

Landmark Vanishes From Rupert Scene Matching Colors, Accessories

Principal Traces History of Borden Street School

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Borden Street school is quickly leaving our Prince Rupert scene. Before it leaves us altogether, its elegy should be sung. A gaunt parody of its former angular self, the old school now strikes an unaccus- ping before school starts and I pleated—everything seems to go tomed attitude as it frowns on the city below. Half of the building has been wrenched away, leaving a curjous, lopsided appearance. Daylight pockmarks the shrinking remainder. Within, the halls are a litter fall and school is going to be are still holding their own in fall of fallen plaster and broken beams. The blackboards have gone. The stairs that were battered into con- ing out again as usual but for nels are making a bold appearcavity by the feet of thousands of children will soon be firewood. Mes, soon the old school will be

But its, memory will re-! It was a rare automobile that chugged over the planks of Borden Street in the palmy days of for the continuation of it. 1914, when the school board of the need for a new school.

siderable discussion about its location, one faction favoring Bor-TENDERS CALLED

FIt was June 6, 1914 that J. Gilmore, a local architect, received approval by the board for plans he had prepared. The own administration. The four secretary of the board, W. D. classrooms on the ground floor Vance, still active in Prince Ru-, were devoted to the elementary, pert as a magistrate, immediately grades, while high school stucalled for tenders.

by J. H. Hildlich was for \$13,309, appears to have been a William as principal of the elementary OFFER BONUS

fine harbor view they then en-lonly one tragedy. began work in earnest.

pected him to build the school stood vacant. when he couldn't get the ma- USED AS HOSPITAL terial there.

proached the City Council with school should be used as an aux- manage with credit. a request for a renewal of the iliary hospital to ease the strain; AUTHORITY REFUSED planking. After a lively dis- on the regular one.

cussion, a compromise was. The Daily News, two days later, Mills in city stores, buying shoes, struck. The school board would said:

the day turned its attention to effect of the outbreak of war on scholars, and an atmosphere of and be honest in all ways. The had a very attractive outfit on couldn't wear pleated skirts be-August 4 being to crowd the stillness and disinfectant rather influence she had for the good display, the slim, tweed skirt was cause of figure faults, here's It appears that there was con-school out of the newspapers of than the madness of learning. | was tremendous." the day almost completely. Cer- "On Saturday and Sunday So impressed was Mr. Frizzell; tainly, no notice was taken by mornings, busy workers have by the good qualities of the prin- panied it. den Street while another held the press of the opening of the been erecting beds, many of cipal that he initiated, singlefirm for a site on Third Avenue, school. Rumor has it that it was which were voluntarily loaned handed, a trophy to be awarded are going in for that "all-in-one" was a post of the property o near Biggar Place. The victory a very quiet affair, as the ele-for the occasion. A kitchen had annually to the best Grade, 6 theme. Tweed skirts and match- won't need dry cleaning, hand for the former left wounds that ment of strong disapproval of been improvised in one room. pupil, termed the "Miss Mills ing sweaters or jerseys with col- washable with little ironing, so festered for some time in the the school's location was still "More volunteer nurses are Memorial Award," after she died lars and cuffs made of the skirt keep this in mind. very vocal.

TWO SCHOOLS IN ONE

housed two schools, each with its dents climbed to the floor above. The successful bid submitted: The first principal downstairs with the school had taken over J. S. WILSON SUCCEEDS

It is instructive to note that to- Murray, while the high school school. day that price would barely cov-grades were supervised by J. C. PRINCIPAL 23 YEARS er the cost of one classroom. Braciy, who later became a Mem- Miss Sarah Ann Mills became Except for a wartime stint in anything heavy and rustic. ber of Parliament and is now re-sprincipal in 1917, a post she held the Dry Dock, while S. A. Cheese Residents on Borden Street tired in Ottawa.

I that saw a completed building, evenings as volunteer helpers "Miss Mills was a very force-staged in the Civic Centre were fied: Soft unpressed pleated hood—ideal for our weather!

