

Mr. Arthur Goodson (retired captain)
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Rifle Range, Garden City Road, Richmond, B.C.

Mr. Goodson recalls the range which he went to every Wednesday and Saturday, as being situated on east side of Garden City Road between Cambie and Westminster Highway. This was in the early thirties and transportation was by tram car. He would board the tram in front of what is now the Tram Barber Shop, 1019 Granville St. Vancouver. This tram would take him directly to the rifle range.

The platforms that the shooters fired from were situated on bog and this created some problems when shooting as they were very unsteady and moved a lot either by the movement of shooters, or people in seats directly behind the platforms.

The targets were set at 200 - 300 and 500 yard distances. A bulls-eye was registered by the hitting of a bell set directly behind the target.

Mr. Goodson was coached by Mr. Sam Perry, who was the first Canadian to win the Queens prize at Bisley in 1901.

Col. Hart-McHarg, world champion rifle shot, also trained here as did the late Major Matthews of Vancouver.

Sometimes some excitement was stirred up by the appearance of little heads bobbing up from the blueberry bushes. These heads belonged to children picking blueberries and if they were within 300 yard projectory, it could be what is termed living dangerously.

J. Whittle
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