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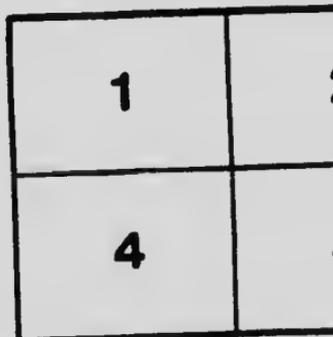
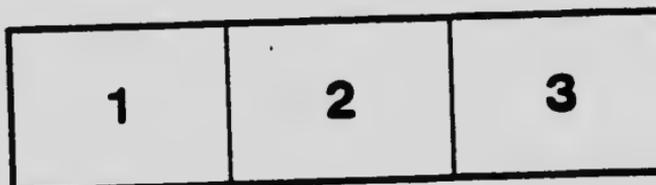
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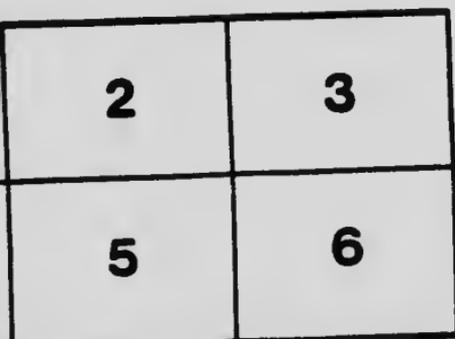
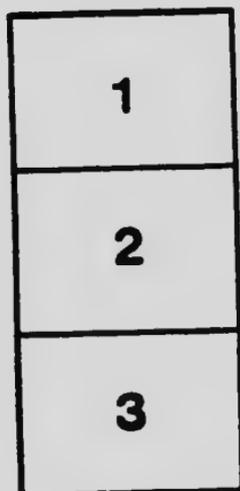
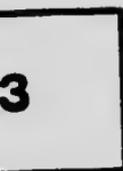
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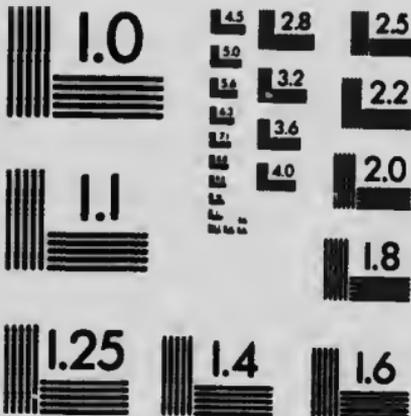
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Schools and Public Buildings

PROVISION for public school education was made with promptitude. Hollyburn School (No. 2) is a graded school, fully modern, occupying a well-drained site facing due south, four minutes' walk from the Ambleside wharf, the P. G. E. station, and about the same distance from the beach. This school contains a central hall, vestibules, and four lofty, well-lighted classrooms, capable of holding 160 children. Dundarave school (No. 3), just erected, has two well-lighted, airy rooms, seating 80 pupils.

These schools are both modern in every respect. Furniture, fittings and sanitary arrangements have all the latest improvements. The school grounds are spacious and level, and for rainy days a covered, well-ventilated playground is provided.

As a tribute to West Vancouver schools, Inspector H. H. MacKenzie, a provincial official, who questioned by a newspaper representative spoke in unmeasured terms of the pupils, the schools and the teachers. "The pupils have a high standing," he said, "and I was impressed by their healthy

appearance and mental alertness. It must be a fine place in which to bring up children. The board have an excellent staff of teachers and the attendance is good."

Manual training is about to be added to the school course, and the school board have recently added a library. Arrangements are made for the reception of high school pupils in North Vancouver and Vancouver. The district will soon require a high school, for which a central site has been acquired.

The importance of churches has not been overlooked. All the leading denominations are represented.

Substantial progress has been made in the erection of public buildings. The Municipal Hall (No. 1 above) is of moderate size, but convenient arrangement. Its simple and tasteful exterior lines harmonize with the rural surroundings. The ferry offices and freight sheds at Ambleside (No. 4) amply provide for the ferry's present needs.



