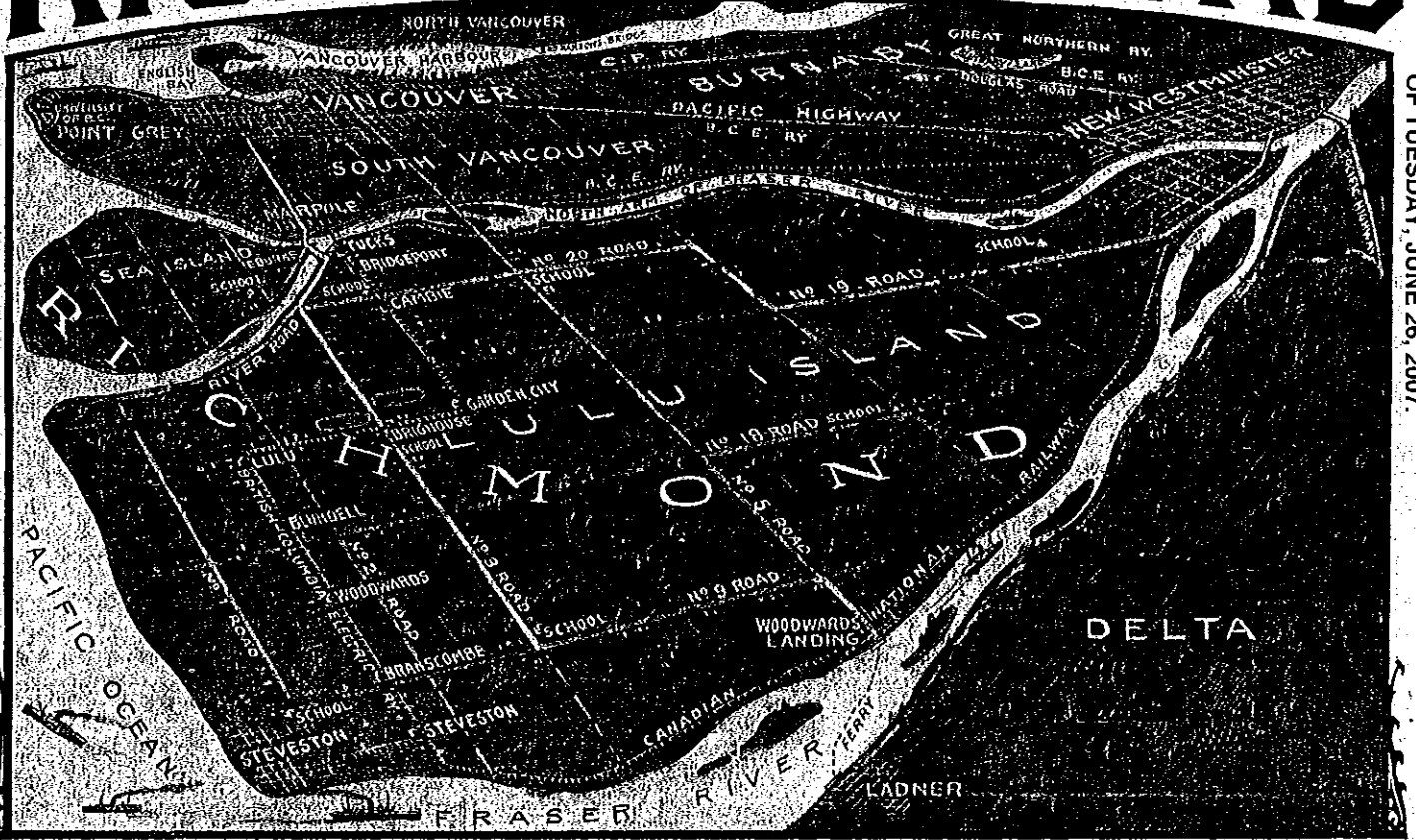


# RICHMOND RECORD



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## Our Bow

There is a very general desire manifest in Richmond for publicity; a desire to have better known abroad what we have to offer homeseekers, settlers and investors, and in this way to promote the growth and development of our district. In response to this desire a few Lulu Islanders put their heads together, and considered ways and means of rising to the occasion, and the publication of this little paper is the result.

This and following issues will be distributed among farmers in the prairie provinces. Copies will also be mailed to the Old Land, to the eastern provinces, and south of the line; and no opportunity will be overlooked to have copies reach the hands of those who are, or might be, interested in conditions here.

There is also a healthy desire in Richmond for a more general community spirit. The affairs of the Municipality have been discussed—not too seriously—from many angles at small meetings of ratepayers; but it was found that such discussion by a few could not create the community spirit that would be so helpful in the solution of our problems.

Our little paper, Mahomet-like, will go to the ratepayers who would not come to meetings. This issue will go to every home that receives mail in Richmond, and it is hoped that many will subscribe for the paper, and welcome following issues.

At first, the publication of a local paper seemed preposterous. In Richmond? But after the idea was examined and turned over in several minds, it became the sensible and practical thing to do. And so this little paper goes out to try its luck for a piece in the affections and growth of Richmond.

## Our Title-Heading

The level, delta lands of Richmond, some 30,000 acres in area, are shown above at a glance, as they lie up against the cities of Greater Vancouver and New Westminster. Nature formed them for gardens, garden-homes, and the industrious smallholder. Our large farms will soon be a chapter of past history. With a water supply obtained from the mountains, electric light and power extended from Vancouver, transportation by paved roads and electric railway, and daily mail and daily newspaper delivery, the advantages of both city and country life are made possible, and disadvantages neutralised.

