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G.W. Ledingham, Contractor Laying Cement Sidewalks [500 block Georgia St] -- [190-?]

G.W. Ledingham & Company

est. 1927

One of Vancouver's original neighbourhoods, Kensington-Cedar Cottage is rich with history. Like the neighbourhood, the Ledingham name also has close ties to Vancouver's history. That's why it's fitting that developer Ledingham McAllister chose to build *The Century* (2011) housing complex with a nod to those early days.

The Ledingham name has been part of British Columbia's construction and development industry since its start in Mount Pleasant in 1905. George W. Ledingham came to Vancouver in 1897 as a labourer on road construction and excavation projects. In 1927, he set up his large garage to open his own business with a sign reading, "G.W. Ledingham, Contractor". During the 1920's and 1930's Ledingham constructed many of the streets and sidewalks of Vancouver. The boomtown days helped grow this backyard business into one of B.C.'s largest road building and underground utilities companies before its transition to construction of multi family residential communities. Some of their early projects are landmarks of Vancouver, including the construction of the Hudson's Bay Store, the Granville Street Bridge, and the infrastructure of the Vancouver International Airport.

The Century housing complex is a mix of old and new with a respectful hint of the homes of the past.

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