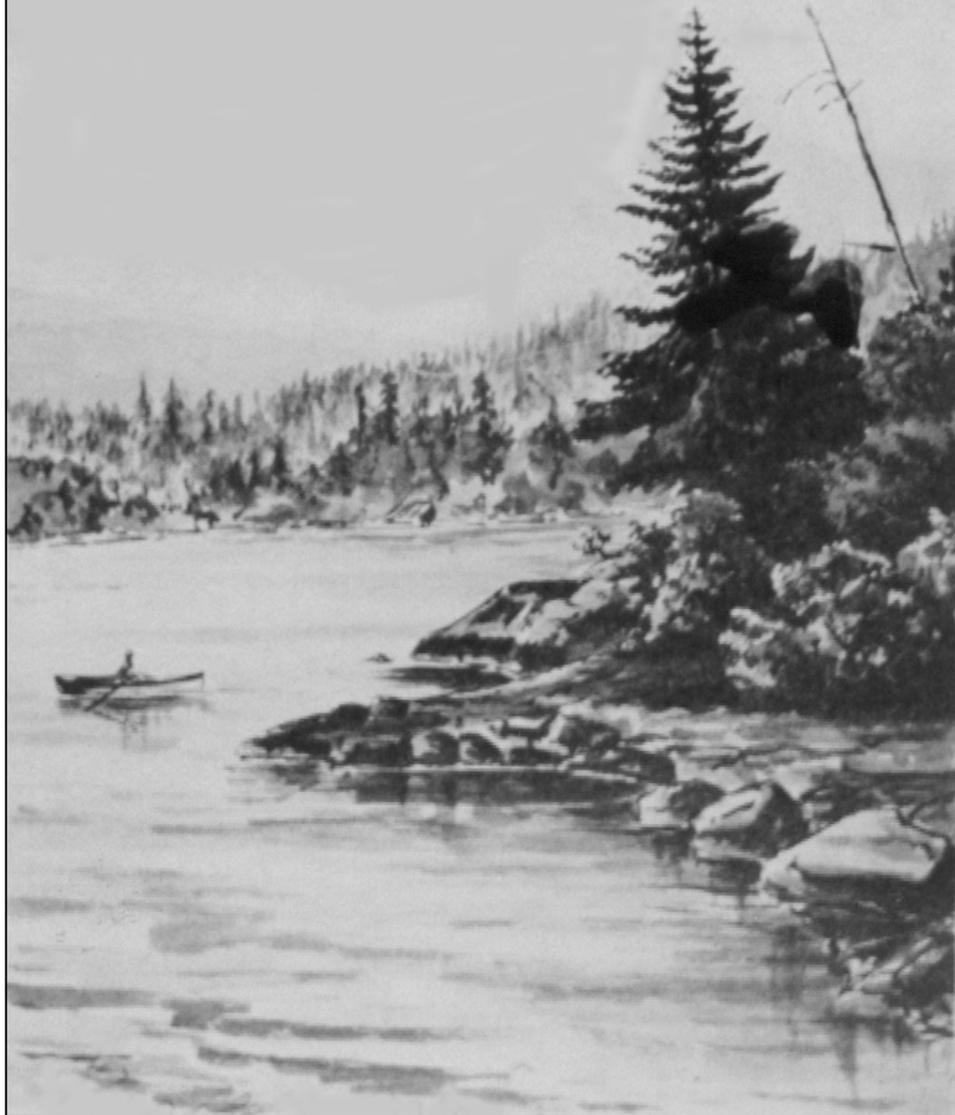


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SALE OF VILLA LOTS

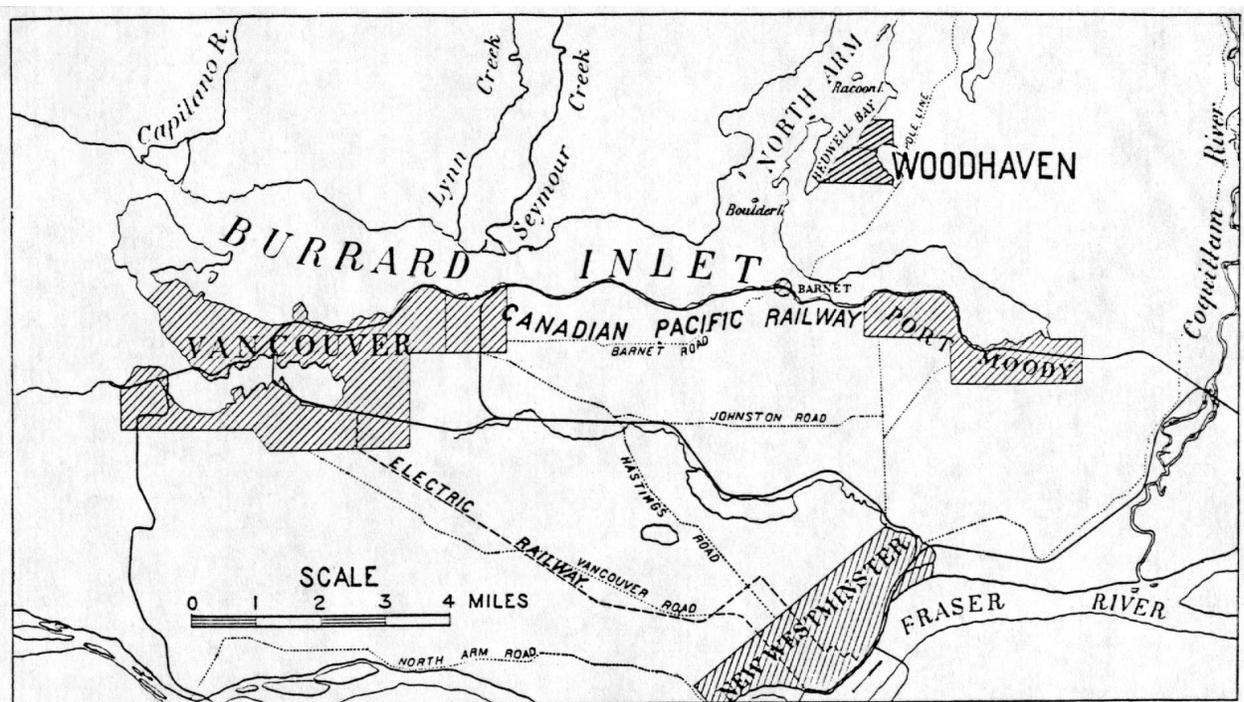
The Government of the Dominion of Canada, Department of the Interior, Ottawa, will shortly offer for sale by public auction, in Vancouver, about two hundred lots suitable for summer residence purposes, subdivided for the purpose of meeting the demand for such property on the part of citizens of Vancouver, New Westminster and adjacent points. The date and place of sale will be announced at an early date.

The subdivision is located on Bedwell Bay, a part of the North Arm of Burrard Inlet. The distance front Vancouver or New Westminster is about 12 miles. The key plan herewith shows the location of the subdivision in relation to the Lower Coast District.

ON ARM OF THE PACIFIC

Burrard Inlet is a large arm of the Pacific Ocean extending from Vancouver 12 miles inland. It constitutes the harbour of Vancouver, being deep enough and wide enough for the largest vessels plying on the Pacific. Eight miles from Vancouver another large arm extends from Burrard Inlet almost "due north". This Inlet is known as the North Arm. Its length is about 13 miles. About four miles up, it contains a Bay known as Bedwell Bay. The subdivision to be offered for sale lies along the east shore of this Bay.

The North Arm is flanked on both sides by huge mountains. Those in the distance at the north end are always snowcapped. The scenery is of exceptional grandeur. The shores on both sides are in the main precipitous, but at a few points there are breaks in the mountains which afford small areas suitable for building purposes. The largest of these is the area lying along Bedwell Bay.



