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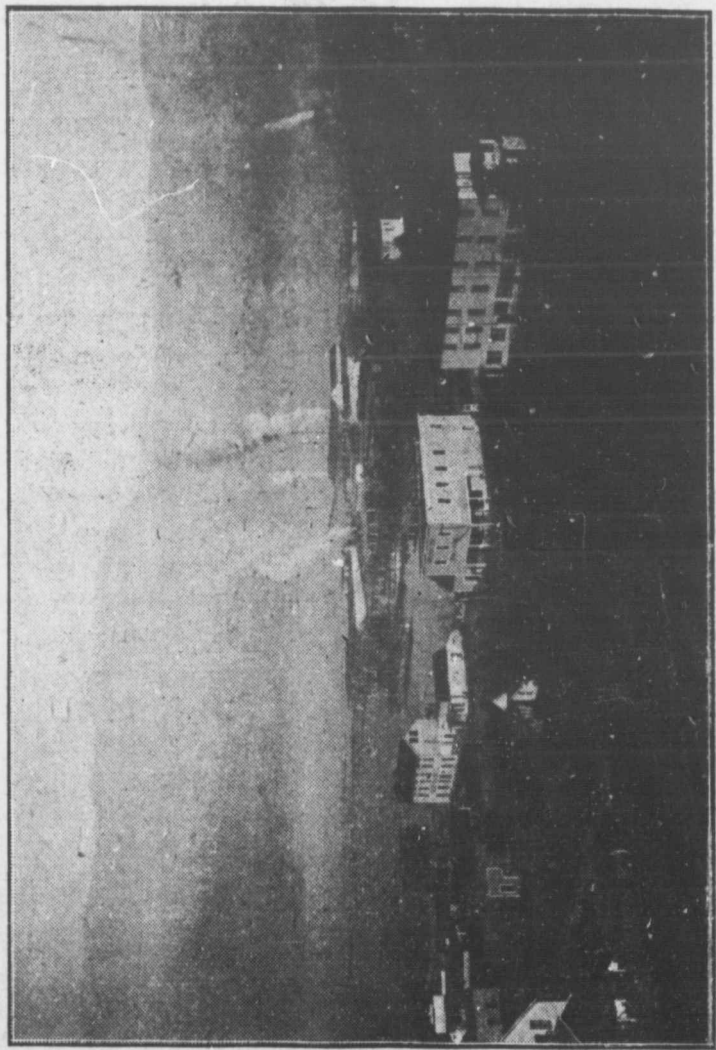
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HISTORICAL.

The story of Port Moody takes us back to 1880, when it was made the statutory terminus of the C. P. R. on the Pacific Coast. The government of those days, built the line from ^{Sar} Lavina to Port Moody and made a present of it to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The idea of going any further than Port Moody was ridiculed by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper on the floor of the House, and Van Horne, of the C. P. R., declared that by making Port Moody the terminus, they were saving hundreds of thousands of dollars annually forever in



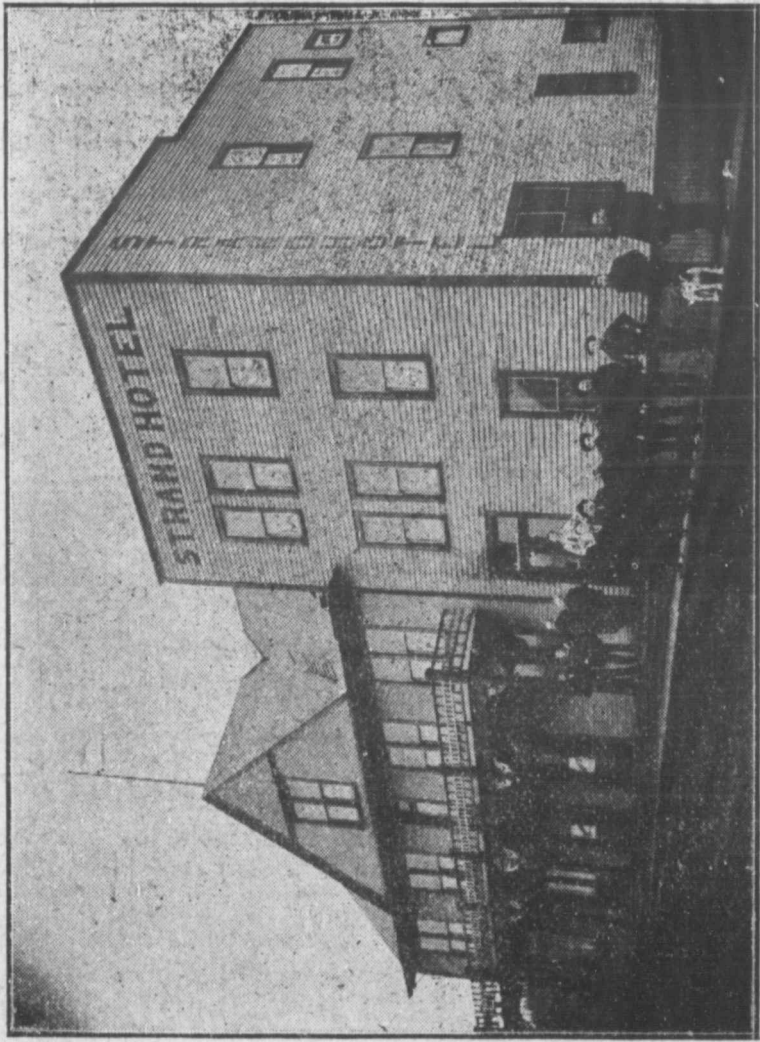
Bird's Eye View of Port Moody from the Hill.

