

Stanley Park and Deadman's Island.

PETITION.

To His Excellency the Most Honourable Sir Henry Charles Keith, Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor General in Council:

The petition of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

Whereas an Act has been passed by the legislative assembly of British Columbia, incorporating the city of Vancouver;

And whereas there is within our city limits a portion of land known as "The Dominion Government Military Reserve," near the first Narrows, and is bounded on the west by English Bay, and on the east by Burrard Inlet;

And whereas it is advisable that permission should be given to the mayor and council of the said city of Vancouver, to have control of said reserve, in order that it may be used by the inhabitants of the city of Vancouver as a park.

Your petitioners therefore pray that said reserve should be handed over to the said corporation, to be used by them subject to such restrictions as to your Excellency may seem right. To be and to be held by them as a public park.

M. A. MacLEAN, Mayor,
THOS. F. McGUIGAN, City Clerk,

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 8th day of June, 1887.

On a report dated 10th May, 1887, from the Minister of Militia and Defence, stating that he has had under consideration a petition of the mayor and alderman of the city of Vancouver, B.C., praying that the Dominion government military reserve near the first Narrows, bounded on the west by English Bay, and on the east by Burrard Inlet, may be handed over to the said corporation for use as a park. The minister reports that he sees no objection to this proposal, provided this corporation keep the park in proper order, and the Dominion government retain the right to resume the property when required at any time. The minister further states that he does not deem it advisable to recommend that this property be transferred to class 2 as not available for military use, as he is of opinion that it will be required for military purposes, but until this he recommends that the corporation have the use of the same as a park, subject to the provisions mentioned. The committee advise that the Minister of Militia and Defence be authorized to take the necessary steps for carrying the same into effect.

JOHN J. McGEE,
Clerk, Privy Council.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,
OTTAWA, 12th July, 1887.

His Worship
The Mayor of Vancouver City, B.C.

SIR,—With reference to the petition of the corporation of the city of Vancouver, for a grant of the military reserve at that place for the purpose of a park, I have now the honour, by direction of the Minister of Militia and Defence, to transmit to you the inclosed copy of an Order in Council granting the desired privilege under certain conditions. A copy of the Order in Council has also been forwarded to the Deputy Adjutant General in command of Military District No. 11 for his information and guidance.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
C. EUG. PANET, Colonel,
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.