BETWEEN SEA AND LAKE

About half a mile east of Bedwell Bay there is a fresh water lake. It is 135 feet above the level of the Bay. A fine creek runs from it to the Bay. The entire area between the Bay and the Lake has been divided into blocks. Only those blocks close to the Bay shore, to the Creek and to the Lake have been subdivided into villa lots. As the demand for lots increases, additional blocks will be subdivided. The lots already marked off total about 200. Those on the Bay shore have a water frontage of 100 feet. The area varies but the average is about a half-acre. The lots along the Lake have a frontage of about 135 feet and an area of about half an acre. The inside lots in all the blocks average about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre.



View From Bedwell Bay

THE SURVEY

Special care has been taken to lay-out the subdivision to conform with the topographical features. Instead of rectangular blocks there is an artistic subdivision characterized by gracefully curving streets and roads. No expense has been spared in making the survey as complete as possible.

It is based on a contour plan of the locality, and the roads which have the full width of 66 feet, are in most instances on very good grades. The roads are all curved, and there are no rectangular blocks at all; the object being to give every lot the best possible view. Eight-foot trails have been cut along all roads so that every lot is accessible, and instead of wooden pegs, iron posts and stone mounds have been used to mark the boundaries of the lots.

A broad avenue has been marked-off along the water front in order that access to the sea water may be open to all lot owners. Beyond the survey lines and the eight-foot trails referred to above nothing has been done in the way of improvements in the subdivision. The area has been left in a state of nature.

DESCRIPTION

The area subdivided rises gradually. Unlike most places along the North Arm, there is a considerable depth of soft soil instead of comparatively bare rock; gently rising natural terraces instead of precipitous bluffs. The area is well, wooded, so that every lot can at once be made into a small private park.

The land subdivided was until recently within the boundaries of a timber limit. That is the reason it did not long ago become available for the public. In the meantime, its value for summer residence purposes has grown rapidly. When the question of its disposal came-up, it appeared to the Department that the land was too valuable to dispose of otherwise than by public competition. It also appeared that the surest way to give the public an opportunity to secure summer residence property under favourable conditions was for the Government to do the subdividing and sell the lots by public auction.



ON SALT WATER

The North Arm affords an ideal location for summer homes, for people residing in Vancouver and adjacent points. Its outstanding advantage is the fact that it affords salt water locations without exposure to the storms of the main coast.

The beauties that characterize the North Arm are perhaps best told by extracts from a special article which was published in the *Vancouver Daily Province* on April 13th, 1907. The article in question was written by Mr. J. P. McConnell, now editor of the well-known Vancouver weekly, *The Saturday Sunset*. It might be explained that the attractions of the North Arm have already drawn a fair contingent of summer residents, fifty or more cottages dotting the shores, and that to-day the Arm is not the comparatively unknown land it was four years ago when Mr. McConnell's article was written.



A Point In Woodhaven

The following is the description, in part:

“Vancouver as a city of surpassingly beautiful environs will have a world-wide fame when these great natural features become known to the world.”

“Take for instance the North Arm, only one of a dozen of the beautiful spots within easy access of the city. That sheet of water will, in a few years, take its place among the show places of the continent and rank with the ‘Thousand Islands’ of the St. Lawrence, the ‘Palisades of the Hudson’, the ‘Niagara Falls and Gorge’ and the ‘Grand Canyon’ of the Colorado as a natural scenic attraction.”

“The North Arm has the rocky islets, the deep shadowed coves, the boating and canoeing facilities of the ‘Thousand Islands’. There is not one attractive feature of that famous island studded sheet of water which the North Arm does not possess save the summer cottages, chalets and hotels, and they are bound to come. In comparison with the lovely wooded heights of the North Arm with its wealth of colour and variety of outline, the ‘Palisades of the Hudson’ are insipid and flat...”

