

## Vancouver to Hollyburn by Sea.

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It may be worth while to give a systematic description of the natural features which can be observed in the course of the finest short sail in the Vancouver district, for we have every right to challenge that rank for it.

Even before the ferry leaves the slip, the visible sector of the northern horizon is an exceptional one. It begins on the left with the Lions, nearly 6000 feet high, standing on the rim of a wide cirque, the grandest of the half-dozen of these amphitheatres which the district possesses. In the sweep and symmetry of its curves it surpasses even that other hanging valley, hidden away among the mountains in which Burwell Lake sleeps in icy fetters for half the year. The snow which fills the cirque of the Lions from November till late spring lends to it a special prominence, which is enhanced by the broad and dark-wooded slope of the Hollyburn Ridge in front of it, falling to the deep notch of the Capilano valley, through which high but unnamed hills beyond are to be seen. Crown Mountain begins to the right of the Capilano. It is disfigured at this point for all time by the fire-swept area which proves the horrible efficiency of modern logging methods in smashing every tree from sapling to forest giant, and the neglect of our forest administrators to enforce the duty of assembling and burning the slash after logging-off.

The western flank of Crown Mountain ascends to the round-topped crest which forms the drawn-up knees of Sleeping Beauty. The idea of a recumbent female figure outlined against the northern sky is not quite a far-fetched one. To the east of the Knees is the depression which corresponds to the waist of the figure. To the right and left of the Knees are deep funnel-like gullies, the pathways of groups of converging torrents on their way to Crown Creek, a tributary of the Capilano from the east. A danger-zone of special steepness, which cost the lives of two young men a few years ago, encircles the mountain a little more than half-way up. It occurs at about the level where the torrents unite to form single streams. To the right of the waist of Sleeping Beauty is a rounded ridge, which corresponds in position to the bust of the figure; while the sharp pyramidal peak of Crown, 5500 feet high, supplies the face. The Camel is on the right of Crown Peak; and even ordinary eyesight is sufficient to make out the Camel's head and neck to the left of the square hump. Below and in front of Crown is a forest-clad mountain mass, which is surmounted by two low rounded conical summits. The higher one, a little to the right of Crown Peak, is Dam; the lower one, still more to the right, is Grouse Peak, rising from a nearly level-topped plateau to a height of 4200 feet. The massif, as the French geographers would term the block of mountain ground on which these two peaks stand, is separated from the still higher Crown massif, by a deep valley, which is easily visible from Nanaimo, more than 40 miles away. The right flank of Grouse drops down to the well-marked valley of Mosquito Creek, which sweeps in a wide curve round the eastern foot of Grouse. It and the torrent-tracks which seam the southern face of the massif are best brought out by the low sun of late afternoon. Dome Mountain, a conspicuous but not commanding natural feature, which I named at random twenty years ago, and which seems to have kept the name, continues the view to the east of Mosquito Creek. The process of clearing has been carried far up its side.

As the ferry backs out from the slip, the northern panorama is gradually developed. A group of peaks is seen towards the north-east over the long eastern flank of Dome. The highest, which has a level top and a steep western side, is the middle one of the Three Sisters. To the left of the northern Sister we can discern the southern spur of White

Mountain, emphasized during the winter months by its covering of snow. The main mass of White Mountain is not visible from this point, though it is easily seen from points in the city a few blocks south of the water-front. Rice Mountain, a dark wooded cone whose eastern slopes have been ruined by logger and fire-fiend, rises to the east of the Sisters. The entrance to the Lynn Valley lies between it and Dome while the entrance to the Seymour valley—the wildest and finest of our northern recesses—opens on the east of Rice Mountain. The lofty wall of the Seymour Range bounds the valley on the east. The crown of the range is well in view, its highest point being the round-topped mass called Seymour Mountain, 5500 feet high. The nearer slope of the range below the crest is marked during the winter months by the figure of a gigantic spaniel sprawling up the slope, its head, fore-paws, and back clearly outlined in snow. But the great white dog is more shapely when seen from above Victoria Drive in the city. The Seymour Range, falls to the Second Narrows by a gradual and nearly straight slope. The eastern mountain wall of the North Arm, rather tame-looking at this distance, is seen emerging from behind the slope. South of the Narrows is Burnaby Mountain, a rounded hill about 1100 feet high. It is possible on an occasional afternoon to discern above the city smoke the spectral form of Mount Baker, more than sixty miles to the south-east.

Before we pass from this part of the view, we ought to take a look at the well-marked terrace, or rather group of terraces, which extends along the north shore from the Capilano to the Second Narrows. The terraces were in great measure hidden by the forest growth twenty years ago; but they are easily enough discerned now. They are raised beaches, formed during a period which is recent as recency goes in geology, when the land stood a couple of hundred feet lower than now.

