

3. Introduction to Gastown

B. Cloze Exercise

Listen and fill in the blanks

Vancouver had its start here, beginning with a 1 _____ and a 2 _____. The tiny 3 _____ was called Granville, but locals nicknamed it 4 _____ after the 5 _____ saloon-owner, Gassy Jack.

In the late 1860's only a few 6 _____ lived here. Nearly all of them were single men working at the Hastings Sawmill a few blocks east of Gastown. The workers lived in run-down 7 _____ built around the mill. When the mill's new owner, Captain Raymur, first arrived he asked: "What is the meaning of this aggregation of filth?"

In 1884 the Canadian Pacific Railway, or CPR, chose this 8 _____ town site, population 400, as the final stop of Canada's 9 _____. The CPR had already begun work to place the end of the 10 _____ at nearby Port Moody, at the 11 _____ point of the Burrard Inlet. Property 12 _____ who had invested in Port Moody were very angry at the CPR's decision to make Vancouver the end of the railway, instead. CPR's 13 _____ would make Vancouver one of North America's most important ports: a 14 _____ to Asia.

With the rail line in place Vancouver's 15 _____ exploded. One thousand people lived here in 1886. In less than 25 years, the city had grown to 100,000 people. Ethel Wilson, a Vancouver writer and 16 _____, wrote about early Vancouver: "Chop. Chop. Chop. The 17 _____ forests came down ... The forests 18 _____, and up went the city.

blessed	population	sawmill	innermost	Gastown	saloon	vanished	unimportant	choice
charismatic	gateway	poet	speculators	railway	cabins	settlers	settlement	rail line