“Up the North Arm (and by the way what a barbarous name that is to give such a beauty spot) we have the Palisades for gentle terraces, we have the thousand rocky islets dotting the water; at the upper end are snow-covered mountains towering from 3,000 to 5,000 feet, making a canyon clothed in a hundred tones of eternal green, floored with the salt tide of the Pacific Ocean and crowned with silvery caps of dazzling snow.”

“And at its head comes in the ‘Meslillooet River’ more commonly called ‘Indian River’, a glacial stream so clear one may count the pebbles twenty feet below the surface and at its mouth a wide-level delta covered with a light growth of alder and willow.”

“But the keenest pleasure the nature-lover can ask is to wander-up one of the numerous old trails, miles of which wind here and there through the mountains relics of the lumbering days now past, through the tangled semi-tropical growth of ferns and creepers festooned from stately firs and cedars.”



Part of Shore, Bedwell Bay

“From one point on the Arm, half a dozen magnificent cascades leaping in series from the lofty snows in two, three and five hundred-foot falls of pearly sprays, may be counted...”

“While the forests have been logged-out, there is scarcely a visible scar of man’s depredations save here and there a moss-grown giant stump, an abandoned log chute and the trails which make it easy to visit the beauty spots and explore the wondrous forests and cliffs.”

“And over all the beautiful scene, imparting to it the majesty and grandeur that puts it in the ‘Fraser Canyon’ or ‘Niagara Gorge’ class, tower the stately mountains, solemn in their huge bulk and silence. Viewed from the water, they welcome one with a menace, they beckon and challenge. You watch the flitting sunlight and shadow swiftly pass over their verdure clothed slopes, upward and away, and in you stirs a yearning desire to follow and scale their summits. But those summits — crowned with dazzling snow or opalescent glaciers, alluring in their beauty, repellent in their icy chill and sinister hardness, loveliness enshrined in peril for him who would dare to worship at her feet.”

“Far up above the timber line, the tiny stunted shrubs, poke their tops through the swirling, misty snows, further up it is only snow, snow, and glittering ice piled against the pitiless bare rocks. See that streak of flying mist, hear that faraway choo-oo, and then the crackling crash as the avalanche speeding down a mile of snow plunges into the timber, then down, down to the region of summer-heat, there to melt and sink into the rocks to come forth again in rivulets, glittering, ice-cold and crystal clear.”

“As the evening shadows crept up the western slopes of the mountains across the Inlet a panorama of colour was presented, which no artist’s palette could reproduce. The waters calm as a baby’s slumber, reflected and duplicated the whole wondrous picture. Just above the water line the cool, dark purple began, gradually it warmed into golden brown as the sunlight bade a wavering farewell to the valley. Upward crept the shadows, the base deepening into black, then deepest purple above, then blue, atop of that gold, where the sun’s rays still lingered on the timber, above it the snow caps scintillated, glittered and gloried in a sheen of creamy silver.”

“As the sun went down behind us, his parting rays gently touched the silvery snow caps tinging them to shell-like pink in the lights, and to misty cold blue in the shadows. In a moment, the whole glorious summit was bathed in fire and scarlet, the overhanging clouds seemed to rain upon the summit some of their own magnificent plethora of colour until the scene became one of entrancing, soul-absorbing beauty. Few pens, much less mine, have lived, with the power to describe truly or even approximately the witchery of that scene. And fewer pens can express the feeling of the beholder who genuinely loves the beauties of a wild and tremendous nature, as one may see there.”

“Then as the ‘sentinel stars set their watch in the sky’ and the great dome of heaven changed from purple black to intense Prussian blue, studded with glittering points of starlight, the huge bulk and grand sweeping curves of the mountain’s escarpment loomed in a great black mass before us and the evening breeze awoke, rustling the pine tree tops to sougling whispers as we gathered about the camp fire, to think and talk of the glories we had just witnessed in that North Arm sunset...”

