

STUDENTS

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Steveston School 1903 - 1908

- Started school at age six
- Lived 4 blocks from the school -
 - transportation not a problem except during a flood and then taken home by an "express cart"
- One-room school on the present site of Lord Byng School, school later had two rooms
- Did not have any elaborate sports program, but did have a good playing field for such sports as football, "nobbies" (explains this game and equipment)
- Had a Music Teacher to give students the rudiments of early music training

Arbour Day - a special event day

- Possibly held in May, trees were planted on the property
- In 1908 planted oak trees in front of Lord Byng School

Graduation Periods

- From Public School into High School -
 - entrance exam into high school was taken in Ladner, requiring 3 days of which stayed at a hotel at his own expense
- End of 1st, 2nd and 3rd year of high school -
 - high school exams taken at own school, except for matriculation exam - this was taken at King Edward High School in Vancouver

Bridgeport School 1910 - 1913

- The first High School
- Only about 12 or 14 students (explains same) - in the senior year there were two male and two female students

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Bridgeport School - continued...

- Not elaborate equipment for chemistry, housed in the back of room.
- All sports held outside - there was no gymnasium.
- The plumbing at that time was outside - describes same.
- Graduated at 15 years of age.

Discipline

- The strap was used, with little or no harm in the long term. It was used by the teacher as a method for the occasional situation.

Medical

- There was no medical service as provided today.
- There was no dentist in the schools (or Richmond)

Public School Inspector

- Mr. Stewart inspected schools once or twice a year.

Transportation

- B. C. Electric inter-urban to Bridgeport School, provided by the School Board at a cost of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents each way.

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