

A Thomson Cup Comes Home

It may not be the trophy shown proudly perched in the image of the 1907-1908 VHS basketball team (featured in the Tales from the Attic story, "A Time for T").

However, thanks to Judith Stevens of the Greater Victoria School Board Archives, a Thomson Cup has been donated to our archives at Victoria High. It is the BC Boys Rugby Championship Trophy that Vic High won during the 1925-26 school year. The boys repeated in 1926-27 and then fooled around until they won again in 1963. The trophy was first presented to the 1905-06 champions from King Edward, or as it was known then Vancouver High School. It was one of several trophies generously donated by the Thomson Stationery Company of Vancouver. During this period the "Thomson Cups" became the most coveted awards in provincial high school sports.

Ms. Stevens is a former principal with the Victoria School District at Lampson Street School, Eagleview Elementary, and for a short time l'Ecole Quadra Elementary and is now a volunteer Archivist with the school board. She was in the process of cataloguing items at Central Middle School when she read our tale about the Thomson Cup. To her and our amazement a Thomson Cup was sitting in their archives and she has very graciously passed it on to us. It is now is proudly displayed in the VHS Archives trophy case in room 104. Come take a look on a Tuesday, except during school vacations, from 9:30 am until 12 noon. There is something of interest for everyone. For no other reason, a glimpse of a photo from 1900, showing the VHS girls field hockey team catching a horse-drawn coach during a trip to Vancouver is worth the visit. Come for a minute; stay for an hour. There is even coffee and tea available.



Barrie Moen shows off the newly acquired Thomson Cup