“With a good boat it would be possible for business men to live at almost any point on the Arm, coming down in the morning and returning in the evening. Already there are a score of cottages dotting the shores at various points, and a number of others are to be built this season.”

“With some judicious advertising and the facilities for getting to it, the North Arm is bound to become one of the greatest attractions this city possesses. If such a feature were contiguous to New York, that city would be as famous for its scenic attractions as it now is as the first city of the continent. Think of the millions of people who visit ‘Coney Island’ by boat and tram — a barren sandy waste, its single attractive natural feature the sea, then



reflect upon the thousands who take a four-hour monotonous lake sail from Toronto to Lewiston for the sake of a forty-five-minute, dusty trolley ride up the 'Niagara Gorge', the interest of which may be exhausted in two or three trips, or the hundreds who leave Montreal every Saturday afternoon to ride for three to five hours in hot crowded cars to the lakes of the Laurentians, there to spend Sunday amid a nature not a quarter so beautiful as the North Arm. Yet here we have a trip unsurpassed in beauty and accessibility in the world. From the moment we leave the wharf, nature presents to our enchanted view a panorama of mountain, water, sky and rocky islet of such variety and charm that its interest is endless. Every passing cloud, every new mood of Nature presents an entirely new picture, an entire change in the scheme of colour. Every fathom the boat moves presents the scene in a new way. And what I have written here is an attempt to describe it as I have seen it in early April..."

"But natural beauty and climate are not all the North Arm has to offer to visitors. The hunter and fisherman will find plenty of recreation there. Myriads of ducks of all kinds are feeding and treating there now. On one side of the arm deer are plentiful in season. On the other, among the lofty peaks, the bighorn and mountain goat roam. Game birds, grouse and prairie chickens are numerous."

"In the waters of the Arm in season salmon are plentiful, and may be taken with trolls. Indian River is a fatuous trout stream, and a good catch may be depended upon at any time."

"One might spend an entire summer on the North Arm, make a different trip every day, amuse himself in a new way seven days in the week, and yet not exhaust its list of attractions. Then next season he could go all over it again with renewed delight. Residents of Vancouver may spend every week-end amid its recesses in every summer of a lifetime, and find a new interest in every visit."

TERMS OF SALE

The lots will be sold by public auction in Vancouver, and the terms will be as follows:

One quarter of the purchase price in cash at the time of sale and the balance in three equal annual installments with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum on the balance of the purchase money and of the interest from time to time remaining unpaid.

Upon a parcel of land being knocked-down, the purchaser shall immediately deposit the sum of fifty dollars with the clerk of the sale, otherwise the parcel will at once be put-up again. For this purpose, intending purchasers should provide themselves with marked cheques on chartered banks of Canada, made to their own order and payable at par at Vancouver; or with bank notes of as large a denomination as possible. The balance of the cash installment must in every case be paid before the close of the sale, failing which the deposit of fifty dollars will be forfeited and the sale cancelled.

Cheques will not be taken in payment unless marked accepted by the bank on which they are drawn.

Descriptive booklet and map may be had on application to the Secretary, Department of the Interior, Ottawa; W. M. Ingram, Superintendent of School Lands, Winnipeg; or to the Agents of Dominion Lands, New Westminster and Kamloops, B.C.

PERLEY G. KEYES, Secretary
Department of the Interior
Ottawa, Ontario

AUCTION SALE

Auction Sale of the lots referred to in this pamphlet will take place at Pender Hall, 804 Pender Street West, Vancouver, on Thursday, April 6th, 1911, at 10.30 a.m.

