



CHRONOLOGY

- 1906-07 A dyke is constructed in front of B.C. Packers site. Japanese enter the fishing industry in B.C.
- 1907 A more refined and expanded Smith Butchering Machine is introduced to the Imperial Cannery.
- 1913 SLIDE! An extensive slide at Hell's Gate in the Fraser Canyon prevents salmon from reaching their spawning grounds, disastrously reducing future packs. The solderless or sanitary can (closed on a double-scamer) appears in Fraser River canneries.
- 1914-18 WAR! There are high levels of production, of an expanding number of species other than salmon, for the war effort.
- 1915 The Panama Canal officially opens.
- 1918 FIRE! On May 14 fire destroys three canneries and many of Steveston's waterfront buildings, to the west of the Imperial Plant.
- 1928 On May 18 British Columbia Packers Ltd. is formed through the consolidation of British Columbia Fishing & Packing Company Limited and Gosse Packers Company Limited.

Imperial Cannery
F. Dundas Field, Photographs, 1913
B.C. Archives # 24612



Project:
Heritage Interpretation & Planning

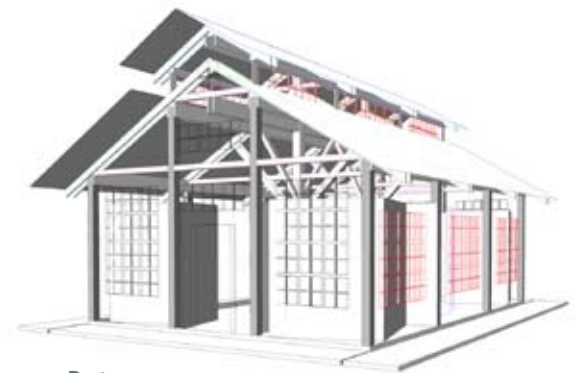
Client:
BC Packers

Project Type:
Museum

Description:

For a period of four years, our firm participated as part of a core team of designers and planners to prepare a development plan for this 40 acre waterfront parcel, owned by BC Packers, in the Village of Steveston, BC. The multi land-use proposal included a variety of housing densities, a commercial area, a maritime mixed-use zone, a heritage precinct, and a system of parks trails and environmental protection areas.

The project includes many innovations. Community facilities and interpretive displays tell the story of the 100-year history of the fish processing operation that occupied the site until the late 1990's. A riparian habitat enhancement zone combined with a program to retain valuable mud flats, piles and piers retains the aesthetic of the 'working waterfront'. The public trail has provided the important missing link in the Richmond perimeter trail network.



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