Before long, Hilditch was pert. Borden Street school, in to help anyone who deserved it. for the annual Carol Festiva' standing before the school board common with all other gather- "Once, she had as a pupil a With a scant six months to go and waking them how they ex- ing places, closed its doors and girl whose marks were always Mr. Wilson suffered a stroke, new

The harassed trustees ap- a Council suggestion that the omics, which she knew she could balance of the year. J. H. Steele predominating, with blues and point—any length as long as it

food and clothing for children

pay for the road as far as the "The Borden Street school pre-whose parents were hard hit by school and the city would pay sented an unwonted appearance the bad times. this morning, the school rooms "Miss Mills always told her So work continued, the only being filled with cots instead of pupils that they should play fair

asked to help."

in Victoria in 1942.

Miss Mills was succeeded in

December 1940, when she retired

famous old landmark.

white again to minister to the year jointly by Jane Sheppard sick in Borden Street hospital, and Alan Sieber, and has indireturned to normal. Shortly be- given in the Roosevelt fore one of the most remarkable school, successor to the old strucpersons ever to be associated ture.

by J. S. Wilson.

as nine men arrived on July 9 McPherson fell from the landing Mrs. Margaret Rutherford, who place, and the principal became ing white "bucks" or those black rics, styles and other added atcontract for the lumber was let and died from the injuries he school until it went into liquida- munity.

to Georgetown Lumber Com-received. | tion this June, and who will be! Particularly interested in | C pany, and the contractor, spur- 'The war years passed the teaching in Roosevelt Park music, the quality of the choir red on by a board offer to pay school by, although the class-school next month, remembers he trained became famous it

"olled bandages for the Red ful person," Mrs. Rutherford the direct precursor of the pres-skirts with sweaters and blouses These poplin raincoats with the As if to join the residents' pro- Cross. It was directly after the said recently. "She had strong ent annual Music and Dram: of the same color tones-make a milian lining, an insulator, are test against the desecration of var that a dramatic chapter in likes and dislikes, and was al-Festival. | mart and practical outfit. light weight, all weather coats outet Borden Street, the very the school's history was written, ways very decided in her opin- There is perhaps a certain tra | umpers in all their many styles which can be bought in town at planks of the road rebelled at As the war entered its last ions. Laziness in children (or in gic aptness that the end of M' and variations seem to be and a very reasonable price. the heavy loads of building months in 1918, an epidemic of teachers) was her pet aversion; Wilson's teaching career came equipment that passed over it. influenza swept upon Prince Ru- but she would go to any length when he was conducting a choice

> very poor, for she lacked the ca-cessitating his immediate retire pacity for book-learning. The ment. tober 19 of that year, accepted high school to take home econ-guided the school through the cor-each-other look and beiges hair styles go. The length does-

> > "The high school authorities SECRET OF SUCCESS refused to admit her as she could perhaps the secret of the sucnot obtain 60 per cent in her cess of the school, the factor that

contributed most to the reputaother studies. "Miss Mills, in her downright tion it earned as a happy place to ask yourselves, "What else will the "Natural" shade, I'm sure way, went both to the high with an atmosphere that was this go with?" and "How many your parents would be less inschool and the school board and unique, lies in the fact that for places can I wear it?" harangued everybody so con- 37 years, from 1917 to 1954, only

"Some years later that girl won School," and that both these pern province-wide competition for sons captured the trust and affection of pupils, parents and the L dress design." –

Another fight Miss Mills fought citizens at large to a remarkable and won was when she request- extent. ed a sidewalk on Borden Street | So now the children who live in | for the school children, Mrs. west Prince Rupert will go in Rutherford related. The city September to a sparkling, quar | wanted so place it on the same ter-million dollar school that it side as the school, which would as modern as any in the provhave taken four feet off the al-imee. Instead of the familiar ready scanty playground space, old institution brown, their eye-Residents on the street, who had will be beguiled by many colors

built gardens, joined forces with that still contrive to be humon jous. Beneath their feet will be the city. "Miss Mills attended every shiny linoleum, a far cry from meeting to do with the problem. The oiled wood thay know before Every argument against her she Where once they crowded into a routed. So the playground was dark and gloomy basement, t not interfered with and the side. huge gymnasium waits for them walk was put on the other side At lest-there is space -space it of the street," the teacher said, which to expand, in the Roosevelt |

FAIR RUT STRICT : Park school. "The pupils adored her." Mrs. But it is to be hoped that they Rutherford went on, "from the will remember the many good youngest to the oldest. But, they things about the old school. never took advantage of her. She is even more to be hoped that laid down the law with mimis- the fine things that Borden stood takeable decision, and wee betide for will flourish anew on Acropuanyone who broke 11!"

