

VANCOUVER, B.C., 9th January, 1889.

The Honourable, **SIR ADOLPHE P. CARON, K.C.M.G.**,  
Minister of Militia and Defence,  
Ottawa, Ont.

SIR,—We have been directed by the council of the city of Vancouver, to forward you the following resolution, passed by that body on Monday the 7th inst.:

"Whereas the corporation of the city of Vancouver has expended upwards of \$30,000 in making roads through the government reserve in this city, now known as Stanley Park.

"And whereas said park is to be used by the corporation only until the Government of Canada require same for military purposes.

"And whereas said park in a state of nature would be impassable for troops or war material without a large expenditure of money, and the roads and drives made by the city being of a substantial character, and permanent kind, will enable such troops and war material to move at once to any point of said park.

"And whereas it is the intention of the city to make other roads and drives through said park, from year to year, and are willing to make same to such points as may be indicated by any military engineer appointed by the government for that purpose.

"Therefore, be it resolved, by the mayor and council of the city of Vancouver, in council assembled, that the government be requested to make a grant on account of the sums already expended by the corporation, and make a yearly grant for the purpose of further improving same from year to year.

"And be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution, signed by the mayor and the city clerk, with the corporate seal affixed, be forwarded to the Honourable Sir Adolphe P. Caron, K.C.M.G., Minister of Militia and Defence."

We have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

**D. OPPENHEIMER,**

*Mayor.*

**THOS. F. McGUIGAN,**

*City Clerk.*

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

OTTAWA, 26th January, 1889.

His Worship

The Mayor of Vancouver City, B.C.

SIR,—I have the honour, by direction of the Minister of Militia and Defence, to inform you that the two propositions made in the letters of yourself and the city clerk of Vancouver, dated respectively 9th March, 1888, and 9th January, 1889, have received due consideration, and have been decided upon as follows:—

1st. With reference to the city clerk's inquiry, what title will be given to the city, of the land which the corporation is permitted to occupy as a park, I am to state that no other document can be furnished than the copy of the Order in Council of 8th June, 1887, officially furnished to you by this department.

2nd. As regards the request of the corporation for a grant on account of sums already expended in improving the property, and for an annual grant for a similar purpose in future, the minister regrets that there are no funds available for any such purpose.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

**C. EUG. PANET, Colonel,**

*Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.*