

had been opened up to connect with the magnificent drive-way around Stanley Park; but with the exception of three or four houses on Alberni Street, the whole district west of Burrard Street, between Georgia Street and Beach Avenue, was simply a wilderness of stumps, until somewhere about Jervis or Broughton Street, the stumps gave place to the original bush. Through the stumps and the bush the Vancouverites of twenty years ago made their way on foot to the bathing beach at English Bay.

Apart from the Hotel Vancouver and the Opera House, the only buildings of any size were a couple of three story blocks on Hastings Street (in one of which the Post Office was located), and the Van Horne and New York blocks on Granville Street. There were only about half a dozen buildings on Granville Street south of Robson; and even at the corner of Nelson Street, where a policeman is now stationed all day long for the regulation of traffic, one might have fired a rifle in any direction at any hour of the day and not run any great risk of being indicted for homicide.

Three banks were sufficient to take care of the little money the citizens of that day possessed, or to loan to them what little money belonging to other people it was deemed wise to entrust them with—the Bank of Montreal on the corner of Seymour and Hastings Streets, the Bank of British Columbia next door, and the Bank of British North America at the corner of Carrall and Oppenheimer Streets.

There were then only eight Churches in Vancouver—two Presbyterian, two Anglican, one Roman Catholic, one Methodist, one Baptist and one Congregational. The late Rev. H. G. F. Clinton, whose death a few weeks ago occasioned such universal regret, was then, as he had been for two or three years previously, the Rector of St. James. Christ Church congregation, whose place of meeting was a vacant store in the New York Block was ministered to by the Rev. H. P. Hobson. The minister of the First Presbyterian Church was the Rev. T. G. Thompson, who had originally come to the Province to minister to the Church on Sea Island, but who had subsequently taken on Vancouver as an out-station or "country appointment." The Rev. J. W. Pedley was in charge of the Congregational Church, and their place of