

## The History of the Lynn Valley School Bell

The Lynn Valley School Bell rang 4 times a day for 5 days each week from 1912 until c.1955, a total of 43 years sounding a clear tone heard all over Lynn Valley.

This steel bell came from a CPR steam locomotive wrecked in the Vancouver Freight Yard and was placed on the roof of the third Lynn Valley School in 1912 and the fourth school from 1920 to c1950.

During that time the bell was pulled off the roof and smashed by 4 local boys as a Halloween prank. The bell was welded at Wallace's Shipyard and returned to the school cupola. It was later removed and placed on top of the Memorial Cairn now located in Pioneer Square, Lynn Valley.

Vandals succeeded in removing the bell and buried it in a bank of Lynn Canyon.

It was rescued unheralded by the Parks Department in 1999 and taken into custody by the RCMP.

It was kindly restored by them before officially handing over the bell on September 13, 1999.