Parks and Driveways

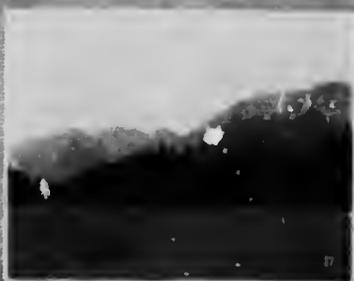
MARINE DRIVE, the main artery of West Vancouver for road transportation, is built of asphaltic concrete and is a favorite run with motorists, who have thus an easy way of traversing the district, and its course takes in the leading scenic features. This drive is the northern terminus of the Pacific Highway, and by it connected up with the entire coast from Mexico north. In the group of photographs shown above one gets but glimpses of this road. View No. 1 shows the drive looking east from 25th Street. No. 2 is the reinforced concrete bridge over the Capilano River. From this bridge is seen this famous river as it empties into the Narrows. Nos. 3 and 5 show the road cut through the forest. In No. 4 the roadway is seen rounding steep granite hills which form the coastline. In the distance is Stanley Park. No. 6 is taken near West Bay, and No. 7 is West Bay, a sheltered and secluded bathing spot.

Cypress Falls (No. 8), while some distance from the drive, is easily reached by a foot-path and is a delightful place for a picnic. No. 9 is Altamont

Park, with a splendid scenic view of English Bay. The northern mountains stand clearly in view throughout the entire journey. Through forests that stretch from the water-line up as far as the eye can reach, the towering Douglas fir, cedar, spruce, and here and there on the lower slopes the maple and alder, afford a variety of color and form.

Running parallel and up the hill slopes are many good roads, making possible the splendid gardens and small farms located in the district.

PARKS: Many acres of land are held throughout the municipality for public parks. Altamont Park is fitted to become a serviceable open space. Back of Point Atkinson lighthouse are hundreds of acres of virgin timbered land, the property of the Admiralty and loaned by them to the municipality to be used as a park. This when opened up will rival the famous Stanley Park, owing to its peculiar location, from where is obtained a wonderful panorama of the Gulf of Georgia, Howe Sound and English Bay, and the bordering cliffs, though not lofty, are bold and picturesque.



The Development of

SPECIAL advantages are offered by West Vancouver to prospective residents. Picture an area eight miles long from east to west and nearly five miles wide, sloping everywhere to face the noontime sun. The broad expanse of English Bay lies at the foot of the slope, and the magnificent fjord of Howe Sound forms the western boundary. It is sheltered on the north from arctic winds by the Hollyburn Ridge, and still farther protected by the more lofty summits of Strachan and Black Mountains, which rise behind the ridge.

The municipal district was created in 1912. Its development has been steady, rather than showy.

The water system was installed in 1916, and the same group of mountains furnishes both its supply and the famous Capilano supply of Vancouver. The water is free from alkali and lime. Its freedom from contamination is assured by the stringent regulations governing the watershed. A well-drawn plumbing by-law, backed by efficient inspection, has put the sanitation of the district on a sound basis.

Men whose business lies in the city have built homes in West Vancouver in order to obtain that rural or seaside quiet which they find to be essential to the performance of their best work. They come and go by the municipal ferry, the P. G. E. Railway, or their private autos. Many of the permanent residents of this class began as summer visitors, and made the change after a season's trial. This is the class which is increasing most rapidly.

Many have been attracted to the district by its climate and soil. The aspect is so favorable as to give West Vancouver a lead of something like a fortnight over the neighboring areas as regards plant growth. The extent of forest conserves the water supply, and in conjunction with the nearness of the sea, checks the extremes of temperature. Men of this class are engaged in gardening or small farming. Their number was hardly suspected until the first local horticultural show was held last year. This event drew forth exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables whose quality and variety were evidence of wide local activity in this field of work.

The views which form the border of these pages have been taken in a continuous series round the waterfront of 15 miles. No. 1 shows the First Narrows lighthouse.



