

of our race. We are letting it slip through feeble fingers and it is passing to an Oriental race. There are two imperative demands upon us to save the supremacy which has been bought by us at so dear a price. We must have a Pacific Navy and a Pacific Mercantile Marine. And we must build them in Vancouver. But we cannot build them nor can we handle them without a truly imperial Dock and Harbor development. We must begin at once to build ships—fighting ships and trading ships—and we must begin now to train our men. It is a duty to the Empire and it is more a duty to ourselves. Since the beginning, British supremacy and British prosperity have depended upon ships—fighting ships and trading ships—and in the future as in the past, the world will belong to the men who own the soil and rule the sea.

Greater Vancouver.

I have spoken to you before about this question of Greater Vancouver. I have shown you before that the present site of this city with but seven or eight thousand acres is ludicrously inadequate to the demand of the Empire on Vancouver. On any decent basis of population, our outside limit is not over two hundred thousand. We must decide where we are going to put two million people by 1950, for Sir Donald Mann is reported to have predicted five million inhabitants on this lower peninsula before the end of the century. In any event before that time this peninsula, including Sea and Lulu Islands, with an area already less than the site of the city of Chicago, will be governed as one municipality and it will be known to the world, not as Point Grey, nor Burnaby, nor Coquitlam, but as Vancouver. Please