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IDENTIFICATIONBUILDING

- City/Prov: Victoria / B.C.
- Name: Building D85
- Address: Esquimalt Dockyard
- Owner: DND

Ad Hoc
FHBRO (CDA)

- Meeting: 86-01
- Date: 17 April 1986
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HERITAGE CHARACTER- Designation: RecognizedSUMMARY

Warehouse D85, one of a large number of warehouses constructed at the Esquimalt Naval Base between 1890 and 1903, was recommended by the FHBRO to be designated as a Recognized Federal Heritage Building. It is a large two storey brick structure with a functional design that exhibits a classical sense of proportion and symmetry, and which features few simple decorations. The recommendation of FHBRO members was based mainly on the importance of the designer, the group of the Royal Engineers, and on the environmental value of Warehouse D85.

DESIGNER

The Royal Engineers designed and built military buildings and fortifications at both naval and military bases throughout the British empire. Other Canadian buildings constructed by this famous group of builders include the fortifications at Halifax and the barracks at Fredericton. Trained within the military, the builders of the Royal Engineers consistently produced sturdy, serviceable buildings, well suited to their functions within military and naval compounds around the world.

ENVIRONMENT

The Naval Dockyard was traditionally an area with a high concentration of warehouses and stores to serve the ships in port. The buildings in the area immediately surrounding Warehouse D85 have maintained this function, although the older red brick buildings now share the dockyard with newer buildings constructed during the period of expansion that was the result of the increased activity at the base during the Second World War. It is the whole complex of warehouses within the Dockyard that establishes the character of that area. These buildings are a large homogenous part of the dockyard, the character of which depends upon the impression created by all the warehouses as a group.