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Here the Capilano River empties into the Narrows. No. 2 is the Ambleside pier, which is the landing place for the municipal ferry boats. No. 3 shows a summer camp on the waterfront adjacent to the pier, with permanent residences in the background, and the summits of Grouse, Dun and Crown Mountain in the distance. No. 4 shows 17th Street, the oldest residential section of the district, with the government wharf on the right. No. 5 shows a group of permanent residences at 19th Street. The P. G. E. Railway tracks are seen running along the shore in No. 6, with an ideal residence and a group of summer homes on the bluff behind. No. 7 shows a residence commanding an unobstructed view of English Bay. It may be mentioned here that all the sea-borne traffic of Vancouver passes close to the waterfront of the municipality in a never-ending procession, which includes scows from the coal mines of Vancouver Island, booms of logs from the wooded inlets of the north, passenger steamers from Victoria and Seattle, liners from the Orient and New Zealand, and freight boats from all parts of the world, besides an occasional war vessel. No. 8 shows Dundarove, charmingly set in woods, with the Hollyburn Ridge behind. Nos. 9 and 10 are fine camping sites near 27th Street, the wide extent of forest-covered slope being shown in the background. No. 11 is another of the ideally situated permanent residences. No. 12 is the Great Northern Cannery, and No. 13 Cypress Park, with a beach of sand and fine gravel, and a considerable area of land suited for building sites close to the shore. No. 14 is Caulfeild, famous for the beauty of its flower gardens and the quaint architecture of its residences. We now turn the southwest corner into Howe Sound at Point Atkinson, crowned with a revolving light of great importance to vessels making for Vancouver (No. 15). Eagle Harbor and the Eagle Cliff Cannery appear in No. 16. Fishermen's Cove (No. 17), the site of the summer camp of the Y. W. C. A., shows a remarkable combination of picturesque elements, the most interesting face of Black Mountain forming the background. Hollyburn Bay (No. 18) is a beautiful spot almost encircled by towering granite bluffs, affording an ideal anchorage for fishing and pleasure craft. A splendid beach makes bathing one of its chief attractions.

These photographs and this description of the waterfront give but an introduction. Come and see for yourself.





On the Pacific Great Eastern Railway

AS a scenic trip, the forty-five-minute ride on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway between North Vancouver and Whytecliff is unique, even in this country of amazing scenes. Leaving North Vancouver, an unobstructed view is obtained of Burrard Inlet and the waterfront of Vancouver city. Then skirting the water's edge First Narrows are passed, and the passenger enjoys a "close-up" picture of Stanley Park, followed by English Bay, with Point Grey in the distance.

From sea level at Dundarave (No. 4 in group above shows municipal pier) there is a gradual rise, and one is carried through much that is beautiful in forest and ravine, until at Caulfeild (Nos. 3 and 5 are glimpses of this beautiful spot) and for some distance beyond the views of the Gulf of Georgia and near and distant lands are unsurpassed from any other point. The elevation of the track in this section also reveals numerous cunningly hidden coves and tiny islands of great beauty, which the traveller by steamboat would never discover.

A few minutes' walk from Whytecliff station is

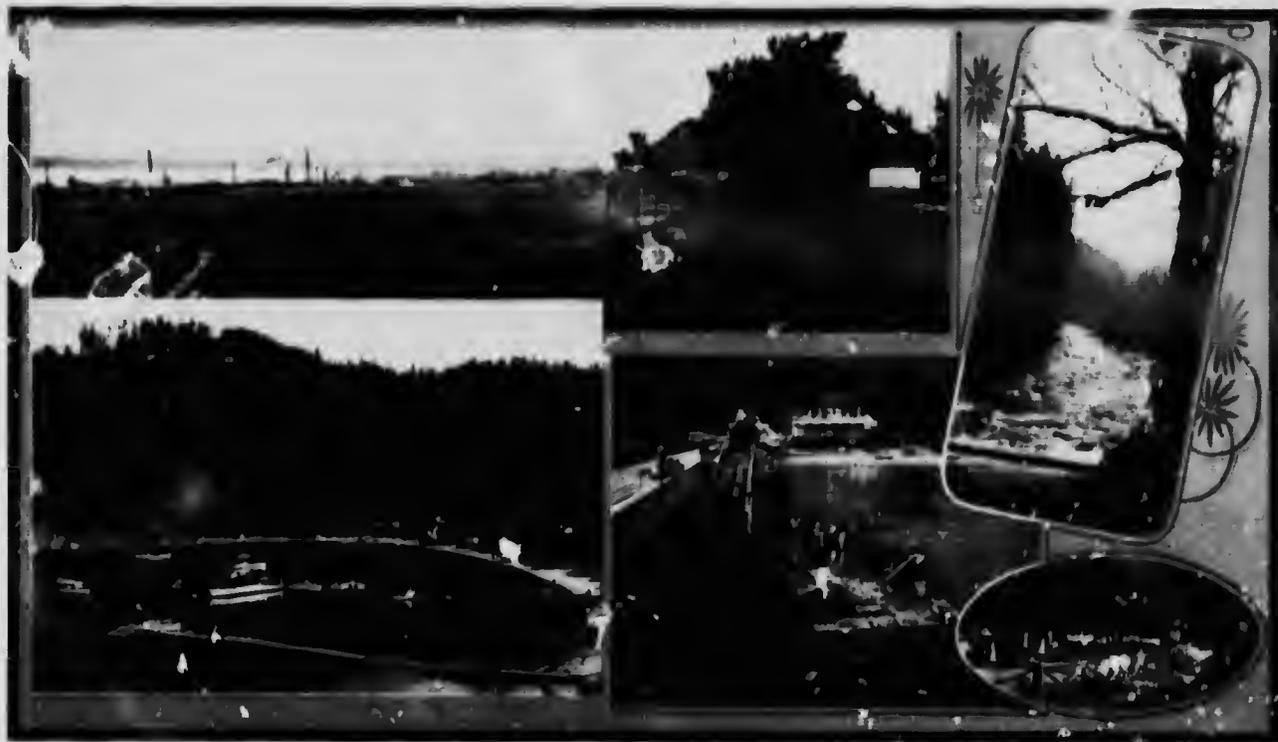
Horseshoe Bay, the gem set into Whytecliff town-site, comprising over 1,200 acres of natural grandeur in horseshoe design around the rippling waters, only divided by a generous fringe of enticing beach. (No. 1 shows a trail through the woods alongside the beach; No. 2, the beach.)

