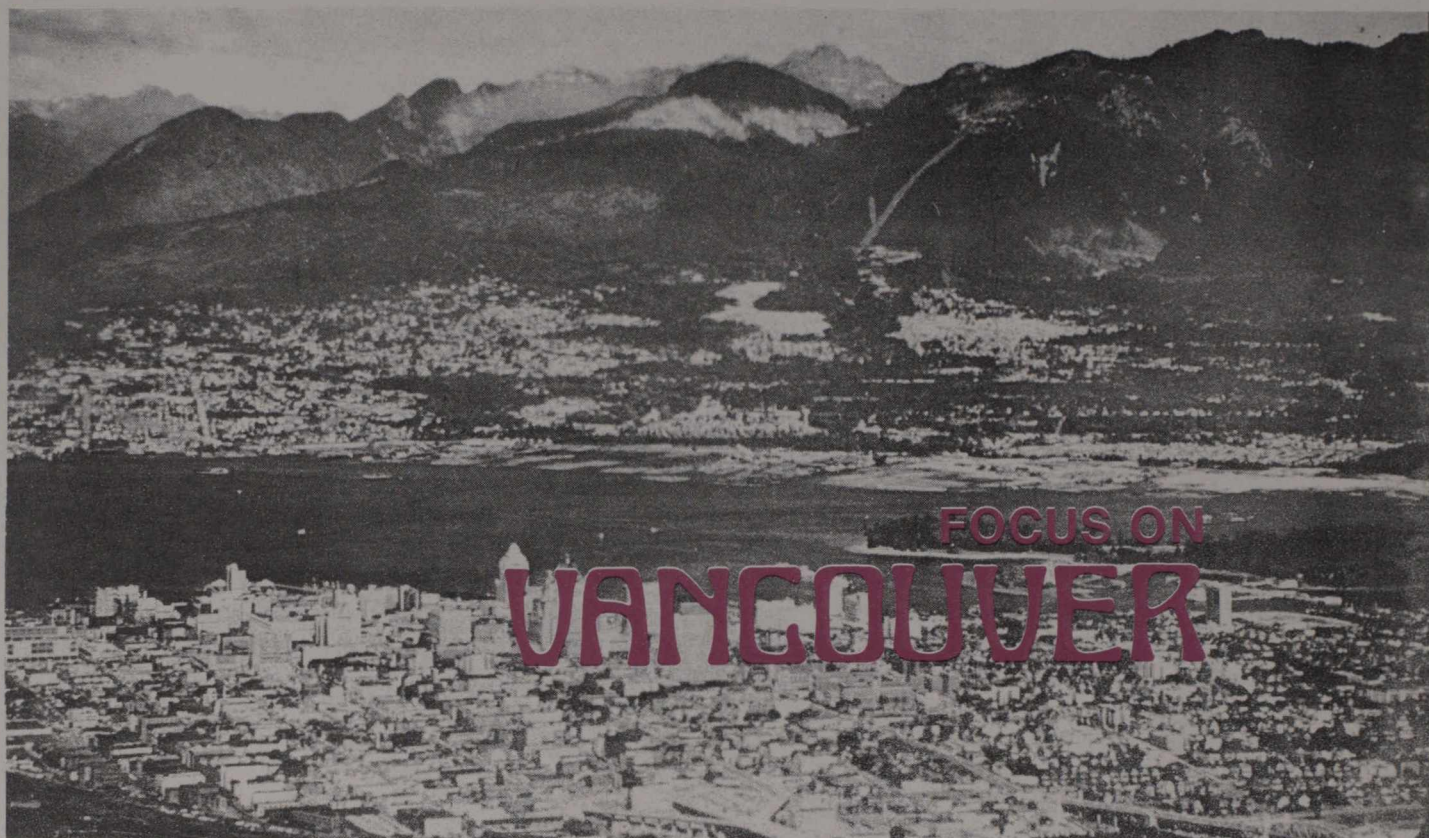


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A panoramic view of Vancouver

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One of Canada's most beautiful cities—Vancouver, British Columbia—has an ocean beside it, mountain peaks above it and year-round green parks and gardens inside it.

Vancouver is the province's largest city (Canada's third largest) and it is located in the extreme southwest corner of British Columbia, 25 miles (40km) from the United States border. Metropolitan Vancouver has a population of 1,082,352 and occupies 798 square miles (2,075km²) of land.

Part of an area known as the "Lower Mainland," Vancouver contains about half of B.C.'s population and most of the province's secondary manufacturing.

As Canada's most westerly province, British Columbia is rich in natural resources and it is to these that the province's main

industries—forestry, mining, fishing and manufacturing—are tied. For example, the fishing industry, a \$200 million a year business, is well known for its annual catch of the prolific Pacific salmon; the land supports flourishing fruit and dairy farming in the southern regions and beef cattle raising in the northern interior where some of Canada's largest ranches can be found.

Also a part of the Lower Mainland is the Port of Vancouver which in terms of tonnage of cargo handled in North America is second only to the Port of New York. Vancouver's port handles more cargo per year than all of the west coast ports in Canada and the United States combined. The majority of the cargo is made up of bulk shipments of semi-processed raw materials such as lumber, pulp, coal, sulphur, potash and wheat.

The Port of Vancouver, one of the world's largest and finest natural harbours with excellent shipping facilities, is a regular port-of-call for deepsea shipping lines. The goal is to handle 80 million tons (73 million metric tons) by 1980, almost double the present volume.

An \$80 million expansion program will make this possible, preparing the Port for the increased growth expected from the development which has begun in the Pacific Rim region.

A new container terminal, Vanterm, has also been constructed on the South Shore of Burrard Inlet within two miles (3km) of downtown Vancouver. The facility comprises a total area of 76 acres (31 hectares) with two 900-foot (274-m) container berths, one 750-foot (229-m) roll-on/roll-off berth and a berthing length of 400 feet (122m) for general

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