



History is a scar.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission really laid it all out, but seeing the actual reports from the BC inspectors makes it feel way more real than just a textbook chapter. It's weird how we just... lived with this. The schools in BC stayed open way longer than people realize, with some of them sticking around until the late 70s or even the 80s, which means the people who went through that are still here, still trying to remember the songs they were told were "evil" by priests who didn't even know the names of the mountains they were standing on. I guess the conclusion is that we have to keep looking at the ground... literally, given what they found at Kamloops recently... but yeah, I think I'm done with this for tonight.

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It was actually mandatory. For nearly a century, the Canadian government and various church denominations operated a network of residential schools in British Columbia that functioned less like educational institutions and more like a systematic machinery of cultural erasure.

The stolen years hurt.