The beach and extensive park grounds are free and open to the public and are provided with many conveniences, such as bath house and refreshment pavilion.

Large and small tables provided with seats are set among the park trees for the use of picnickers, etc. There are swings for children and shady nooks for those a little older.

Fresh spring water is piped from the mountains right to the beach and picnic grounds. Boats are for hire at a reasonable charge. The mouth of the bay has long been famous for sea-trout fishing.

These and many other features make Horseshoe Bay the place par excellence for picnics and similar gatherings, as well as the individual desiring to spend a pleasant day.



Sports and Recreation

WEST VANCOUVER presents abundant opportunity for sport. The early spring trolling is the best to be had in Greater Vancouver. There is good trout-fishing in the Capilano, and mountain trout are caught in Cypress Creek.

Capital shooting is obtained along the slopes of the Hollyburn Ridge in the early part of the grouse season. At certain times of the year there is very fair wild duck shooting at the slough to the west of the Capilano Indian Reserve.

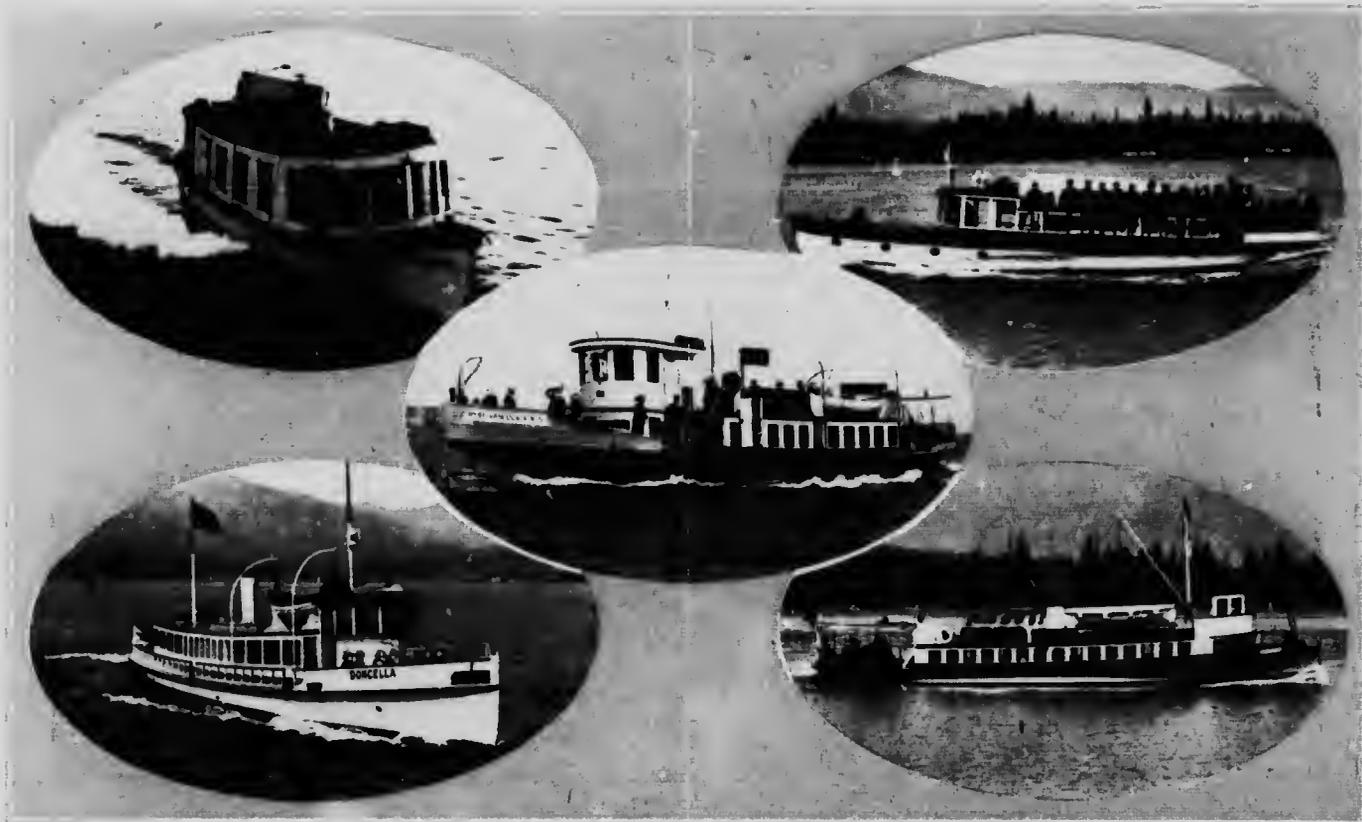
Club sports are represented by tennis, bowling and badminton.

