

STUDENT

MRS. BALDWIN (Maiden name Esther Norton) - 1106 - 3rd Ave., Steveston

INTERVIEWED:

April 14, 1975

NO TAPE

Family moved to Steveston in 1907 from Calgary, Alberta.

School Holiday - 24th May

- Cannot recall Steveston School making any special arrangements, but was a "day off" school. This holiday was a community event.
- It was held on the lots behind the Steveston United Church at 2nd Ave. & Chatham.
- Activities included a picnic, children's races, foot races, and the horse races from Chatham to Steveston Highway on No. 1 Rd.

Steveston School 1907 -approx.

- Mrs. Baldwin started school at 6 years of age in Ontario, was put back a year when the family moved to Alberta then another year when they moved to B. C.
- Mr. Davidson was her teacher in the two-room school.
- The old one-room school at the back was then boarded up - was not used for playing.

Bridgeport School 1909 -approx.

- Did not write a special exam before attending the entrance class at Bridgeport. An exam was sent by Victoria at the end of the entrance year; this was different from the one given in Vancouver as Mrs. Baldwin had a friend in the same grade and they compared notes. Only 2 students at Bridgeport passed these exams.
- The entrance class was one of two rooms used. Stairs were not put in until the following year, then another class or so opened.
- Mr. McIlvanie, a tall, thin, old gentleman, taught entrance - Miss Easterbrook taught the younger children.
- There were four or five rows of desks, and one row was used by students who had passed entrance the year before but not able to attend school in Vancouver.
- High school was paid by the parents of students who went into Vancouver.
- Students travelled by a separate tram from the regularly scheduled one. The little brown tickets used were paid for by the parents. These had to be purchased at the station in Steveston.

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