THE GREATER VANCOUVER WATERSHEDS - NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, 1902-1928

(IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

The period between 1918 and 1928 is a particularly important era in terms of the logging controversy in two of the three Greater Vancouver watersheds: the Capilano and Seymour River watersheds. The Coquitlam, however, was completely protected from logging by a 1910 federal order-in-council, and was not plagued by private ownership and resource conflicts. The Lynn watershed, situated between the Capilano and Seymour watersheds, and being part of North Vancouver's water supply, was also logged, and appears occasionally in the following articles.

The enormous 3,200 acre fire started by the Capilano Timber Co. in the summer of 1925, which hardly received any publicity in the newspapers, was responsible for the formation of the Greater Vancouver Water District in February of 1926. Part of the District's immediate mandate was to purchase and to control all privately owned lands in the Capilano and Seymour from future logging and mining, most lands of which were bought by the early 1930's. The remaining Crown lands in the Capilano and Seymour watersheds were leased to the Water District by the provincial government for 999 years in 1927. The Coquitlam watershed lands, which were protected from logging by a 1910 Federal Order-In-Council, were later transferred to the Water District's control in 1942 under the provincial government's Land Act 999 year lease agreement.

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