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## **HASTINGS.**

### **HASTINGS TOWNSITE. BURRARD INLET.**

From *The British Columbian*, 18 March 1869: "Change of name—As a compliment to Admiral Hastings, the name of the new London Institute at Burrard Inlet, has been changed to that of Hastings Institute."

Letters to Capt. Raymur from Trutch, 1869-1870: 18 August 1869 and 23 February 1870, the mill is called the B.C. and V.I. Spar, Lumber and Saw Mill Co., and not until 29 September 1870, is it called the Hastings Saw Mill Co. (The Institute was at Hastings Mill, not New Brighton. J.S.M.)

### **HASTINGS MILL**

From *The British Columbian*, 6 February 1869: "It is stated that the Marquis of Bute has purchased the greater portion of the Hastings property and has most delicately offered it to the family on such terms that virtually it will be restored to the old line. The two marquises were cousins."

## **OLIVER M. HOCKING OF BURRARD INLET.**

Provincial Library,  
Victoria, B.C.  
June 7, 1933.

Dear Major Matthews:

Your letters of June 2 and 5 respectively are herewith answered.

As to Hocking, his full name was Oliver M., and he was Deputy Collector of Customs at Burrard Inlet from 1866 to 1869. In the latter year he leased a tract of land at the terminus, on Burrard Inlet, of the road from New Westminster, on which he erected buildings. He built a bridge at Hastings; the place was called the Town of Brighton.

In the Archives we have a letter from H.M. Ball, 1869, to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works enclosing a return of the sale of the town lots of Hastings as sold by the auctioneer, Mr. Edwards\*, on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1869. There is also another letter proposing a future sale by auction at Hocking's place near the site of the town of Hastings.

I understand that the Lands Department has a large map of the old town of Hastings with lots marked thereon, but no names. The maker of the map is now known. So much for Oliver M. Hocking.

Yours sincerely,

John Hosie,  
Provincial Archivist.

\* Edmonds