"The people of Richmond don't appreciate what they have," said a recent settler in the district. The remark expresses the first impression of visitors and newcomers. And it might well be true. Failure to appreciate what we have is a common failing with respect to possessions in general. It disables us from making the most of what we have, and dissipates our energies in discontents and frets that are mostly far from divine.

## The Fraser River

Our title-heading will show better than words could tell, how Richmond lies in the arms of the Fraser River. Lulu and Sea Islands are children of the river. For 10,000 years, it has been calculated, its floods have borne detritus from the mountains and valleys of the Rockies, and laid it layer upon layer to form these islands. It still continues extending them into the Gulf of Georgia at the rate of 10 to 20 feet per year. The Fraser will continue a main factor in the building of our fortunes.

## The South Arm

We have to turn to the South Arm to see the greatest possibilities of industrial development. Here is the channel for ocean shipping. Nearly 20 miles of its water frontage is in Richmond, and it will be utilised for industries and shipping at no distant date. We have to visualise this in our calculations, not as optimists or pessimists, visionaries or peasants, but as sane realists.

The natural depth in the South Arm is 35 feet at low water. But at certain points where bars have formed, the depth at mean tide is 27 feet. This is now the controlling depth as far up as the city of New Westminster. Work on channel improvement is being steadily carried on by the Dominion Government, and the depth of water will be increased.

## The North Arm

We share with the municipalities on the peninsula interest in the North Arm, where many industries are already established. Point Grey Board of Trade has been active in promoting its improvement and development, and the newly formed Richmond Board of Trade will now take a hand in advancing its claims for attention, and in advertising its natural opportunities, where capital is seeking investment. It is to be hoped our Board of Trade will keep in touch with industries already there, and bring within view the widest possible prospect of the business and industrial world.

Richmond would like to see its Board of Trade take a lively interest in the re-establishment of the Milling industry at Eburne, and see that Messrs. Easterbrook receive every encouragement that it is possible for the municipality to give them.

## Council and School Board

The estimates presented by the School Board to the Council amount to \$57,832.00 for the current year. Of this amount the Government pays:

On account of teachers' salaries.....\$17,409.00  
On account of transportation..... 2,425.00

The estimates show an increase over last year, mainly for teachers' salaries, though the amount for supervising principal is reduced by \$200.00.

The Medical Health Officer's salary was last year increased from \$250 to \$350, at which figure he is engaged this year. Why do we go to a neighboring municipality for this official? He also received \$250 last year as Municipal Health Officer. Why is a Richmond doctor not appointed? We presume that some day this anomaly will be remedied.

The School Trustees also asked the Council for the extra mill for capital expenditure. This should yield in round figures about \$6,000. The ratepayers are insisting on a new central school half way between Bridgeport and Steveston, and both the trustees and councillors will no doubt agree on its necessity. It will take wise and courageous management to hold down our school expenditures to the pace of growth of our assessments and sources of revenue.

### Requests for Grants

The Agricultural Society directors presented their annual requests for grants at a mid-February adjourned meeting of the Council.

For the Fair and Exhibition.....\$500.00  
For music for May-day..... 100.00  
For New Westminster Exhibit..... 250.00

The last mentioned was granted, the request for May-day withdrawn, and the Council "laid over" the request for \$500. It came out in the discussion that many of the Councillors were not wholly satisfied with the management of the May Day celebration and the Fair, that both these events were exploited to their detriment for other if kindred objects of the society. It seemed that the society aimed at a surplus with which to build, sometime, a community hall, the land for which was already bought and partly paid. This indirection of the grants in previous years, it was contended, was at the expense of the success of May and Fair Days.

### Apropos

There should be no surplus in the accounts of Fair and May Day celebrations, unless the public in great numbers present insist upon it and make it unavoidable. For the management to insist upon it is fatal. It is its part to spend to the limit of its resources for success.

If any one thing killed our celebrations it was the aim at a surplus, a surplus that has the habit of becoming a liability by investment. A private enterprise, mindful of the vicissitudes of fortune and the curves of trade lines, may wisely strive for a surplus, and build up reserves. But a public institution that depends on the entertainment and support of the people, its surplus and reserves must be built up in the hearts and minds and memories of the people, including the children. It is always available to be drawn upon there, and never a liability. Here applies: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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## The Curb Market

Modern civilisation can produce for the needs of all. But the marketing and economical distribution of goods from producer to consumer vexes the best minds of business and government. The problem has created a press, platform and a literature of its own. Distribution is so costly, and so many toll and profit takers come in between them, that both producer and consumer are in revolt.

But for the producers of Richmond, the Vancouver curb market is a high perfect solution of the problem. By electric car or trusty Ford, the smallholders of Richmond can run in with their eggs, butter, milk, preserves, vegetables, fruits, flowers, poultry, meats and herbs, sell their stock direct to the consumer, and return home in the early evening with the cash in their pockets. For the nominal fee of 25 cents they rent a stall on the street curb for a day, and buyer and seller get down to business, common sense enacting the law for every transaction. Too many laws spoil our sport and dull our wit in business.

The consumer gets fresh meats and vegetables at first hand; home-made, home-grown things at first cost. There is no boxing, crating, culling and dolling up to withstand the rough handling and mauling over of brokers, and transactions are done and ended for ever on the spot. May the Curb Market grow and flourish.

### Proposal to Enlarge Curb Market

The Richmond Board of Trade, at the instance of Mr. C. W. Lusk, passed a resolution that it "views with interest the proposal before the Vancouver City Council to improve and enlarge the Curb Market, increasing the facilities for direct trading between producer and consumer, and appreciates this practical encouragement to the prosperity of small industries in the surrounding districts."

The Ladner Board of Trade is to be commended for having passed a similar resolution.

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