

### Number Six

The Wellington Number Six mine was in operation from 1884 to 1899, and is located on the top of a bluff running alongside Maxi Road. It was the last mine opened in the Wellington city region, and was one of the smaller mines in the area. There were no recorded casualties during its fifteen-year period of operation. Number Six mine is notable for being the starting point of a railroad track that travelled down to Departure Bay, passing Number 3, 4 and 5 mines, to pick up coal and transport it to the port to be shipped. For this railroad to be constructed, a hole had to be drilled through the cliff of the bluff for the coal train to pass through, which was loaded with coal by a Winding engine at the pit head that would carry coal, mining carts, equipment and occasionally miners themselves up the bluff to the mine entrance. The mining site also contained a row of approximately twenty white cabins, built as company houses for miners to live in by Robert Dunsmuir, the owner of the mine. Today, the mine is used as a garbage landfill by the City of Nanaimo.

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