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BEAT A PATH – ALL THE TREES

#6406
Northern Catalpa
Catalpa speciosa
Path towards the café and beach
49 16′ 15″ N, -123 11′ 31″ W

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EMAIL TO TREE #6406

Hello tree 6406,

What is your fondest memory?

— ANONYMOUS

RESPONSE FROM TREE #6406

My fondest memory. . . I think it must be watching the Sikh grounds keepers cut the grass of the golf course that once stretched along the beach with a big lawn mower pulled by a horse called Old Tom. It was quite the slice of Vancouver society including a few celebrities, Edward the Prince of Wales for one, that came out to play golf on the greens of the old Jericho Country Club. A few of my older friends remember the 1890s when the first golf game was played out here, and because there were no roads, yet the players had to come across English Bay by boat from the city. I remember when the last game was played in 1942 before the course closed for the construction of the RCAF's seaplane base.

Thank you for your question.

Kind regards,
John Atkin on behalf of Northern Catalpa

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