

With the exception of the Stanley Park-Powell-Nanaimo timetable which has an expiry date of December 17, all Transit timetables will be reprinted with an effective date of September 25, and all the current timetables showing an expiry date of September 10 will continue in effect through September 24.

*Someone who leads a double life often gets through it in half the time.*



September has been officially designated as registration month for boys wishing to join the Boy Scout movement.

Information may be obtained from Vancouver-Coast Regional Headquarters, 664 West Broadway, or by phoning 879-5721.

*Economics is extremely useful as a form of employment for economists.*  
John Kenneth Galbraith.

## Service Changes Commencing September 25

**351 — NORTH BLUFF.** An additional trip will leave Beecher & Sullivan at 9:47 a.m., Johnston (152nd St.) & North Bluff at 10:12 a.m., arrive Downtown Vancouver at 11:14 a.m.

**480 — RICHMOND-UBC.** Since demand did not develop for this service last year it will not be renewed.

**26 — BOUNDARY.** This route will be extended to a new terminus. It will run via Matheson Crescent, Champlain Crescent and Marquette (counter-clockwise) to the terminus at Marquette & Champlain. To return it will run via Champlain, Matheson, Arbor and the regular route to Joyce loop.

*Ecumenism: Getting to know the opposite sects.*

Burnaby Craft Market — Sept. 20, Oct. 4 & 18. Burnaby Arts Centre, 6450 Gilpin St. . . . Norwegian-speaking volunteer required as visitor to . . . elderly blind woman. Call Lois Craig, C.N.I.B. at 321-2311 . . . Vancouver Chamber Choir opening concert, Friday Sept. 9 at 8:30 pm in the . . . Museum Theatre. Tickets & full series subscriptions are available at all Vancouver Ticket Centre outlets & Eaton's stores . . . International Folk Dancing classes for boys and girls aged 6 to 12. Registration & first class on Sept. 19 at Mt. Pleasant Community Ctr., 16th & Ontario . . . Free talk for Tolkien fans. Stuart Piddocke talks on "The Lord of the Rings" at Hemlock Hall, 2801 Hemlock St., Fri. Sept. 25 at 7:30 pm . . . Carousel's Fall Theatre School opens Sept. 28 with courses for all ages. For registration information call 684-0011 or 683-3735 . . . The Frederic Wood Theatre 1981/82 season commences Sept. 23 with "The Caretaker" by Harold Pinter. Box Office phone 228-2678 . . . Fall Equinox Festival of Readings, hosted by Vancouver's Literary Centre, #1-314 W. Cordova, Sept. 20 from noon to midnight . . . Over 40 Club of B.C. Oldtime dancing every Saturday evening from 9:30 to 11:30, 2474 Pr. Edward, near the Kingsgate Mall. Phone 437-5807 or 733-4208 evenings . . . The Vancouver Rose Society, Fall Rose Show, Van Dusen Botanical Gardens, 37th & Oak. Sun Sept. 27 from noon to 7:00 pm. Admission 50¢ . . . Meeting of the Adoptive Parents Assoc. of B.C., New Westminster Secondary School, 835-8th St., New West. Sept. 24 at 7:30 pm. Visitors welcome . . . Want to make a quality difference in an elderly person's life? Find out about volunteer opportunities at Valleyview Hospital in Port Coquitlam. Call the Co-ordinator of Volunteers at 521-1911, local 677 or 218.

☐ Sept 18 & 19 — Thrift Sale, St. Mary's S. Hill Anglican Church, cor 50th Ave & Pr. Albert, Vanc, Sept 18, 1-4 pm; Sept 19, 10-12 am

Sept 19 — Rummage Sale, L.A. to  
2075, 748 Kingsway, 11 am-1 pm

☐ Sept 19 — Flea Market, Culloden Court Activity Hall, 1375 E 45th Ave, Vanc. 10 am-4 pm

☐ Sept 23 — Hadassah Thrift Clothing Sale, Henrietta Szold Chapt of Hadassah, Jewish Comm Ctr, 950 W 41st Ave, Rm 100, 10 am-2 pm

☐ Sept 24 & 25 — Rummage Sale,  
St. Theresa's CWL, Church Hall, 5146  
Laurel & Canada Way, Bby, 10 am-2 pm  
& 7-9 pm

☐ Sept 25 & 26 — Rummage Sale, St. Helen's Anglican Church, 10787-128 St, Sry, Sept 25, 10 am-2 pm; Sept 26, 10 am-noon

☐ Sept 25 & 26 — Basement Sale, St. Andrew's Church, 3426 Smith Ave, Bby; Sept 25, 7-9 pm; Sept 26, 11 am-1 pm

☐ Sept 25 & 26 — Thrift Sale, St. Alban's Church Hall, 7260 St. Alban's Rd, Rmd, Sept 25, 7-9 pm; Sept 26, 9:30-11 am

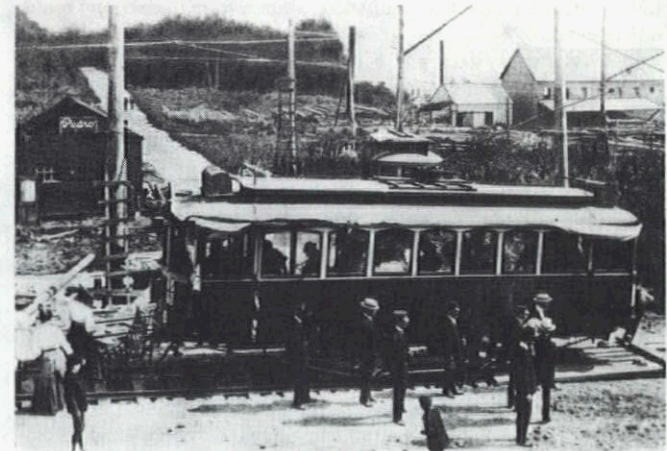
☐ Sept 26 — Rummage Sale, St. Philip's Anglican Church Hall, 3741 W 27th Ave, Vanc, 10 am-noon

