



Mission Waterfront, 1907

This tranquil 1907 scene shows how sparsely populated the area was adjacent to the Fraser River, a primary transportation corridor for the flow of goods and passengers until the late 1900s.

Docked at what was then known as the *Mission Wharf* is the *Beaver* - one of five sternwheelers running daily on the Fraser River that made landings at Mission City. This particular steamer was BC's first steel-hauled boat, named after the pioneer sidewheeler which met its demise ten years earlier.

During this time, this area was also referred to as Mission Junction since it had the only railway line connecting British Columbia with the United States. The community had a Post Office, several hotels, churches and a school.

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