

STUDENT

MR. NORMAN MARSHALL - 355 Garry, Richmond, B. C.

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NOT ON TAPE

Born in Kingston, Ontario in 1894, came to Vancouver in 1903 and moved to Steveston the same year B. C. Electric took over the C.P.R., 1905. His father was station master for B.C. Electric.

Steveston School - 1905-09

- There was no formal name for the school, just known as Steveston School
- Went to 4th Reader and then took entrance class here, also entrance exam at King Edward High School in Vancouver.
- School hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
  - recess in morning and afternoon
  - walked home for lunch - family home was on Broadway and 1st Avenue
  - most walked to school, very few had bikes
- Games played at school
  - nobbies
  - football, now known as soccer..had standard ball
  - rugby, used an oval shaped ball
  - when weather was bad, played with glass marbels in hall, or just running around in halls
  - were not allowed to play baseball around the school because windows might be broken
  - sometimes played in old one-room school that was a little to the west and behind the newer two room school, particularly on rainy days.
- Two-room school with about 20 students per class
  - parents bought all school supplies including text books from a list made by the teacher.

- drinking water - rain water ran off the school roof into tank, piped into school, had a drinking water tap.
- outside toilets
- students lined up to go into school
  
- Report Cards - once a month
  - Norman made changes on the card before taking it home until "they" caught up to him
- Teachers: Miss Champier, Miss Fraser, Miss Finlay
- Principal: Mr. Davidson
  
- Arbour Day - a day to plant flowers and trees
- Holidays
  - two months in the summer
  - two weeks at Christmas
  - one week at Easter
  
- Left Steveston School about 1909, Bridgeport school was not built.

King Edward High School - 1909 (approx.)

- For about two weeks only, school was crowded and two classes then transferred to Seymour High School
- School located at 12th and Oak Street, Vancouver - had entrance exam here
  - most students left right after public school
  - needed five hundred points to pass from entrance into high school
- Had to buy own supplies and books, don't think parents had to pay for high school
- Travelled by tram.

Seymour High School 1910-11

- Walked from tram, end of Georgia Street to the school
- Located near the sugar refinery on Vancouver waterfront.
- The school itself was up the hill from the refinery a few blocks, at the eastern end of False Creek.

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Spott Shaw Business College - 1911

- Took book-keeping - business course for six months  
-reason for college was his father wanted him to have more education, but Norman did not want to complete high school
- Started working after this course.

GAME OF NOBBIES

-As described by Norman Marshall

- One hard rubber ball cut in half
- Then in each half bore a hole in centre, about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch diameter
- A leather shoe lace knotted at end, put other end through hole in one half ball, then the other half ball leaving about four inches between balls. The flat sides should be facing each other. Knot lace on outer sphere of last half ball.
- Only one ball for the game.

Stick

- Each player had a stick
- Made from a branch of a tree with a curve of about  $120^{\circ}$  angle, similar to a hockey stick.

Game

- Two teams were formed
- An opponent knocked the stick from underneath or bottom to get the "nobbies" off
- Each team tried to score goals.

Note: Diagram following page.