

**HUNTING-MERRITT LUMBER CO. LTD.**

Ebume, B. C., September, 1918.

Re Dredging North Arm of the Fraser River.

Our plant is situate at Marpole and consists of eleven shingle machines which we operate night and day. We manufacture about three and one-half carloads of shingles per day, which we dispose of principally in the United States. We employ about one hundred men and our monthly pay roll amounts to about \$12,500. We cut about eighteen million feet of cedar a year and the fact that the North Arm will not permit big tugs to tow logs to our mill costs us about \$9,000 a year extra towage fees. As stated above, the larger tugs that bring these logs down the coast cannot bring them direct to our mill and are forced to deliver same at the booming grounds in Vancouver. From there we have to pay smaller tugs a fee of fifty cents per M feet to bring the logs to our mill at Marpole. If the North Arm were dredged the larger tugs which bring the logs down the coast would deliver same direct to our mill, thus saving the extra towage fee of fifty cents per thousand from Vancouver.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to persuade the Honourable Mr. Curvell that the North Arm should be dredged sufficiently to permit large-sized tugs entering the same, as it would undoubtedly save us a tremendous amount of money each year.

HUNTING-MERRITT LUMBER CO. LTD.

Per C. G. Merritt.

EBURNE SAW MILLS LIMITED

(Three miles South of Vancouver)

Marpole, September, 1918

To the Secretary,

Committee for Advertising the Dredging of the North Arm.
Sir:-

This concern employs, generally, about 125 men, and we have considerable difficulty at low tide in handling the logs in our boom and getting them into the mill. It is also impossible for any tug boat to come up the river at low tide.

We are located on Hudson Street and the North Arm of the Fraser River. Hudson Street is practically a continuation of Granville Street.

We are having considerably more difficulty in handling logs at the mill at present than we had before the jetty was put in at the mouth of the river. This appears to permit a larger out-flow and consequently lower water. We are certainly in favor of the North Arm being dredged at once, and unless the Government sees fit to do it, we will find it necessary to do a certain amount of dredging inside our own boom.

From the mouth of the North Arm to New Westminster, and even beyond, is particularly well adapted for industrial sites.

EBURNE SAW MILLS LIMITED,

Per P. D. Roe.



Eburne Saw Mills