



Port Moody Station Museum



Lumbermills of Port Moody Resource for Teachers

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This exhibit details the history of the various lumbermills that have occupied Port Moody since the 1880s. The majority of the exhibit is comprised of historical photographs owned by the Port Moody Station Museum.

The attached worksheets are designed to provide a means for students to interact with the online exhibit "Lumbermills of Port Moody". Students are asked to read or look at various parts of the exhibit to answer each of the questions.

The language in the worksheets and the exhibit is a grade 5 level at minimum. There may be some difficult vocabulary in the exhibit that you wish to review with your students beforehand.

For further information or if you have comments on these resources or the online exhibit please contact the Port Moody Station Museum at 604-939-1648 or pmmuseum@telus.net.

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Student Worksheet

Read the introduction page and answer the following questions.

1) Name 3 things lumber was used for in early Port Moody.

2) What did the lumber industry bring to Port Moody after the CPR terminus was moved? _____

3) What aspects of lumbering were considered “rough”? _____

4) Name one modern challenge the forest industry has. _____

Click on **STORIES** at the top of the introduction page. Then click on “A Timeline of Port Moody Sawmills and Lumber Mills”. Answer the following questions as you go through this timeline.

5) When was the first sawmill in Port Moody built? _____

6) Click on the photo “CPR Terminus with Tiffan’s Mill in Background” (p.2). Looking at the photo, name two ways that lumber came and went from Port Moody.

7) Click on the photo “Flavelle Cedar from Baird’s on the Wharf” (p.6). Looking at the photo, how do you think early lumber mills effected the environment?

8) Click on the photos “Coquitlam Dam Railway” & “McNair’s Logging Railway” (p. 9-10). From the photos, do you think the railway helped or hurt the lumber industry? Why? _____

Click on **STORIES** at the top of the page. Then click on “Too Many Reincarnations of Emerson Mill”. Answer the questions below as you look at these photos.

9) Click on the audio clip “Muriel’s father & brother worked at Thurston & Flavelle Mill” (p.13) How many family members does Muriel say worked or helped at the mill? _____

10) Read page 16. When did the Flavelle Mill close? _____

Click on **STORIES** at the top of the page. Then click on “Ethnic Minorities in the Mills”. Answer the following questions as you go through these photos.

11) Read the introduction to this section on page 1. How were Asian mill workers treated? Give 2 examples. _____

12) Look at the photos of objects found at the former site of the Chinese bunk house on pages 6-14. Name 2 of these. _____

Click on **STORIES** at the top of the page. Then click on “Tools on the Lumber Industry”. Answer the following questions as you go through these photos.

13) Click on the photo “Working with a Donkey Engine” (p.2). Looking at this photo, what do you think it was like to work with a steam donkey engine? _____

14) Read the information on page 4 and click on the photo “Felling a Tree” (p.5). Name 2 tools shown in this photo. _____

Click on **STORIES** at the top of the page. Then click on “Hage Timber Company”. Answer the following questions as you go through these photos.

15) Click on the photo “3 Men Standing at butt end of a log 1923” (p.9). Why do you think these men took this photo? _____

16) Click on the photos “Hage Timber—Logging Camp” (pp. 12-15). Looking at the photos, give 3 words to describe living in this camp.

Answer Key

Introduction Page

- 1) Name 3 things lumber was used for in early Port Moody. Wharves, round houses, bunk houses, store houses, rail ties, bridges, trestles**
- 2) What did the lumber industry bring to Port Moody after the CPR terminus was moved? jobs**
- 3) What aspects of lumbering were considered “rough”? Fires, temporary shut downs, boom/bust cycles**
- 4) Name one modern challenge the forest industry has. Energy crisis, global warming, computerization, environmental concerns, softwood lumber agreement**

“A Timeline of Port Moody Sawmills and Lumber Mills” Page

- 5) When was the first sawmill in Port Moody built? 1883**
- 6) Name two ways that lumber came and went from Port Moody. Railway, ships**
- 7) How do you think early lumber mills effected the environment? Early mills polluted the environment**
- 8) Do you think the railway helped or hurt the lumber industry? Why? The railway helped the lumber industry because it needed lumber to build new railroads, it transported lumber to other places and it helped move large trees from the forests to the mills.**

“Too Many Reincarnations of Emerson Mill” Page

- 9) How many family members does Muriel say worked or helped at the mill? 3**
- 10) When did the Flavelle Mill close? It hasn't, it's the last mill on Burrard Inlet in operation.**

“Ethnic Minorities in the Mills” Page

- 11) How were Asian mill workers treated? They were rarely promoted, earned less money, were given the unpleasant jobs.**
- 12) Name 2 of the objects found at the former site of the Chinese bunk house on pages 6-14. Coins, medicine bottles, ink pad, bottles**

“Tools on the Lumber Industry” Page

- 13) What do you think it was like to work with a steam donkey engine? Hard & dangerous**
- 14) Name 2 tools shown in this photo. Crosscut saws, springboard, axe**

“Hage Timber Company” Page

- 15) Why do you think these men took this photo? To show how big the tree is, to show how they can conquer nature.**
- 16) Give 3 words to describe living in this camp. Answers vary**