

Some Opinions:

REEVE'S OFFICE Municipal Hall

Edmonds, B. C., September, 1918.

I received your notification re the North Fraser harbor matter and announcement that the Honourable Mr. Carvell, M.P., will be in Vancouver shortly.

It appears to me that the opportunity should not be lost and that very strong representation should be made as to the advisability of this splendid waterway being utilized and brought into shape for the use of the development of our Pacific ports in the near future.

I am very strong in the belief the North Arm of the Fraser should receive the attention, so that a short cut navigable waterway could be utilized from Burrard Inlet to the mouth of the Fraser and thence through the North Arm to Westminster City and beyond.

Speaking for Burnaby, which District has a frontage of four and a half miles on the North Arm of the Fraser, with about the same frontage on Burrard Inlet, the area within Burnaby is some thirty-eight square miles, with a ground elevation running across about the centre from Vancouver centre to Westminster City, giving a southern slope of about one-half that area facing the North Arm. The strategic position of Burnaby is such that all entries by land to Vancouver City must necessarily go through that District and that portion fronting the Fraser is one that we look to for development, industrially as well as residually. Within the confines named could be built a city. The same might be said of that portion of South Vancouver fronting the Fraser and also Point Grey.

I need not point out the advantages of a fresh water harbor for ocean-going vessels, and that after the war conditions mean rapid development of our shipping facilities, especially shipbuilding and manufacturing, for which it will be necessary to provide suitable sites with every natural advantage possible, thereby putting ourselves in a position to compete and secure for Canada our rightful proportion of an immense trade that must be done of the Pacific waters.

Yours very truly,

HUGH M. FRASER,
Reeve of Burnaby, B. C.

The President of the Exhibition Association Speaks Out

Re the Land Abutting on the North Arm.

It is the only place near the City of Vancouver where cheap industrial sites can be obtained with both water and rail facilities.

It lies right convenient to the homes of mechanics, laborers and others who would find employment in industries established along the river, accessible at any point by a five-cent fare, or perhaps six cents.

I have 2000 feet of waterfront there and have during the past three years been endeavoring to get boat building there, and have had representatives of several companies out to inspect the site, but the question of getting the ships out when built was always a problem which can only be solved by dredging the river. For building wooden ships no better site can be got, as there are large sawmills there where the necessary timber can be procured and the necessary labor can find cheap homes in sight of the river in a healthy and salubrious atmosphere.

We have here a natural waterway made by nature for a great industrial centre. In some countries they have had to cut out canals and channels to bring the sea in to provide waterways for shipping and industries. Here they have it made by nature, right at hand, only requiring enterprise and public spirit.

In Burnaby there are about 3,000 acres of level lands alongside the river eminently suitable for industries now practically lying idle. The development of this waterway would bring this area into use and occupation, and give employment to thousands of people.

Hoping your efforts will be crowned with success,

J. J. MILLER,
President of the Vancouver Exhibition Association.