cost of transportation. These announcements gave confidence to the people, and Port Moody was boosted as a good investment.

The location is excellent, being the head of navigation on the Inlet, and everything favored the spot. Splendidly sheltered as it is, it affords a magnificent waterfrontage for docks and shipping of all descriptions. The heaviest vessels can float into the harbor, at all hours, and for marine purposes no site could be better for a town.

VALUES.

During the boom in 1880, 1881 and 1882, you can well imagine how land values soared and speculation ran high. Lots were sold as high as \$1,200 cash before a decent house or hotel was built on the spot. In fact, people could not be induced to sell at any price, naturally believing that their fortunes would be made and secured for them, if they held onto their holdings. They held on—and, alas! lost. Others who paid the high price for lots also lost! But there are a few who have held on for these long years, believing that Port Moody's turn would yet come, and it HAS COME! Port Moody will yet see her land worth every cent of money

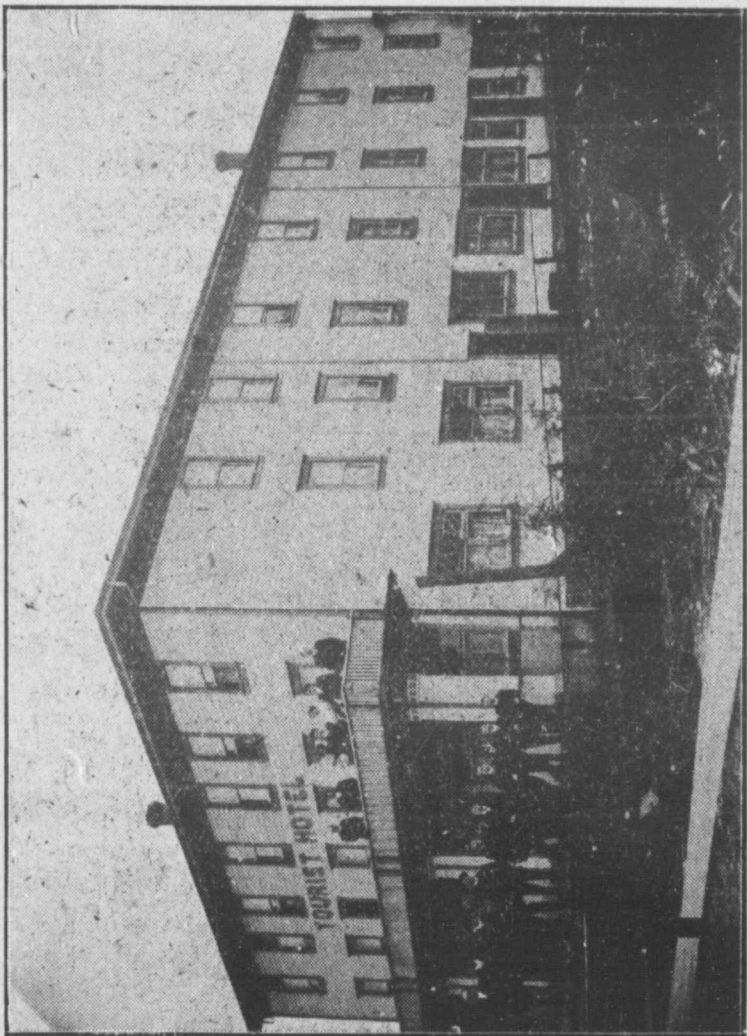


Strand Hotel

paid for it in the boom days, and much more. Only 12 miles from what will be the greatest city of Canada, with an electric car service, half a dozen more industries, a beautiful residential spot, 6 miles only from New Westminster, what, tell me, is to prevent Port Moody becoming a good-sized town, and her land worth 10 times what it is today? Last November we informed the public concerning another little spot near Vancouver, and told people to invest. Acreage in that place was sold then at \$400.00 an acre. Three months after our announcement was made, you could not buy an acre in that place for \$1,000.00. The same thing will happen in Port Moody. We know it, so if you are wise and want to make money, buy NOW! Buy at once!

SOME OF THE OLD-TIMERS.

