

work in 1914, and \$1,000,000 was promised for the following year. The site was cleared, necessary grading done, two Deans and many professors were appointed, and preparations made for beginning actual university work in the autumn of 1915.

But in the summer of that year an Austrian prince was assassinated at Sarajevo, and within two months the world was in arms! Countries and communities, continents and oceans away from the scene of the tragedy were enmeshed in its titanic consequences. Peaceful occupations were put aside, and men everywhere donned khaki, and turned their thoughts to the stern and bloody business of war. Plans of peace

and progress, of social reform and educational advancement, all had to be shelved till the issue of the struggle that should decide the fate of free peoples was settled. The young University was caught in the vortex of the maelstrom, and all thought of its development had to be postponed. Tenders for building, already in the hands of the government, were returned unopened to the contractors; no further appointments were made to the staff, and most of the money already voted reverted to the Provincial Treasury.

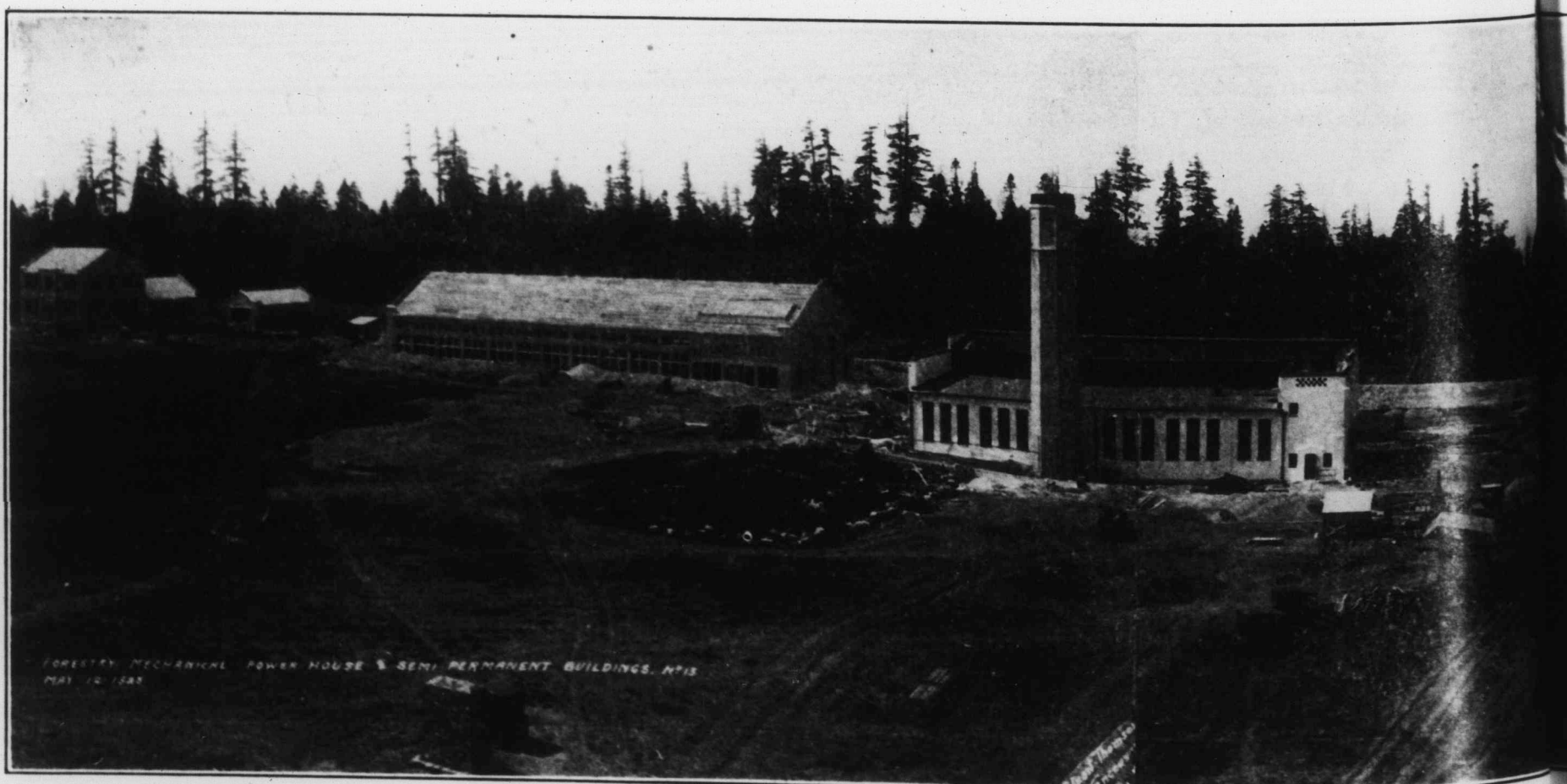
Thus 1915, which was to have seen the establishment of the University at Point Grey, was a year of disillusionment, of frustration. Ten weary years of waiting—some of them

years of terrors that called for high fortitudes,—were to elapse before professors and students could assemble in their Promised Land, and rejoice in the beginnings of fulfillment of the high hopes and promises amid which the young University was born. It would be, too, a new generation of students—youngsters who in 1915 were still attending public school—who would celebrate the final removal of their alma mater to its permanent home. Many of those who looked forward to graduation at Point Grey are today not to be seen—there or any other where. They “gave up the years to be, of comfort and of joy,” and poured out the red wine of youth, and sleep the sleep that knows not



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