

## Moments in Waterfront History

### The Great Grab at Pacific Coast Terminals September 3, 1935

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New Westminster longshoremen strike in sympathy with Powell River and Vancouver waterfront workers.

Mayor Fred Hume and longshore delegation meet with Shipping Federation the same day as the Battle of Ballantyne Pier.

On principle, longshoremen in New Westminster decline to go back to work.

The city forms the Royal City Waterfront Workers Association instead under Arthur Gore and Leonard Bonwick.

Early Tuesday, June 25, 1935, scabs go through pickets to work ships on the main riverfront and at Fraser Mills.

Clashes between striking longshoremen and replacement workers occur.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1935, Chief Constable Peter Bruce tells a large group of striking longshoremen to stop picketing and disperse.

Police arrest 21 striking longshoremen, Tango Barrow, George Zablosky, Arthur Phillips and Elof Blixt among them.

The strike ends in police court when charges against two longshoremen are withdrawn by Crown Prosecutor Harry Sullivan. The union loses.

Ron Noullet and Joe Breaks inform new inductees into ILWU Local 502 about the struggles of the past and building the union.