"For thirty long years I have not lost faith in Port Moody." These were the words of Captain J. A. Clarke, the original owner of Lot 202, the Port Moody townsite, which consists of 150 acres. When the Captain landed in Port Moody in 1880, it was all bluff, and for some time he lived in a scow house. He was here during the boom, and has stood by the townsite through the storm of adversity and the big, big



Tourist Hotel

slump. If Carlyle's definition of a genius is correct, viz., that it is the power of tenacity and perseverance, then James Anthony Clarke is a veritable genius. "I was here during the first high tide," said he to the writer, "and I have seen the tide recede; and some people gave up hope of seeing the tide ever come this way again. So they packed up and left, and sometimes it appeared as if I was alone on the beach. I knew the waters would flow this way again. I never lost faith in Port Moody. We have a magnificent harbor site. There could be no better manufacturing centre, and as for residential property, the hill affords the finest panoramic view in British Columbia. Vancouver's Kitsilano is tame by the magnificence of our hill site."

Mr. J. Cote is another old-timer. He settled in this town about 24 years ago and put his all into it. He, too, has seen good and bad times, but he has held on, believing that Fortune would still smile on the town.

We also heard the name of Mr. Dockrell, who now lives across the Inlet on a spot called Sunnyside, a fine summer resort. The name of Mr. Murray was also given to us. As one of the old-timers, and the original owner of 201, which is now a part of the townsite. Mr. Murray, however, is now among the blessed.

Coming down to more modern days we come across the names of Mr. Abernethy and Mr. Roe, who have lived in

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EDUCATION.

Port Moody has a very fine school building with two residential teachers. There are about 80 children in the school, and is under the management of a committee. We are showing a very good photo of the school house elsewhere.

STORES.

Port Moody has three general stores, the Johnson Bros., the Ottley, and the Postoffice Store. The Johnson Bros. do

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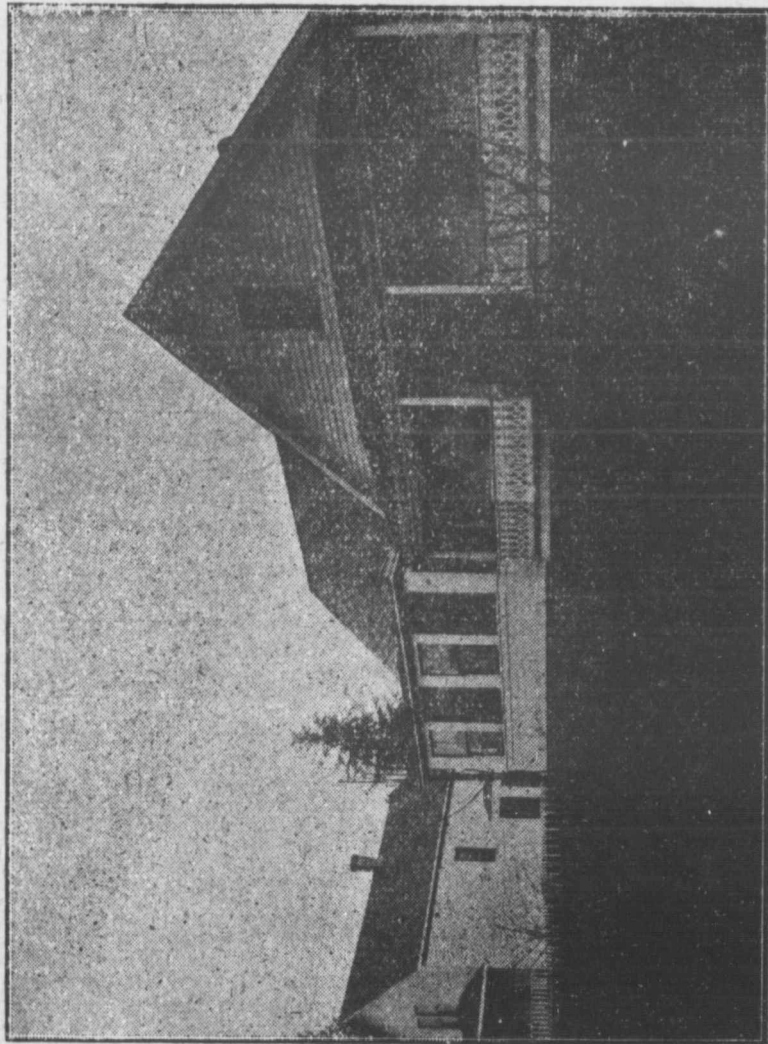
Port Moody

