

Approved and ordered this 30th day of March, A.D. 1950.

C. A. Banks
Lieutenant-Governor.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Victoria,

PRESENT:

The Honourable

- Mr. Johnson
- Mr. Kenney
- Mr. Wismer
- Mr. Anscomb
- Mr. Bowman
- Mr. MacDonald
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Eyres
- Mr. Cates
- Mr. Straith
- Mr.

in the Chair.

To His Honour

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council:

The undersigned has the honour to report:

o/c 2259/50, 2267/51,

THAT Section 130 of the Forest Act provides for the acquisition of property, which *126/52* may be necessary for the use and enjoyment of the public, as Park lands; *243/52.*

AND THAT it is considered necessary to acquire the following described property for the use of the Department of Lands and Forests, namely:

Parts of Sections 7 and 8, Township 5, Comox Land District, containing 157 acres, more or less.

AND TO RECOMMEND THAT under the provisions of the said Act, the undersigned be authorized to acquire and take possession of the above described property, for and in the name of His Majesty, in the right of the Province of British Columbia.

DATED this *28th* day of *March* 1950 A.D.

E. J. Kenney
Minister of Lands and Forests

APPROVED this *28.* day of *March* 1950 A.D.

Byron J. Johnson
Presiding Member of the Executive Council

*Forests in charge
Parks & Recreation Div.
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March 24, 1950

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Memorandum to the Honourable the Minister.

"Saratoga" Beach.

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In spite of the great acreages already reserved for park purposes in British Columbia, there are some outstanding failures to provide for the probable needs of both present and future generations. You will recall that the Dominion Government has been deeply interested in a tidewater park, and even the Province itself has nothing whatever of this description. Furthermore, tidewater sites that would be of value for park purposes are very few, and, almost without exception, are in private ownership.

One of the principal attractions of a tidewater park in any small area is a sand beach; and, as far as we are aware, there are only two sand beaches on the whole east coast of Vancouver Island: one at Qualicum, with which the public are thoroughly familiar, and Saratoga Beach, of white sand, lying roughly between Oyster River and a point a little south of Black Creek, between Courtenay and Campbell River. This beach is perhaps a mile in length. The adjoining upland property was for sale in 1945 at a price of \$38,000.00. It is now in the ownership of a Mr. Pottage, who finds himself both under the necessity of disposing of part of his holdings and most favourably inclined to make an advantageous sale to the Parks Division of the Forest Service in the public interest. Incidentally, it may be said that Mr. Pottage has made us a free gift of fifteen acres at the mouth of Black Creek. The additional area now for sale embraces 142 acres in Sections 7 and 8, Tp. 5, which includes the mouth of Black Creek and a shoreline of 2,000 feet of this white sand beach, which is offered to the Forest Service for a price of \$5,000.00, or about \$35.00 per acre, or \$2.50

per beach front foot. The chances are few that any such opportunity to acquire a park site of this description, and at this price, will ever arise again.

It is recommended that the purchase be authorized, and Order-in-Council under the provisions of the Parks Section of the "Forest Act" is submitted herewith for consideration of the Cabinet.

The price mentioned at the present time is \$5,000.00, as quoted above, providing an early decision is made. We cannot guarantee that this offer in this price will be continued, and accordingly no purchase price is quoted in the Order-in-Council.

Purchase price in the sum of \$5,000.00 could be made available from funds now in hand.



C.D. Orchard,
Deputy Minister.

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