

Preserving this historic structure and having it serve in part as a museum an excellent achievement.

Clicking on the hyperlinking below was a real surprise, too. Rarely do I find so much diverse and solid information in such links. Moreover, the depth afforded by a second tier of hyperlinks is really professional and impressive in both scope and substance. Well done to all who participated in this overall heritage effort!

As a footnote, I'm very pleased to see the emphasis the museum places on the original Mill Lake Sikh workforce. A decade ago I went to both Lake Cowichan (Paldi) and Ocean Falls to do field research for our *Canada Hall* permanent exhibits on "West Coast Communities" at the Canadian Museum of Civilization. I'd long known of Indo-Canadian participation in the early 20th Century forest industry, but hadn't realized either how specialized or extensive it had been. That, naturally, was the early phase when Sikhs were largely manning the green chains and performing other lumber production jobs. The later, entrepreneurial, phase of South-Asian mill owners is another phase, as is their very large role in the transportation of provincial forest and other products.

I have yet to visit the new Sikh Heritage Museum in Abbotsford, but definitely will do so next time we visit the Lower Mainland.

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