

Bob Doherty,
4725 Granville, Vancouver, B.C.

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Born July 14, 1887 at Campbellton, N.B. Came to Vancouver that year . . . father I.W. Doherty was a filer at Hastings Sawmill, where the family landed.

1912 - Bob Doherty came to Richmond, farmed with Bill Oldfield on Kidd farm, Steveston Highway (then No. 9 Road) and Shell Road . . . too small . . . leased 80 acres across the road from Campion and Pound.

1913 - 1918 - farmed this 80 acres, then moved to Marpole.

1920 - bought Dinsmore Island and Pheasant Island from Richmond Municipality at a tax sale . . . total of 50 acres.

1931 - 1939 - Doherty farmed Dinsmore Island growing sugar beets . . . best sugar beets planted in Richmond for Dr. Pedro . . . sugar beet seed was shipped to Britain . . . R.D. Roreson owned the Island earlier, bought it from Dinsmore for whom the island was named . . . Dinsmore Cannery there earlier was torn down . . . also grew peas for New Westminster Cannery . . . Doherty then living on corner Airport Road and Doherty Road . . . Airport Road originally called Buckingham Road.

1931 - July - airport opened.

1929 - 1939 - in dairy business, Seabright Farm . . . sold out cattle in 1939, government took property for airport . . . 76 head Guernsey . . . milked 46 - 50 head . . . had own milk route with two trucks. Pheasant Island was never farmed or dyked . . . Doherty hunted pheasants, ducks there.

Beecham farmed Dinsmore Island after Doherty cleared it . . . had been flooded . . . cost \$5,000.00 to put dyke around Dinsmore . . . then he built a bridge over from Sea Island.

Doherty had contractor J.W. Pike build bridge to Dinsmore, also dyked Sea Island.

c 1920 - Beecham rented Dinsmore Island from Doherty growing peas, corn, beans . . . at one time he had 300 pickers to pick for cannery . . . came in trucks from Marpole . . . peas and beans shipped to Dominion Cannery, near False Creek.

1939 - W.A. Hayward and Doherty bought Brown estate in Ladner, Boundary Bay Road, 170 acres . . . Doherty took half, 82 acres . . . built all farm buildings . . . known as Doherty farm . . . now known as Glenlivitt farm owned by Dawson Agencies.

1956 - Doherty retired from farming . . . liked cattle. No electricity during time he owned Dinsmore Island, he lived in house, had 25 acres at corner Buckingham Road and Doherty Road.

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