

By-Elections and a Visit to the West

From Nanaimo, Sir Charles went to Burrard Inlet, on the shore of which he selected the place for the terminal works of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The party landed at Raymuir's Mills, where they found timber from 80 to 120 feet long, and some of it measuring, at the butt, 8 feet in diameter. Only a few steps from the Raymuirs' house there was one tree 36 feet in circumference. The steamer came to anchor at Hastings Mills, the place where Vancouver City now stands. There they were met by coaches, which took the party, except Sir Charles, who rode, to New Westminster, a distance of nine miles. Twenty-seven years after this date, and at the same time of the year, on walking with Sir Charles through the business part of Vancouver in which a number of substantial buildings were in course of construction—a new post office, the Bank of Commerce, and a city building, all costing millions of dollars—Sir Charles said to the writer: "I well remember that when passing through the forest in 1881, about where we now stand, the luxuriant ferns growing under the great trees waved about my horse's head."

The glacier-capped mountains, blazing in the noonday sun, now look down upon a substantial city of over 150,000 inhabitants.

An address from the mayor and corporation of New Westminster, a torchlight procession, a band of music, speeches from Sir Charles, and ringing cheers marked the reception at this, as at all other points.

From New Westminster the party took a river steamer for Yale, 120 miles farther up the Fraser River, where the ladies were to stay at Mr. Onderdonk's, the railway contractor. From Yale the journey was to be continued in wagons over the celebrated Caribou Road.

On reaching Yale, Dr. Parker wrote:

"Mr. Onderdonk and the principal citizens of Yale came to the landing, a distance of eight miles, with an engine and flat car, fitted