Among the school activities Mrs. Rutherford remembers from [her years in the school are May. Workshop Vital pole dancing in the spring, a memorable series of entries by At Trustee Meet L the school in the Coronation procession (Mrs. Butherford's chast won the town prize with a class: ontry denoting British Columbin) signed for down-to-ourth discusand the many music and drama-sion of major problems facing

many memories of Miss Mills. "in the depths of the depres-

Ite performances staged by Miss school trustees will be one of the

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VANCOUVER --- Workshops do- ;

sion," he said, "I often saw Miss, Try Daily News Classifieds),

PRINCE RUPERT DAILY NEWS

Wise Choice In Teen Fashions

By SHANNON PALLANT for the following year. Here we in the blouse-skirt picture. are with one week left for shop-

light" this fall.

In one of the local shops they If you always thought you

| material are predominating over Back to school seems to be the the blouses this year, therefore signal for buying our wardrobe the style is more in sets than

Skirts are straight, flared, suppose you're beginning to won- But, the hemlines are raising der just what the "fashion" for their level "slightly." Tweeds Many extreme fashions are com- materials though soft wool flancasual dressing I think some nice ance. Bulky sweater jackets topideas are taking a step forward. ping tweeds giving the ever-so-Coiors, matching colors, and smart look, that wear like dolaccessories seem to be taking a lars more. These save on dry turn. "Dyed to match" skirts and cleaning bills, so everything is in sweaters are taking the "lime-|favor of the budget-minded"

flecked, with the identical color some good news for you. Orlon of the sweater set which accom-skirts with smooth, flat lying cluster pleats will give you a per-Instead of alternate colors we feet foundation for your ward-

TWO SCHOOLS IN ONE In response to this appeal, Mr. Frizzell is still financing have building many retired nurses donned this trophy, which was won this fearls, Scarf Easy Accessory

You don't really have to wor- other favorite and illiminat By January 1919, the building cated that it will continue to be ry too much about accessories, those forever "hated" straps! with collared sweaters there's These clothes provide plenty of really no need for some other ar-room for plenty of action. Mother ticle to clutter the smart natur- will also bless the day when all alness of a neckline. Keep a nice these new washable fabrics were figured scarf, a plain strand of founded. Practically all clothes pearls on hand and you can dig now-a-days can be washed and out your old medalion again—pressed with the minimum of

file and comfortable.

until 1940. So the major part man acted as acting principal Colored shoes are drawing gay At last, the lowly raincoat has who had bought their houses in So the school began its long of the story of Borden Street Mr. Wilson controlled the school tention to feet, but unless truly come into it's own. Due the expectation of keeping the life, which was to be marred by school is the story of Miss Mills, until December 1954. During his you're one of the lucky few who to the "dampness" in this locale or "Sammy," as she was af-administration, the school added can afford several different pairs this is a blessing for us "school loyed, watched with disapproval In 1919, a boy named Garnet sectionately known. to its reputation as a happy of school shoes, a pair of spank-trekers." With all the new fab-

to begin clearing the site. The upstairs, onto a radiator below was a member of the staff of the a well-loved member of the company white-eyed Susans, are versa-tractions, we can really find For the younger set, most of an interesting collar detail, much

Versatility Important Feature

Here's a 1, 2, 3 lesson on the GROOMING: fall fashions:

presided over the last year of the greens, outranking reds and portrays "you." oinks. Third, it's a go-almost- The teen-age trend in makeinywhere on the spur-of-the- up is leaning to the more naturnoment style.

Sleek and smooth seems to be First, it's a put together made- this fall's theme, even as far as

al and fresh look. My tip to the younger teens who are be-When you're buying remember ginning to use lipstick is to buy clined to object.

TO OPEN DOORS SEPTEMBER 5

Two new schools will open in District 52 for the first time this fall, as the school board keeps pace with the ever-increasing school population. Serving the children of west Prince Rupert is the \$243,000

ture, now in the process of demolition. Over in Digby island a new pre-fabricated school will open ts doors for the first time, affording better facilities to pupils

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who live on the opposite side of Prince Rupert harbor.



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