

Stanley Park and Deadman's Island.

The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.

ADMIRALTY, 29th February, 1884.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies.

SIR,—Adverting to my letter of the 14th August last, D. W. No. 2631; I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they have received from the naval commander in chief on the Pacific station a report on the subject of the surrender of naval reserves in British Columbia, to which your letter of the 21st July last and its enclosure related.

I am now to state, for the information of the Earl of Derby, that my lords are prepared to give up all the reserves belonging to the admiralty in that colony with the exception of those which they occupy in Esquimalt, i.e., the naval hospital and cemetery. The Naval Yard, Thetio Island, Brothers' Island, Albert Head, Cole Island and also the plot of 110 acres in Burrard Inlet marked C in the accompanying plan.

This last mentioned plot, their lordships propose to retain as a site for a possible future naval establishment, or in order to exchange it for a site suitable for the dockyard if it should at any time be decided to remove that establishment from its present position.

I am, &c.,

G. TRYON.

The Earl of Derby to the Governor General.

DOWNING STREET, 27th January, 1885.

Governor General,

The Most Honourable

The Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch No. 119 of the 2nd August last, and to previous correspondence, I have the honour to transmit to you for communication to your Lordship's government, a copy of a letter from the admiralty respecting the reserve in English Bay in British Columbia.

I should be glad to receive the observations of your government in regard to the proposal of the admiralty in respect to the reserve referred to.

I have, &c.,

DERBY.

The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.

ADMIRALTY, 15th January, 1885.

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

SIR,—With reference to my letter of the 29th July last, D.W. 2912, on the subject of the reserves in British Columbia, I am commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that at the time they consented to relinquish certain of these reserves, retaining only a plot of 110 acres at Port Moody, they were under the impression that the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway would be close to the reserve in question.

✓ 2. They have now received a report from the commander in chief on the station stating that the terminus is likely to be at English Bay, and if this is the case the reserve plot at the entrance of Burrard Inlet marked "A" on the plan, which they consented to resign, would be of far greater value to the navy than the one they retained.