☐ Sept 26 — Rummage Sale, Vanc  
Olympic Club, Chalmers United  
Church, 12th & Hemlock, 10 am-1 pm

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1906 — Labour Day, North Vancouver's first streetcar No. 25 at the corner of Lonsdale and Esplanade.

# Excitement As North Vancouver's First Transit Routes Opened 75 Years Ago

On June 13, 1906, a franchise was granted to B.C. Electric to provide North Vancouver with street lighting and five miles of street railway, with a minimum thirty-minute service.

B.C.E.R. lost no time in getting to work. Power was brought from Vancouver on huge wooden towers at Second Narrows, to a new sub-station at 3rd Street and St. Davids.

The first streetcar route was surveyed straight up Lonsdale from the ferry wharf to 21st Street. The second, after much argument, east-west on First Street.



By September 3rd, 1906, construction of the Lonsdale line had proceeded only as far as 12th Street but Reeve Kealy decided to take advantage of the Labour Day holiday to perform the official opening. Everything literally went off with a bang. Car No. 25, one of four brought from Vancouver, was decorated for the occasion and moved up the hill to the music of a brass band and the cheers of the crowd. But on the trip back down, the car slid on the greasy rails and collided with another car.

Within a few months the Lonsdale track was completed to 19th and the first timetable was published. Shortly after, the second route was opened.

In 1908 the System got a new manager, Albert Perry, who recorded that he found a street railway with five miles of track and three wee, dinky cars which carried 706 passengers on that day. The fourth car, good old No. 25 had rolled off the track and into Burrard Inlet a year earlier.

By May 1909, crews were busy clearing brush for a major expansion, carrying on from 19th and Queensbury up the Lynn Valley Road to Dempsey — a line which was opened on May 13th, 1910. Again the Lonsdale hill caused a problem on opening day. On the return trip, a new streetcar, No. 62, which was carrying passengers, including the Mayor's wife, lost its brakes after passing 3rd Street and flew off the track into the Inlet. Everyone was fished out not too much the worse for wear.

In 1911, the B.C.E.R. opened its third and last streetcar line. The track down Keith was taken up and new track laid up Fell and across 20th Street to Hamilton. From there a huge wooden trestle took the cars across the waters of McKay to McKay Avenue, where they swung up and across 22nd Street to Bridgeman, then on to a terminus at School Street and Bowser — a spot now covered by the Upper Levels Highway.

A few years later, the old cars were replaced by new streetcars, numbered 150 through 162. The cars were kept in a barn at Third and St. Davids, site of today's bus garage.

For the next three decades they ran faithfully, day in and day out, meeting the ferries and carrying their patrons to and fro. But the beginning of the end came with the Second World War. Buses were introduced to handle increased traffic and finally replaced the streetcars entirely in 1947.

Today, 83 buses and 185 drivers provide service for an average of 405,000 passengers travelling monthly to points throughout North Vancouver and to Vancouver.

The old North Vancouver ferries have long since gone but their ultra-modern descendants carry on the tradition. The "Burrard Otter" and "Burrard Beaver" carry up to 400 passengers per trip on a fast and scenic transit link with Vancouver.

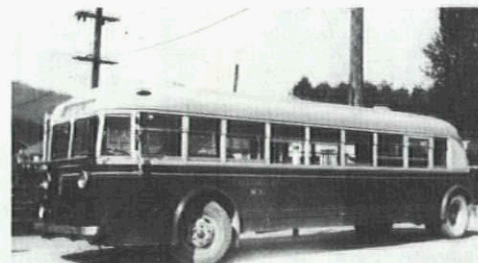
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*Vancouver end of the North Vancouver Ferry Terminal at the foot of Columbia St., Vancouver.*

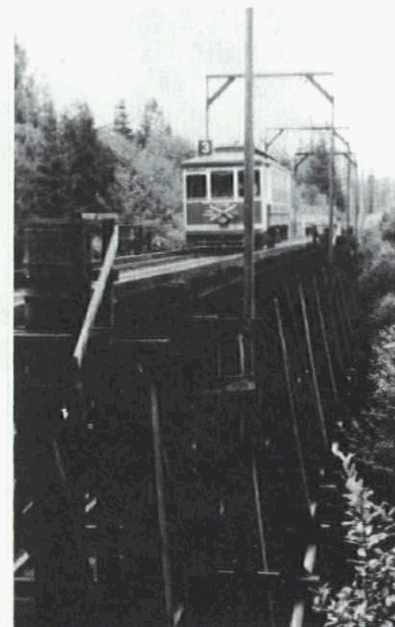
*1910 — Keith Road Streetcar No. 24 at the North foot of Lonsdale.*



*1942 — Capilano bus M33, a Twin Coach, the first bus to serve North Vancouver.*



*SeaBus — today's cross-water service for North Shore commuters.*



*Capilano Streetcar on the McKay Creek Trestle.*