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## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

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### CLAIMS OF LOUIS AND EDWARD GOLD TO CERTAIN LAND.

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*Mr. Speaker :*

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the claims of Louis and Edward Gold to certain land in the vicinity of Lot 392, Group 1, New Westminster District, beg to report as follows :—

After hearing Mr. E. Gold and the evidence produced by him, and reading the correspondence which took place with reference to the land in question, most respectfully recommend that the Government should take into their consideration the advisability of allowing Messrs. Gold to complete the purchase of said land at \$2.50 per acre.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD ALLEN, *Chairman*,  
GEO. THOMSON,  
GEO. W. ANDERSON,  
HENRY CROFT,  
W. NORMAN BOLE.

*Victoria, April 14th, 1888.*

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### EVIDENCE.

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Edward Gold, of Vancouver, British Columbia, saith:—That on the 24th of December, 1883, my father, Louis Gold, and myself applied to the Honourable Governor Trutch, Dominion Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a Crown Grant to the lands situate in New Westminster District, plans and description as in copy hereunto annexed.

He replied that our application would be filed first. My father and myself have expended over \$500 on said described lands, viz.: In making surveys, putting roads into and on the lands, building house, clearing, burning, and slashing, and making rail fencing.

I produce account book, in my own handwriting, showing an actual expenditure of \$431.23, but as a matter of fact several other sums not set out in said book were also expended on said land, inasmuch as we *bonâ fide* believed we would be allowed to purchase said land. Said land is valuable as agricultural land, and is about four miles from Vancouver City. No other person or corporation claims, or pretends to claim, any interest in said land.

I beg to hand into your Hon. Committee copies, as supplied me from the office of Woods, Turner & Gamble, land surveyors, New Westminster, of the correspondence herein, which fully sets out the description of the lands, and which I crave leave to refer:—

The piece of land applied for by me is marked A, in letter of 24th December, 1883, to Hon. J. W. Trutch.

The piece applied by my father, Louis Gold, is marked B in letter of 24th December, 1883, to Hon. J. W. Trutch.

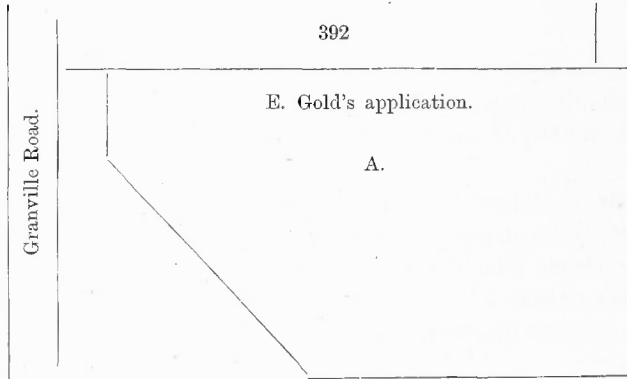
My father, Louis Gold, is at present in Liverpool, England, and therefore unable to appear personally before this Hon. Committee, and I expect him to return in the course of the year. In all about \$800 or \$900 were spent on the two claims, but the book containing expenditures on my claim was burned in the great Vancouver fire.

EDWARD GOLD.

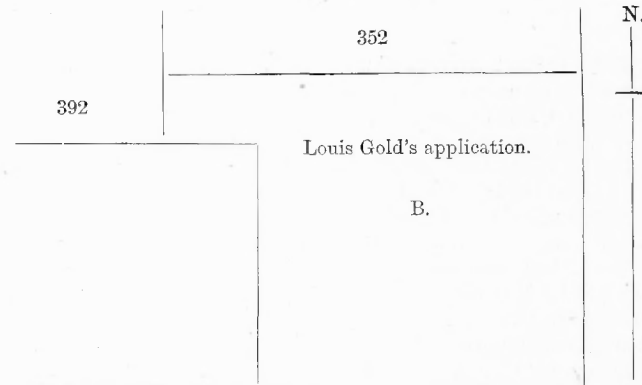
*Victoria, April 14th, 1888.*

On the 24th December, 1883, we applied to the Honourable Governor Trutch, the Dominion Commissioner of Lands and Works, for a Crown Grant to the following lands, situate in New Westminster District, and described as follows, viz. :—

Commencing at a point 10 chains due east from the south-east corner of Lot 392, Group 1; thence due south 40 chains, more or less, to the boundary of the Hastings Saw-Mill Company's timber lease (C); thence north-westerly following said lease line to southern boundary of Lot 392; thence due east to point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less, and marked A, as on sketch hereunder :—



Commencing at a point 10 chains due east from the south-east corner of Lot 392, Group 1; thence due south 40 chains, more or less, to the boundary line of the Hastings Saw-Mill Company's timber lease; thence north-westerly following said lease line to the south boundary of Lot 392, Group 1, and thence due east to the point of commencement; containing 160 acres, more or less, and marked B as hereunder :—



He replied that our application would be filed first.

We had the said lands surveyed, occupied, and improved, and we expended over \$500 thereon. This was before the lands reverted to the Local Government. On May 15th, 1884, we applied to the late Honourable William Smithe, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, for permission to purchase said lands, and he replied the same as Governor Trutch.