It is time, however, to turn to the western view, which has been rapidly unfolding itself. We see on our left, above the trees of Stanley Park, the low twin domes of Mount Gardner, the highest point of Bowen Island, whose altitude is about 2500 feet. To the right of Gardner is Mount Elphinstone, which rises on the mainland behind Gibson's Landing to a height of 4500 feet, its nearer face marked by a snow-filled gully in winter. Still more to the right is the western end of the Hollyburn Ridge, which extends without a break to the Capilano, and reaches a maximum height of about 3400 feet. The top of the level plateau of Black Mountain is seen over the Ridge towards the west; but the impressiveness of this great natural feature is not realized here. Mount Strachan and the Hollyburn Peak are seen overlooking the Ridge a little to the left of the Lions. They appear as one mass to the untrained eye from this point; but practised mountaineers take a couple of hours to make the journey from the dome of Hollyburn Peak, 4300 feet high, across the deep intervening depression to the level top of Strachan, which rises 5200 feet above sea-level.

Stanley Park is on our left all the way from Brockton Point to the Lions' Gate. The park is a group of islands, connected to one another and to the mainland by a raised beach. One section of the raised beach forms the low ground at the Brockton Point oval. The mouth of the harbor has now begun to open up. The bold headland of Prospect Point forms the southern portal of the wide gateway. The true northern portal—masked, however, by the broad encroaching delta of the Capilano—is Little Mountain, which stands about 350 feet above sea-level. Like Prospect Point it is composed of volcanic rock. Its material is close-grained, grayish brown in color, and rather brittle; but it has proved more enduring through millenniums of storm than the rocks

### CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FUND STILL NEEDS ASSISTANCE

The Children's Playground Fund is increased by \$15.50 as a result of the Elks' Dance given in the Hollyburn Pavilion for this purpose. Tenders for grading the Park are now being invited and it is hoped that before long the pleasant sight of children enjoying themselves on the grounds will be seen. The committee is in need of more funds to complete the work and it is hoped that other groups of people will emulate the spirit shown by the Ferry employees, who last week, donated \$5 each for the children's pleasure. Any who wish to help this project to maturity may leave their donations at the Royal Bank, or hand them to Councillor Ray, or any member of the committee whose names we published recently.

Tim McCulloch was the successful applicant for the position of janitor at the new school now being built on Inglewood. The appointment was made at the meeting of the School Trustees last night.

On account of the broadcasting of the five lectures of Rev. W. Pascoe Goad there will be no meeting of British-Israel Association on Wednesday, June 15th.

There was a large attendance at the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid of St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday afternoon held at the home of Mrs. Forrest, Mathers Avenue. Several new members joined the society. After the business was transacted, a pleasant hour and dainty refreshments were enjoyed by all.

into which it was interjected in a melted state. Its shapely pyramidal form and isolated position make it a conspicuous object even from North Lonsdale; and its prominence in the foreground is very marked in the view from Prospect Point.

As we approach the Lions' Gate, Mount Gardner and the conical hill at the south end of Bowen Island are plainly visible, while the light-colored cliffs and lighthouse at Point Atkinson show up against the woods of Bowen. To the right of the Point we see the breezy uplands of Caulfeilds rising to join the southwest spur of Black Mountain.

The passage through the great gateway of Vancouver Harbor opens a wide vista in a short space of time. On the left is the steep north-west face of the largest and highest of the group of islands out of which Stanley Park has been built. A long line of tree-clad bluffs extends from Prospect Point to Siwash Rock, varied near the latter by a waterfall in wet weather. The line of bluffs has a very solid backing in the shape of a huge dyke or wall-like mass of volcanic rock, which can be traced through the Park from the Point to Third Beach. The height and steepness of the bluff are due to this dyke of hard, close-grained material. Beyond Siwash Rock we see the long level sky-line of the Point Grey peninsula; and between it and Bowen Island, across the waters of English Bay and the Gulf, stretches the great island, called after Captain Vancouver, as long as Ireland and as rugged in places as the Highlands of Scotland. Its highest mountains are not visible; but Mount Arrowsmith, nearly 6000 feet high and rather distinctive in form, is seen a little to the left of Point Atkinson.

The ferry now bears to the north to make the landing; and we see the pleasantly wooded southern slope of Little Mountain not far away, with the houses already beginning to climb it. Mount Elphinstone, Black Mountain, Mount Strachan, and the Hollyburn Peak are all eclipsed. The background of the picture is formed by the broad tree-clad slopes of the Ridge, that dominant topographic feature of the municipality whose influence emerges more clearly the longer it is studied.

### CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR TO VISIT DISTRICT re RABBITRY

In connection with the establishment of a rabbitry on Marine Drive between 15th and 16th Streets, a letter has been received by the council from the Provincial Health Officer in Victoria that the Chief Sanitary Inspector would visit West Vancouver and confer with them on the matter. In his opinion, however he did not think there was any objection to the rabbitry from the standpoint of health, providing the ordinary sanitary precautions were observed and the cleanliness of the plant insisted upon.

Harry Hoskin will leave next week for Montreal having been transferred to the headquarters staff of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine. Mrs. Hoskin and Eric will leave here in the near future for a short holiday in the old country before joining Mr. Hoskin in Montreal.

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