a large business and are supported by the townspeople largely, and the same can be said of Mr. Ottley. Their methods of doing business are highly appreciated by their numerous customers, and they are well liked. They are patriotic and support everything that comes along to boost Port Moody. For this reason, residents should patronize them liberally and loyally. Money spent in these stores is used to develop and improve Port Moody. See their advertisements on other pages.

HOTELS.

As will be seen from our photos, Port Moody can boast of two excellent hotels, the Tourist and the Strand. The Tourist was built 18 months ago by Mr. G. R. Thomson, who is a great believer in Port Moody. The hotel has 42 first-class bedrooms, modern, and up-to-date in every respect. The board is of the best, and the bar contains only the best of liquers. Travelers generally declare that there is no better accommodation along the line.

The other hotel is the Strand, which is under the management of the genial and popular Oliver Scott. The Strand was built three and a half years ago, and contains 50 beds.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Roe.

The hotel is modern, and boasts of a luxurious table and a first-class bar. Both hotels are American in plan, and rates run from one to two dollars per day.

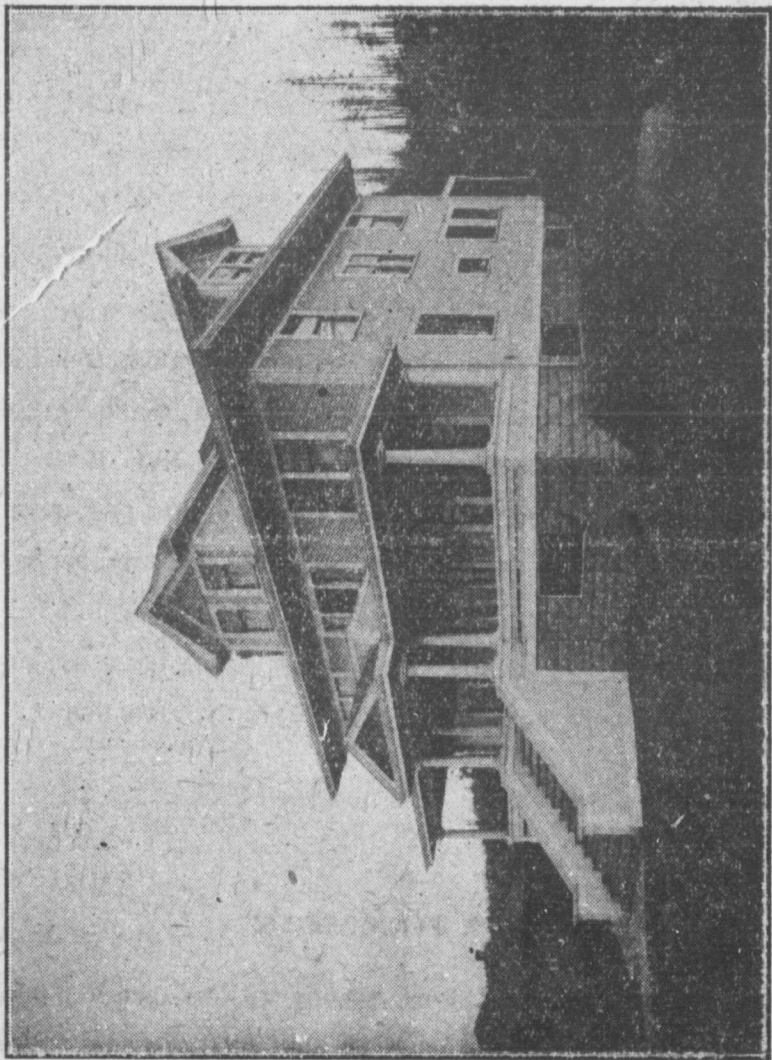
SOCIAL LIFE.