(Signed) EDWARD GOLD,  
 ,, LOUIS GOLD,  
 per E. Gold (power attorney).

Thos. Blackstone, of Vancouver, saith:—I know the land in question. I have been over the land. In my opinion, there has been an expenditure of about \$400 on each piece of land in improving the same. I was acquainted with the land before the Messrs. Gold took it up. I am a lumberman by occupation.

THOMAS BLACKSTONE.

Albert Stevens, of Vancouver City, stevedore, saith:—I have heard the evidence of Mr T. Blackstone, and I entirely agree with his estimate. I knew the land before the Messrs. Gold took it up.

ALBERT STEVENS.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

May 15th, 1884.

To the Hon. W. Smithe,  
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

SIR,—We are instructed by Mr. Edward Gold to apply to you on his behalf for permission to purchase the following described lands in New Westminster District:—

Commencing at a point 10 chains due east from the south-east corner of Lot 392, Group 1; thence due south 40 chains, more or less, to the boundary of the Hastings Mill Company's timber lease C; thence north-westerly following said lease line to south boundary of Lot 392; thence due east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less, and marked A on sketch hereunder. [See sketch marked A, page cxx.]

Mr. E. Gold desires us to call to your attention that for some time past he has been in actual occupation of this land, and has spent a large sum in improvements thereon, and in the event of the land being reserved he asks that this application be filed until the land may be open for settlement.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) WOODS & TURNER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

May 15th, 1884.

The Hon. W. Smithe,  
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria.

SIR,—We are instructed by Mr. Louis Gold to apply to you on his behalf for permission to purchase the following described lands in New Westminster District:—

Commencing at a point 10 chains due east of the south-east corner of Lot 392, Group 1; thence due south 40 chains; thence east 30 chains; thence due north 50 chains, more or less, to the south-east corner of Lot 352, Group 1; thence due west 40 chains; thence due south 16 chains; thence due east 10 chains to point of commencement, and marked B on sketch hereunder. [See sketch marked B, page cxx.]

Mr. L. Gold desires us to call to your attention that for some time past he has been in actual occupation of this land, and has spent a large sum in improvements thereon, and in the event of the land being reserved he asks that this application be filed until the land may be open for settlement.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) WOODS & TURNER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.,

December 4th, 1883.

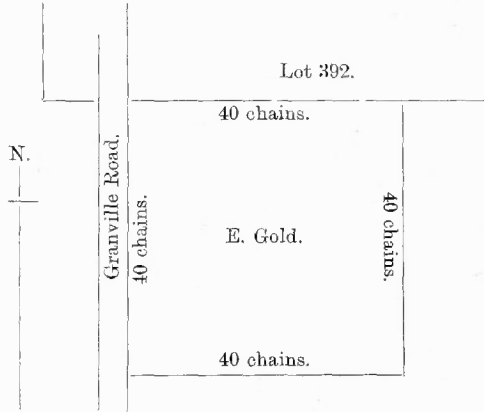
To the Hon. Joseph W. Trutch, C. M. G.,  
Dominion Government Agent, Victoria.

SIR,—We are instructed by Mr. Edward Gold to apply to you for permission to purchase from the Dominion Government the following described land in New Westminster District:—

Commencing at a point on the south boundary of Lot 392, Group 1, at its intersection with the east side of the Granville and North Arm Road; thence due east along the south boundary

of Lot 392 40 chains; thence due south 40 chains; thence due west 40 chains to east side of Granville Road; thence due north 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less, and marked E. Gold on sketch hereunder.

We have, &c.  
(Signed) WOODS & TURNER.



The Hon. Joseph W. Trutch, C. M. G.,  
Victoria.

NEW WESTMINSTER,  
December 24th, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed by Mr. Louis Gold to apply to you for permission to purchase from the Dominion Government the following described lands in New Westminster District:—

Commencing at a point 10 chains due east from south-east corner of Lot 392, Group 1; thence due south 40 chains; thence due east 30 chains; thence due north 50 chains, more or less, to south-east corner of Lot 352, Group 1; thence due west 40 chains; thence due south 16 chains; thence due east 10 chains to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less, and marked B in sketch hereunder. [See sketch marked B, page cxx.]

We have, &c.,  
(Signed) WOODS & TURNER.

The Hon. Joseph W. Trutch, C. M. G.,  
Victoria.

NEW WESTMINSTER,  
December 24th, 1883.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed by Edward Gold to cancel his application for land, dated December 4th, 1883, and in lieu thereof he now requests permission to purchase the following described land in New Westminster District:—

Commencing at a point 10 chains due east from the south-east corner of Lot 392; thence due south 40 chains, more or less, to the boundary line of H. S. M. Co.'s timber lease (C); thence north-westerly following said lease line to south boundary of Lot 392; thence due east to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less, and marked A in sketch hereunder. [See sketch marked A, page cxx.]

We have, &c.,  
(Signed) WOODS & TURNER.