

CROSBY GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL, PORT SIMPSON, BC

3 students were listed on the NCTR website in 2021 as having died at the former Crosby Girls' Boarding School:

<https://nctr.ca/residential-schools/british-columbia/port-simpson-crosby-home-for-girls/>

Remembering the Following Students:

Name Date of Death (Year/Month/Day)

Ethel Haldane ca. 1913

Jane Spencer 1908-05-30

Rose O'Reilly ca. 1913

The above-referenced 3 students are not 'missing'. Deaths at the school were regularly reported on (see excerpts from DIA reports below), and the students were almost certainly buried in the Band Cemetery.

DIA Annual Reports can be accessed here:

<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/aboriginal-heritage/first-nations/indian-affairs-annual-reports/Pages/search.aspx>

For the school, see also:

<https://thechildrenremembered.ca/school-histories/port-simpson/>

Ethel Haldane (ca. 1913) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Jane Spencer (1908/5/30) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

Rose O'Reilly (ca. 1913) [DEATH CERTIFICATE NOT YET LOCATED]

DIA Annual Reports regularly reported on the health of students at the school. Some excerpts from the annual reports for the years 1908 and 1913:

March 31, 1908

Attendance. - The average attendance is 42.06, the total enrolment is 50; the number discharged, 9; the number admitted, 6. The present number in attendance is 41.

Health and Sanitation. - The general health has been good. **One girl died in May, 1907, and one who was discharged last year, died during February, 1908.** We had an epidemic of grippe for a week in March, but all are better now. The sanitary condition is good.

March 31, 1913

Attendance. - The average attendance for the year is 34.63; the total enrolment is 43; the number discharged is 6; **there have been 2 deaths**; the number admitted is 3; present number in attendance is 31; 4 are out on extended vacation, making 35. **Eight applicants were refused because of tubercular tendencies, or because they were otherwise unfit.**

Health and Sanitation. - **In December, one little girl, twelve years old, died of tuberculosis after being in the hospital several weeks. In January, another girl, seventeen years old, died at her home in Metlakatla, where she had gone in November.** Two girls have been given an extended vacation because of eczema, and two others because of tubercular tendencies. **The mothers of three of these girls died of tuberculosis.** The general health of the others has been good. The sanitary conditions are good.

Every precaution in case of illness is always taken. After the removal of the girls spoken of above, **the house was thoroughly fumigated** by Dr. Large, and every girl was examined by him. **Sick pupils are usually isolated in the hospital-room** or taken to the hospital when that is deemed advisable.

The drainage is good and the house in every part is kept as clean as possible disinfectants being frequently used.

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