



The Jetty Mouth of the North Arm of the Fraser River

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To the Hon. F. B. Coryell,

Minister of Public Works.

Honored Sir:

**W**E, whose names are attached to this memorial, speak for many hundreds who would gladly sign this document were they afforded the opportunity to do so. We respectfully and earnestly request your influence and efforts in pressing upon the Government the urgent need for proceeding, without delay, with the dredging of the North Arm of the Fraser River.

Those who sign this memorial are representatives of the Boards of Trade of South Vancouver, Point Grey and Richmond, and hold other representative positions as publicists, press men and the like.

In pointing out the way in which the present condition of the North Arm hampers development and industry and how an efficient dredging will stimulate both, we are able to say, in putting this request forward, we represent the manufacturers, industries and business men, the capital and the intelligence of the Municipalities, for we have gathered opinions in favor of the claims put forward at public meetings, municipal and Board of Trade meetings, and in the public press.

In the Municipalities named above, in Burnaby and the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster, the desire for the dredging of the North Arm, effectively and at once, is unanimous by users of the river, and has been so urged by resolutions carried at many public meetings. We have in this matter the cordial sympathy and active co-operation of our representatives in Parliament as well as those in Municipal and other representative positions.

In the inspection which you are good enough to make of the North Arm you will see for yourself its great importance to the districts immediately involved, its importance to the cities of Vancouver and New Westminster and, indeed, to the Province as a whole.

In the accompanying appendix of facts, opinions and arguments, we respectfully offer evidence in support of our claims:

The lack of depth in the waterway for a distance of some 12 miles has seriously hampered industries already located on its banks and has prevented other industries from locating there, which would have come had better transportation been available.

Every student of industrial economies knows the value of **WATER-BASED TRANSPORTATION**. It is for localities abutting on water the cheapest and most facile mode where navigable rivers have had their advantages properly appreciated and made use of, those rivers have been regarded as the source of great industries and wealth.