

is only deep in places. But the notice and extent of the work to be done, we venture to say, with respect, can be best determined by competent surveyors and engineers co-operating with the Harbor Board and the various Municipal authorities. At this stage we only ask for a re-awakening of activity in the matter, for a careful and sympathetic consideration of the same, we lay before you, and through you before the Government. For we cannot but believe that the result will be such an improvement of the North Arm as will lead to a realization of some of its potentialities as a river of commercial industry, a great factor in the economic and industrial development of the Province, ensuring cheap homesites and industrial sites.

At a largely attended meeting of the South Vancouver, and Richmond and Point Grey Boards of Trade, held on August 21st, 1918, in the Board Room of the Vancouver Board of Trade, Col. Cooper, M.P., Hon. J. W. Weart, M.P.P.; Mr. Gerald McGeer, M.P.P., Commissioner Gillespie, of South Vancouver, the Reeves of Greater Vancouver Municipalities, the Presidents of the Boards of Trade and many other prominent public men, large employers of labor and other citizens being present, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLUTION.

"Whereas large sums of money and much effort and time have been expended by the Federal Government and the Municipalities abutting on the North Arm in improving the entrance to the North Arm of the Fraser River, and in preparation of plans for its further development;

"And whereas, the money expended is of comparatively little use as the work completed does not give access to the most suitable industrial sites along the North Arm, and moreover, if the work is not continued, that which has already been done will rapidly depreciate;

"And whereas, it would appear that an amount reasonable as compared with that already expended, would render these sites available;

"Therefore be it resolved, that we respectfully request the Federal Government to at once take in hand the continuance of this work (the Le Baron scheme) and carry it to such a stage of completion as will retain the value of the work done and render the North Arm available for industrial and commercial development; and that the copies of this resolution be presented by representatives of the public bodies of the Municipalities interested to the ministers during their coming visit to British Columbia."

This resolution has since been heartily and unanimously endorsed at various meetings of the Boards of Trade, ratepayers and other public meetings, and it has received strong support from the Vancouver and Greater Vancouver public press and in industrial and other bodies in various parts of the Province.

With emphasis on the points put forward in it we respectfully lay this resolution before you and

We beg to call your earnest attention to the following letters which have been addressed to the Committee in support of this memorial:

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants

R. C. Hodgson, North Fraser Harbour Commissioner
B. A. Cunliffe, President Richmond and Point Grey Board of Trade
Capt. W. F. Stewart, North Fraser Harbour Commissioner
Commodore E. T. McLennan, Canadian Towing Co.
C. E. Sprott, Harbor Commissioner.
Col. R. C. Cooper, M.P., 11th C. G.R., Drill Hall, City.
W. G. McQuarrie, M.P., New Westminster.
J. W. Weart, M.P.P., Standard Bldg., City.