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Scenic site beside Gorge

Admiral

Famed schoolhouse bought by province

Craigflower School, oldest school still standing in Western Canada, has been bought by the provincial government from Saanich municipality.

The building, maintained by the Native Sons and Daughters of British Columbia since 1927, will be preserved as a historic site.

The schoolhouse on the Gorge waterway, opened for

classes March 5, 1855, was a centre of educational, social and religious life for early settlers in the area.

Today it houses a museum containing relics and historical objects of past days.

A joint federal-provincial renovation and restoration program is planned that would amalgamate the building into Craigflower Manor situated next to the school house.