Woodhaven Subdivision Map

The following is a map of the "WOODHAVEN" subdivision, as it was laid-out in 1909, located in what is now the *Village of Belcarra*. Vancouver's first City Archivist, Major J.S. Matthews (J.S.M.), found this map and wrote below it a history of how the names for all the roads were chosen. Major Matthews was appointed Archivist by Council for the *City of Vancouver* on May 21st, 1933, and until his death in 1970 Major Matthews:

- collected thousands of documents and photographs;
- recorded his conversations with pioneers;
- interviewed native people; and
- completed over 40 publications on the *City of Vancouver's* history.



Major J.S. Matthews

The notation by Major J.S. Matthews on the bottom of the map reads as follows:

This map was issued about 1910 attached to a pocket size pamphlet entitled "WOODHAVEN, Bedwell Bay, North Arm of Burrard Inlet" by Perley G. Keeys, Secretary, Department of the Interior, Ottawa. This pamphlet announces that the Department will offer for sale by public auction about 200 lots, called "villa lots" suitable for summer residences. The auction sale of the lots is to take place at Pender Hall, 804 Pender Street West, Vancouver, on Thursday, April 6th, 1911, at 10:30 a.m. The street names indicate the sponsors: Sir Richard McBride, former Premier, Senator Hewitt Bostock, Hon. R.G. Tatlow, Hon. Harry H. Watson, M.L.A. Hon. William J. Bowser, Hon. Dr. Henry Young, M.L.A., J. Henry Senkler, KC, Barrister, His Honour T.R. McInnes, former Lieut. Gov., Hon. Joseph Martin, former Premier. The others may be F.W. Peters, Supt. Can. Pac. Rly., or Col. Peters, D.O.C. Victoria, Taylor or Neeland, (or Neelands) may be Mayors of Vancouver, Kelly and Monto may be Robert Kelly of Kelly Douglas & Co., and Dr. H.S. Monto. Fulton, Jardine, Campbell, Grant, and Webster were all names of men in public life about that period. The possession of a summer cottage on the North Arm was considered very fashionable and many of the eminent had some beautiful homes. West Vancouver was an inaccessible wilderness. Then followed a "slump" in the real estate "boom", and when war broke-out in August 1914, values collapsed, property became unsaleable and, as an instance, the land now known as "ORLOMAH" on which \$60,000 had been spent, was abandoned, and when years later it was sold, did not fetch more than a fraction of the taxes owing.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. S. Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Vancouver City Archives, 1953.

Woodhaven Subdivision's Street Namesakes



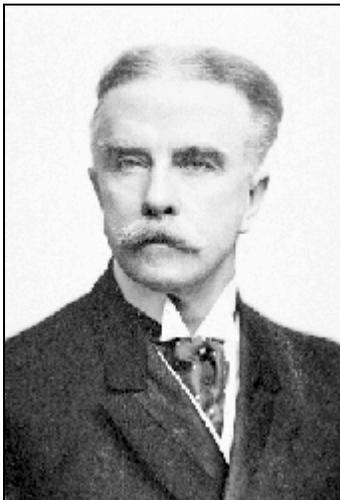
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Premier 1903-1915



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Senator 1904-1930



Hon. William J. Bowser
Premier 1915-1916



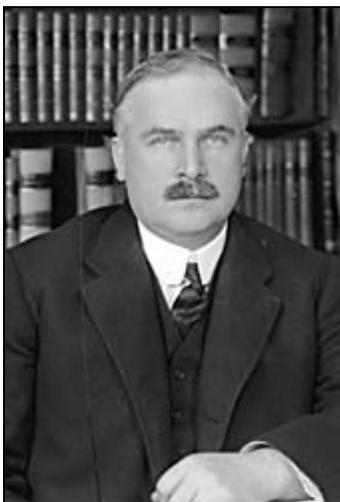
Hon. Dr. Henry E. Young
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Hon. Robert G. Tatlow
MLA 1900-1909



Hon. Harry H. Watson
MLA 1909-1916



J. Harold Senkler, KC
Barrister & Solicitor



Louis D. Taylor
Mayor 1910-1911



Robert Kelly
Kelly Douglas & Co.