

## EDUCATION

### STUDENTS

MR. HAROLD STEVES - 287 Steveston Highway, Richmond

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### Steveston School

- Mr. Steves started in 1905 at age of 6.
- New two-room building, front door faced Georgia Street.
- Previous one-room school stood at back - used for storage and playroom.
- Plumbing - outside facilities
- Wood fence with turn-style entrance at front
- About 1907 - tree planting ceremony
- Explains Grade System
  - Exams by Department of Education each year in High School (Bridgeport) - tells of euclid (geometry) exam, and graduating in 1917.
- Double desks bolted to floor
- Pot-bellied stove for heat, also used to toast lunch
- School day started at 9:00 A.M. with the Lords Prayer, 2 recesses during the day.
- Slates used approximately two years, later supplied scribblers and pencils
- Report Cars issued quarterly
- Sports - names popular ones and describes "nobbies"
- Discipline - strap and wooden pointer used.

### Other Schools

- 1888 - No. 2 Road & Steveston Highway
- 1893 - Shell Road & Steveston Highway - English School
- 1890 - Sea Island
  - No. 2 Road near Westminster Highway - Lulu School
- Later, Mitchell, East Richmond, and re-built English School.

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Transportation

- Walked to Steveston
- B. C. Electric tram to Bridgeport - 2½¢ a ticket
- School Inspector came once a year
- School Dentist and School Doctor also came annually
- McKenzie house - tells of use as a school previous to one-room Steveston School.

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