

STUDENT

MRS. VIOLET FLURY (maiden name, Bath) - 311 - No. 5 Rd., Richmond

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Schools in Richmond - 1904

- English School - Shell Road & Steveston Highway
- Steveston School - in Steveston
- Sea Island School - corner of Grauer Road & MacDonald Road (northwest end of Sea Island)

Lulu School - 1904 - 1906

- Physical Structure
 - the one room school had an addition in 1904 or 1905
 - always only one teacher at a time
 - clapboard siding with cottage type roof facing No. 2 Rd.
 - heated by box stove --describes same
 - no electricity or phones, outside toilets
- Classes - started school in 1904, age 7½ years
 - slates and slate pencils used
 - desks: students had double desks - teachers desk sat on a six inch high platform
 - no text books supplied then
 - first primer to fourth reader, equivalent about Grades 1 - 8
 - hand bell to summon students
 - always started with the Lord's Prayer
- Special Event - was last day of school when parents came - there was a short program and honor rolls given
- Talks of games and play activities in the schoolyard
- Transportation
 - walked from family home on River Road between No. 1 and No. 2 Roads

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North Arm School March 1906 - June 1906

- Walked to school from vicinity of No. 5 and Bridgeport, about 1 mile over the bridges
- Two room school was on Fraser Avenue and Marine Drive
- Talks of the change in the School Board about 1907
- School had no electricity or phone, had outside plumbing
- The surrounding community attended the Christmas concert
- The winter of 1906 - 1907 - Fraser River froze and took out the bridge during break-up of ice. Children unable to attend school for awhile, later the school board hired Mr. Simpson to row the students across.
- The next six months, students without a school

Vacant House Feb. 1907

- On Cambie Road near No. 5 Road
- Teacher was Miss Smith

Mitchell School 1908

- One room school built during summer of 1908
 - remained one room until about 1922 when a second class was added, then it faced Cambie Road
- Talks of the school fence, water tank and walks around the school
- Special event was Christmas Concert, later discontinued
- Recalls some of the play activities during this time
- School was heated by wood-burning box stove
- Janitor work was done by a male student

Bridgeport School

- Mrs. Flurry started Bridgeport in entrance class
- Drove a horse and buggy or cart to school - at lunch time students fed their animals which were housed in a school stable
- Principals: Miss McNeeley - Elementary grades
Mr. McIntosh - High School
- Names High School teachers and subjects taken
- Municipal Hall - burnt and was relocated in the school - talks of this.

TEACHER

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Lord Byng School 1922 - 1926

- Taught Japanese students in old building on Georgia Street
- At the same time, due to shortage of accomodation, the Japanese provided classrooms for Japanese students adjacent to the hospital. The trustees provided the teacher
- Mr. Thomas was Principal (over students in both locations)

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