Apart from bathing, which is carried on everywhere along the waterfront during the summer, aquatic sports are just beginning to assume their rightful importance. Dundarave has proved itself an ideal centre for this purpose. Not only is it convenient of access, but the eastern side of the long wharf presents a fine stretch of sheltered water, and the wharf itself could not be improved upon as a place from which to watch aquatic events. A great

opportunity exists for the development of yachting, both as a sport and a regatta event.

Among recreations, rambling should come first, as every fine day proves. The cyclist discovers his chief opportunity on Marine Drive; he can enjoy many a pleasant run on the shady northern roads.

Nor is the climber without resources. The higher peaks which are reached from the Capilano Valley are reasonably near, but there is good climbing to be done without leaving the municipality at all. The British Columbia Mountaineering Club is in the habit of devoting one of its regular outings every year to Black Mountain, the broad plateau which stands behind the western portion of the Hollyburn Ridge. The climb is a long and steady one. The view from the top, however, amply repays the effort. The special feature of the Black Mountain panorama is the magnificent bay of Howe Sound, dotted with islands large and small. Behind the expanse of water is a wall of rugged and lofty mountains, grandly impressive in the early summer, when the snow still enfolds them.



Water Transportation

THE ferry service between West Vancouver and Vancouver is owned and operated by the municipality, which has made a point of keeping this method of transportation fully up to its requirements. The group of boats illustrated above demonstrate this fact. The first boat used was the West Vancouver No. 1, with a passenger capacity of 35; then the Sea Foam, accommodating 50; next the Donecella, with 80. The Sonrisa was the next installed—she has a capacity of 130; and then, realizing the need of a still larger boat, the West Vancouver No. 5 was installed. The last three named are still in the service, and at times are taxed to the utmost. An interesting feature in connection with this service is the fact that though the boats have travelled 18 hours per day seven days in the week, there has never been a serious accident or a single loss of life.

The trip from Vancouver to West Vancouver is a beautiful one. Starting from the wharf (foot of Columbia Street, alongside North Vancouver ferry), the sturdy craft passes out into Burrard Inlet. Here we see Vancouver harbor and “get a line” on the

amount of shipping coming from and going to all parts of the world. The Narrows, with Brockton Point lighthouse, is now reached. In passing through the Narrows we see on one side the famous Stanley Park, where, as the seasons change, wonderful ever-changing foliage meets the eye; then looking north is a panorama of mountains and valleys, The Lions, Sleeping Beauty, Crown and Grouse Mountains rising in majestic splendor to the sky. Next, the mouth of the Capilano River, and in the background the Capilano Valley. Further on, as the boat emerges from the Narrows, we pass the high cliff-wall of Prospect Point. From this point the mountains of Vancouver Island come into view, outlined against the sunset sky. As the traveller or tired business man steps onto the pier at Ambleside, his impression of this trip is one of utmost satisfaction.

Another feature is the chartering for picnic parties or moonlight excursions of any of the boats not in use.

For the residents of Dunderave and intermediate points, a motor-bus meets the boats.