Thanks to the enterprise of a few young men, and young women, too, Port Moody is by no means a dead town. It has a social club, two flourishing secret societies, the Forresters and the Orangemen, and a very good reading-room. The reading-room owes its existence chiefly to Rev. E. C. W. McColl, the Presbyterian pastor, and the father of that promising young authoress whose stories some of our readers have enjoyed in various magazines—Miss Irene McColl.

There are three churches, the Presbyterian, Catholic, and Episcopal, and each church is encouragingly attended.

FUTURE PROSPECTS.

What is the future of Port Moody to be—bright, prosperous, or gloomy? There can be but one answer: Port Moody must prosper. When such men as J. C. Keith of



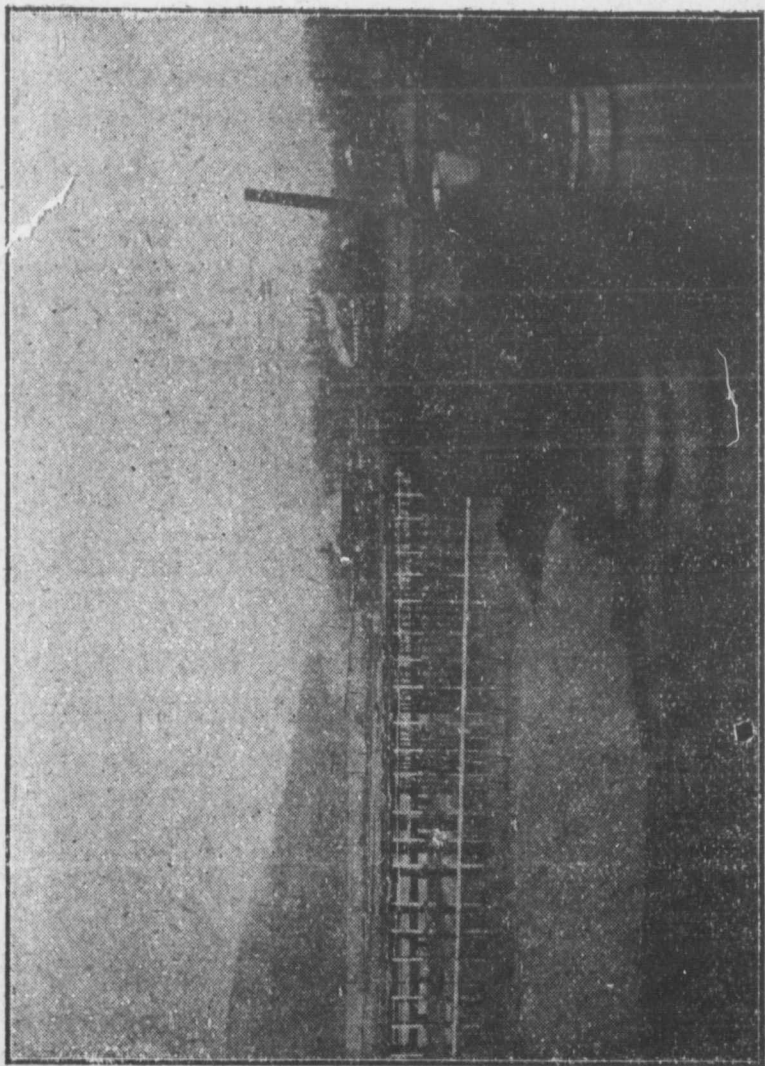
Home of Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy.

