

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

VANCOUVER, B.C., 27th July, 1887.

COL. C. E. PANET,
Deputy Minister of Militia,
Ottawa.

SIR,—Yours of the 12th instant received inclosing a copy of a report of a committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, granting the city of Vancouver for park purposes the military reserve between English Bay and Burrard Inlet with conditions set forth.

The citizens of Vancouver fully appreciate the kindness of the government in the matter, and request me to state that the conditions mentioned therein will be strictly carried out.

Thanking you for your prompt action.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. A. MACLEAN,
Mayor.

VANCOUVER, 18th February, 1888.

D. CHISHOLM, Esq., M.P.,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in introducing the bearer, Mr. Cooke, who is the promoter of and principal owner of the Vancouver Iron Works.

He is desirous of getting a lease of Deadman's Island from the government. Any assistance you can give him I shall consider as done to myself. He wants it to build upon and improve. As it is now it is neither useful nor ornamental.

Yours very sincerely,
J. M. LEFEVRE.

OTTAWA, 28th March, 1888.

DR. CHISHOLM, M.P.
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—With regard to "Deadman's Island" referred to in this letter by Dr. Lefevre, I have only to say that if practicable I would like to purchase it from the government, or if not, to get a long lease of it. It is utterly useless as it is to any one, and being inside the military reserve and in shoal water never can be of the slightest use for military purposes. If, in Sir A. Caron's department, I think he would not object to letting me have it on condition that if required by the government, at any time, in connection with his department I would, of course, be prepared to vacate.

Sincerely yours,
R. P. COOKE.

VANCOUVER, B.C., 9th March, 1888.

Hon. SIR A. P. CARON, K.C.M.G.,
Minister of Militia and Defence.
Ottawa.

SIR,—On the 12th of July, A.D. 1887, a communication was received by the mayor of this city from the department of Militia and Defence, informing him that by an Order in-Council, dated 8th June, 1887, permission was given the corporation of the city of Vancouver to use the Dominion government military reserve within the limits of said corporation for a public park.