"By right, by birth, we Indians own these lands,
Though starved, crushed, plundered, lies our
nation low,

Perhaps the white man's God has willed it so."

It may be true, in fact it is true, that we have taken these lands from the Indians and given little in return. But we cannot take away the Indian names.

"Their memory liveth on your hills,
their baptism on your shore,

Your everlasting rivers speak their dialect of
yore."



British Columbia in the Making.