Vancouver is preparing to build half a dozen houses in the town, when such men as those who are behind the refinery have chosen the locality for their plant, when other persons of keen business instincts, whose names we are not allowed to mention, are planning to invest heavily in the townsite, when businessmen from Vancouver are arranging to have their homes in Port Moody, when the B. C. Electric Company is determined on an electric service from Vancouver to the Port, what, tell me, Mr.-Skeptic, can prevent Port Moody from growing? In less than two years Port Moody will be an incorporated town with a thousand population.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Port Moody has, in addition to the things already mentioned, an excellent doctor, a first-class cobbler, a good barber, a meat market, a confectionery store, a dressmaker, a telephone service and a bank.

There appears to us, however, to be openings for a drug store, a laundry, a poolroom, and a livery barn. Chicken ranchers and fruit gardeners and nurserymen could make money in Port Moody. The soil is excellent for fruit-growing and chicken ranches and the production of vegetables.



View of J. S. Emerson Co., Ltd., Mill, from the West side.

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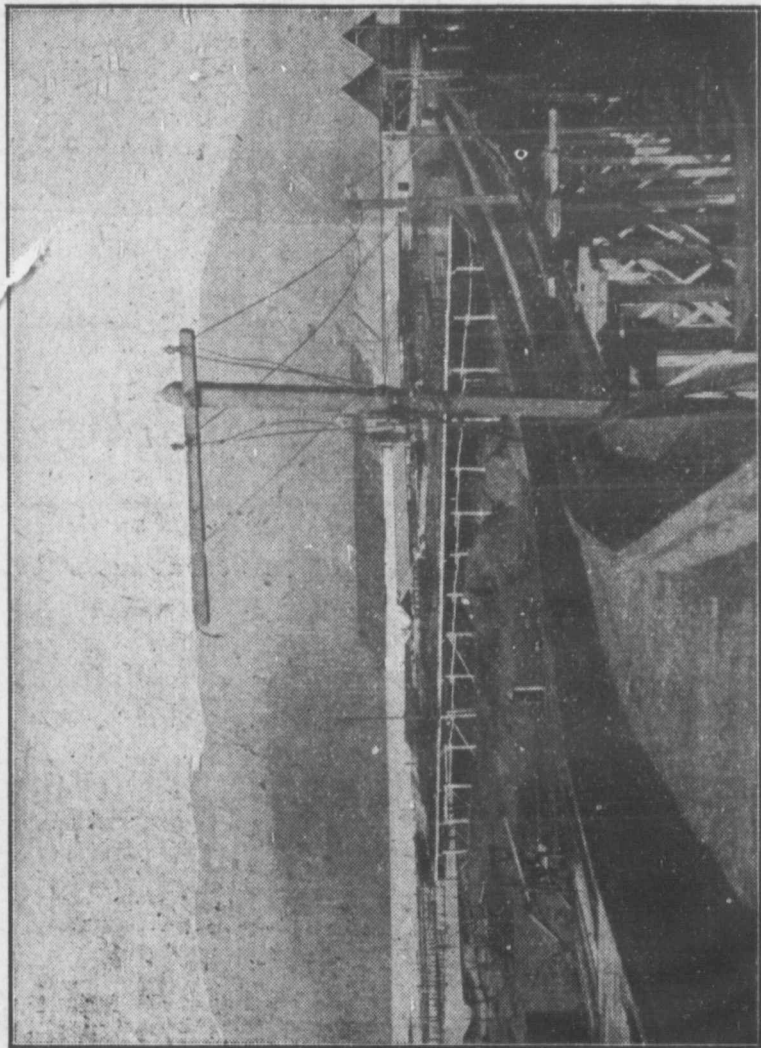
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Part of View of Canadian Pacific Lumber Mill, Looking North.

INDUSTRIES

The Canadian Pacific Lumber Co., Limited.

Among the industries of Port Moody the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company Limited, occupies a preeminent position. It is one of the largest mill plants on the coast, and the management of the mill is under one of the strongest body of directors in British Columbia. The president is Mr. C. J. Major of New Westminster, and the directors consist of such well known men as Sir C. H. Tupper, K. C. M. G.; G. Carbold, New Westminster; D. C. Irwin; C. M. Merritt and L. G. Lindsay of Vancouver.

The mill is fully equipped with the latest machinery and is capable of handling all kinds of lumber, especially Fir and Cedar. A very large body of men are employed at the mill, and the town of Port Moody is largely benefited thereby.

