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CENTENARY OF HONG KONG

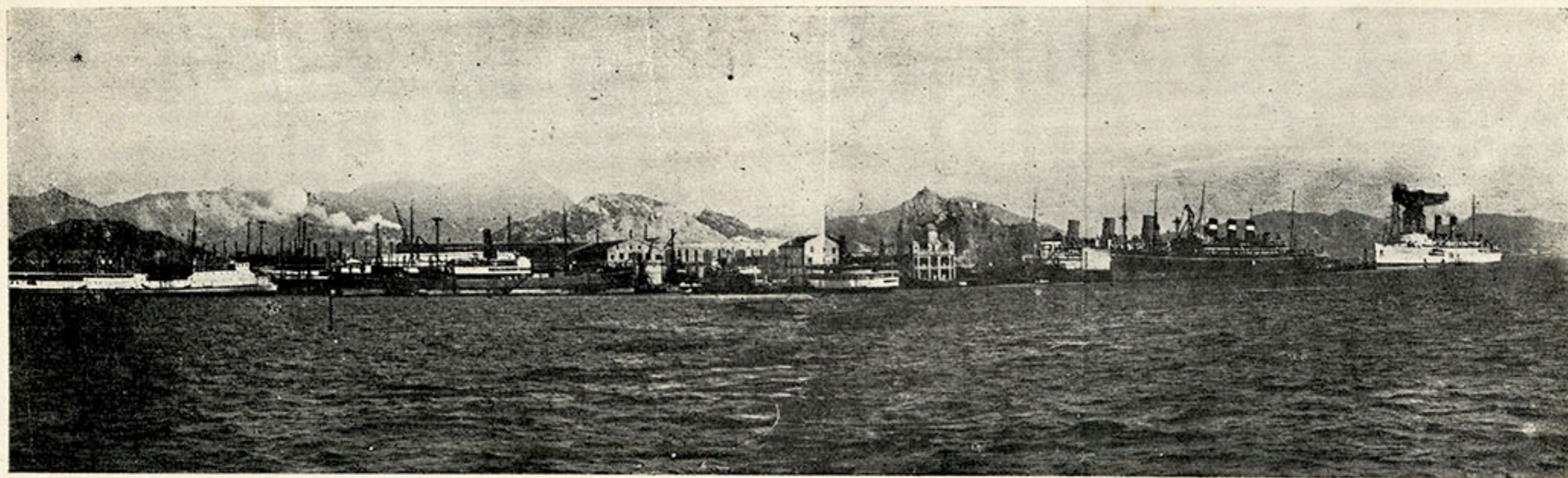
HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

BEFORE 1841 MUD DOCKS AT WHAMPOA

- 1845 MR. JOHN C. COUPER, MASTER SHIPWRIGHT OF ABERDEEN ARRIVED AT WHAMPOA ON BEHALF OF PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL COMPANY AND COMMENCED LARGE IMPROVEMENTS.
- 1848 COUPER TOOK CHARGE OF DOCKS AT WHAMPOA.
- 1850 COUPER LEASED DOCKS FROM CHINESE.
- 1856 ARROW AFFAIR AT CANTON. COUPER'S FATHER TAKEN BY CHINESE AND NEVER FOUND AGAIN. DOCKS DAMAGED AND WHEN PEACE RESTORED COUPER COMPENSATED.
- 1857 CAPTAIN JOHN LAMONT WHO HAD CONDUCTED A SHIPYARD AT EAST POINT SINCE 1841 STARTED CONSTRUCTING LAMONT DRY DOCK AT ABERDEEN.
- 1860 FIRST SHIP DOCKED IN LAMONT DOCK.
- 1863 GROUP OF HONG KONG BUSINESS MEN HEADED BY MR. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK BOUGHT COUPER'S INTERESTS AT WHAMPOA. GROUP STYLED THEMSELVES

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY.

- 1864 DOCK COMPANY BOUGHT CAPTAIN LAMONT'S INTERESTS AT ABERDEEN DOCKS.
- 1865 UNION DOCKS STARTED AT HUNG HOM.
- 1866 HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., INCORPORATED AND BECAME A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
- 1870 UNION DOCK CO., AMALGAMATED WITH HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.
- 1877 PROPERTY AT WHAMPOA SOLD TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.
- 1879 CAPTAIN SAND'S SLIPS AT WEST POINT PURCHASED AND RELAID AT KOWLOON.
- 1880 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK PURCHASED FROM CAPTAIN SPRAT AND HIS PARTNERS.



- 1941 FROM PRIMITIVE YARDS BUILDING & REPAIRING SMALL WOODEN SAILING VESSELS HAS GROWN THE LARGE AND UP-TO-DATE CONCERN WITH ITS MAIN ESTABLISHMENT KNOWN AS KOWLOON DOCKS.