The mill produces everything in the way of lumber for housebuilding, from the foundation to the finished touches including sashes and doors, turnings etc. The product of the mill are to be found all over the world, and shipments are made to all parts. The mill owns extensive timber limits, and other valuable assets, and has a high reputation for well sawn and carefully manufactured lumber, prompt shipments and general business courtesies at all times.

The J. S. Emerson Mill.

A chapter on the Industries of Port Moody would be incomplete without a reference to the J. S. Emerson mill, in which Messrs. Roe and Abernethy have a half interest. This mill is one of the largest Cedar plants in British Columbia, employing 125 men, and has a capacity of cutting 60,000 feet of lumber per day, and 100,000 shingles. This mill ships her products to all parts of Canada and the United States. Mr. Emerson is recognised as one of the most successful business men in Canada, and his partners in this mill are two expert lumber men who know the business from A to Z.

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HOTEL

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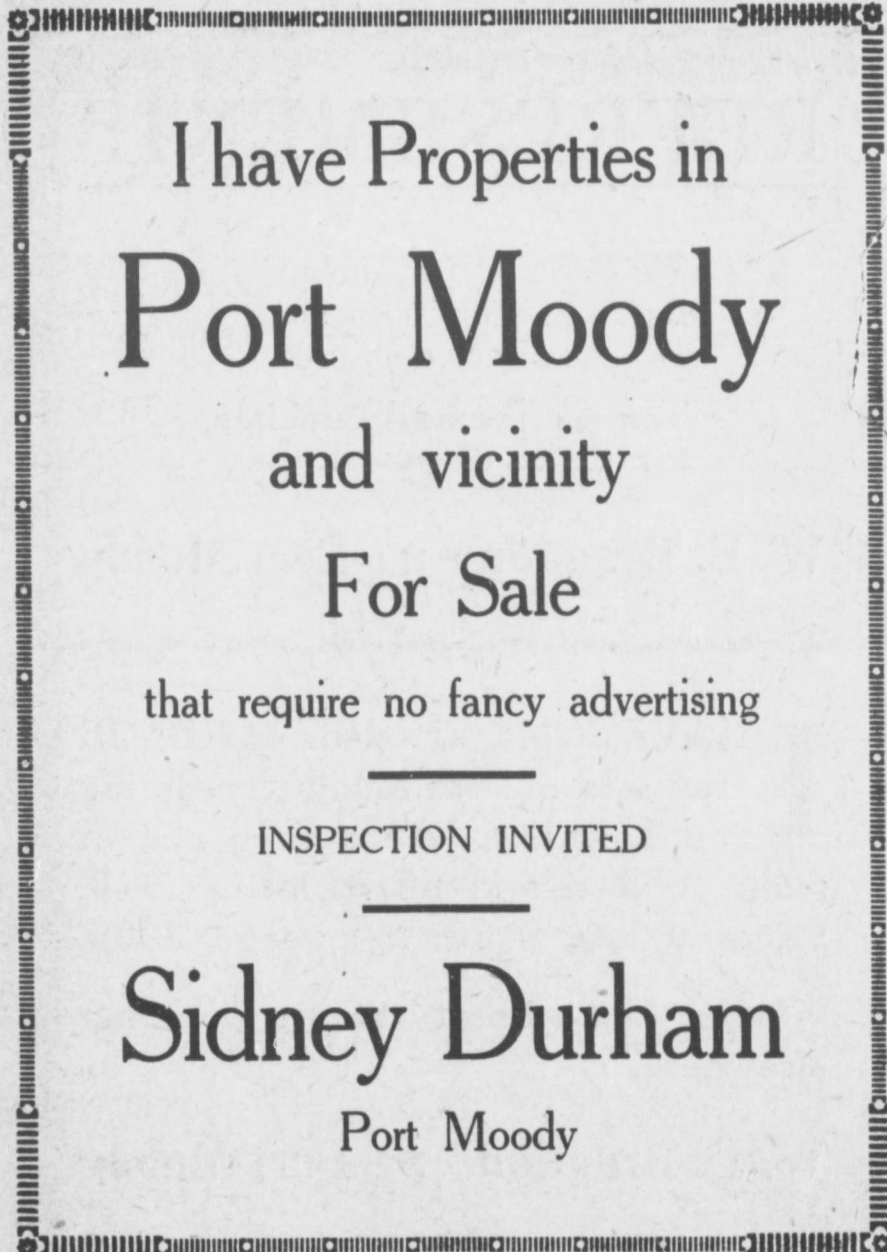
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