

They then sold staves, used for making barrels. Later on as sawmills were established on the Sixteen Creek, at one time 4 sawmills were located here, the shipping of lumber from Port Glasgow became a big industry. Gradually as the land became cleared and more wheat raised there was a considerable surplus of this grain to be shipped abroad.

In all this pioneer work there was much hardship and difficulty to be endured. Wolves and bears killed off many of the sheep that the settlers depended on to provide wool for their clothing. The smaller denizens of the forest such as squirrels and coons dug up much of the corn crop. The providing of meat, however, was not a difficult task, as the forest abounded with deer, and wild fowl of all description, while the lake provided them with plenty of fish. The early settlers suffered a great deal from a disease known as "Fever and Ague", probably developed from the undrained swamps of the forest. This disease reached epidemic proportions in 1819 and Mr. McColl in his history states that in 2 weeks of the September of that year there were no less than 14 adult funerals with hardly enough well men to carry the bodies to their last resting place. Such were the grim and stark realities the old pioneers had to meet.

" PROMINENT PEOPLE of S.S. No. 2 "

As I have stated before the main contribution a school section gives to the country are its men of character who give their talents to the good of the country. This school section has given its quota of these men. There was Colin McDougal a merchant at Port Glasgow. He studied law, moved to St. Thomas and was elected member of parliament for East Elgin. Mr. Archibald McKellar a native son of the section who after some years in parliament was the sherriff of Wentworth County. Mr. George Munroe referred to before as a magistrate, surveyor and colonel. He surveyed many townships in Elgin, Kent and Essex during the years from

1820 to 1823. In the autumn of 1838 Colonel Maitland afterward Sir Peregrine Maitland heard from his vigilants that the Americans were arming 2 or 3 schooners to make a raid on Port Talbot, where the farmers had 10,000 bushels of grain stored. Colonel Munroe was ordered with 60 Militiamen then under his command to guard Port Talbot, which he did during the months of November and December of that year. His force was then augmented and he was dispatched to Sandwich to guard that border town. The Honourable F.G. MacDiarmid a grandson of Colonel Munroe who was a member of the Ontario Legislature for a period of close to 30 years. He held the portfolio of Minister of Public Works during the Hearst administration of the province. T.W. Kirkpatrick a Warden of Elgin County and his brother John Kirkpatrick a Doctor in Richmond, Indiana. These are a few of the men of the school section who contributed much of their talent to the national life of the country.

" THE CHURCHES "

These old Scottish Pioneers belonged to the Presbyterian Faith. I will not go thoroughly into the religious history of the Township, as it is only of this one particular school section I am writing.

The Presbyterian Church was built at New Glasgow in 1854. At the first, the New Glasgow and the Kintyre Churches had the one minister, Rev. Peter Currie who preached Sunday about in each church. As time went on Kintyre became strong enough to have a congregation and minister of it's own. New Glasgow and West Lorne then united and Rev. J. M. Munroe preached in both churches. But Crinan and West Lorne being adjacent to one another united and New Glasgow was left alone. Then Rodney and New Glasgow united and are to-day one pastoral charge. The ministers of the New Glasgow Church were The Reverends Mann, Francis, Scott, Falconer, Wolland, McLennan, and the present pastor Rev. T.E. Kennedy.

" PORT GLASGOW "

Now a few words about the two hamlets we have in this school section, Port Glasgow and New Glasgow.

Port Glasgow is situated at the mouth of the Sixteen Creek, on Lake Erie. This was the landing place of the first settlers. Here is Nelly's Hill.

" TEACHERS of S.S. No. 2 "

Abraham Decew,

John A. McKillop - afterward lumber merchant in West Lorne,

Mr. Ames,

Mr. McCutcheon,

Daniel Grout - afterward superintendent of schools in Oregon.
He taught in 1884.

Henry Kelly - of New Glasgow,

Mr. McMillan,

Mr. Jay,

Mr. McNiven,

Peter Mc Callum,

Miss Black,

Since 1910 -

John L. McPhail - of North Aldborough who afterward went to Colorado,

Wm. McDonald,

Mabel Ferguson - of Appin who married W.A. Kelly of New Glasgow,

Wilmur McArthur - brother of Mrs. Stewart Kennedy of Rodney,
later a newspaper publisher in Windsor, Ont.,

George Harris - of Rodney now a surgeon,

James Person - brother of Walter Person of Rodney, now in Windsor,

Jane Rush - (deceased),

Irene Cunningham - of Simcoe,

Mary Campbell - of Blenheim, who married Ernest Terry of New Glasgow, now residing in London,

Margaret Bayne - of Newbury, whose father ran a general store in that town, (deceased),

Pearl Templeton - daughter of John Templeton of Rodney, now Mrs. Archie McPherson of Dutton,

Hazel Hawes - of Ridgetown, now Mrs. Sam. Robertson of Three Hills, Alberta,

Harvey Miller - now principal of Rodney Public School,

Margaret Campbell - daughter of Mrs. Durand Campbell,

Frances Chambers - now Mrs. Phillips of Highgate,

J.D. McGugan - of Muirkirk,

Gladys Mitchell - of Newbury,

Mrs. Wm. Anderson - of Palmyra,

Mrs. Margaret Cardwell - the present teacher, daughter of Hector McDougal, Melbourne,

SCHOOL SECTION No. 3

(Kerr School)

In 1873, an acre of land was loaned by Mr. Robert Kerr, (father of the late Robert A. Kerr), situated on the corner of Kerr Road and Silver Street for School purposes. The conditions were that a school be built and belong to that section so long as the school was in use.

One half of the present school was soon ready for use, and the Trustees held their first meeting on Wednesday, January 2, 1874. These men were: Messrs. John Strom (father of Mrs. F. Schmeltz, West Lorne), Godfrey Mistele (father of the late J.G. AND Charles, Rodney), and Angus Grey.

The first teacher was Miss Ada Lugston, later Mrs. (Rev.) Peter MacFarlane, who taught in the same room that is in use at the time of this writing. Her salary was \$24.00 per month.

Other early teachers were: Mr. Dave McKeckran, Mr. Edward Higley, Mr. Dan Grout, Miss Anna McColl(1883), Miss Annie Milloy, Mr. J.D. Shaw.

In 1890 another room was added at a cost of \$396.00, which was paid for over a period of six years. There were 80 pupils enrolled and the teachers were Miss Minnie Ellis and Mr. Hector Lang. (Miss Ellis became Mrs. J.D. Paterson); those following were:

- 1890 - Miss Annie Lang and D.J. McColl
- 1891 - Miss Minnie Ellis and Hector Lang
- 1892 - Miss M. Black and Hector Lang
- 1893-4 - Miss Lilly Tesker and Charles Currie
- 1895-6 - Miss Dona Beaumes and J.C. McMillan (later Col. McMillan)
- 1897 - Miss Minnie Kearns and J.C. McMillan
- 1898 - Miss Minnie Kearns and J.B. Ferguson
- 1899 - Miss Minnie Kearns and L.L. Harrison

This year Miss Kearns' salary was \$175.00 a year; Mr. Harrison, who also did the Janitor work, received \$325.00.

- 1900-1 - Miss Jennie McMillan and L.L. Harrison

- 1902 - Miss Flora Kerr and Duncan McColl
 1903 - Miss Maribel McKillop and W.H. Augustine
 1904 - Misses Tena McKillop and Mary Schnekenburger
 1905-6 - One room was closed, and Mrs. R.A. Kerr (nee Mary Schnekenburger) continued as teacher.
 1907 - Miss Ethel Buchanan
 1908 - Miss Alice Bandeen
 1909-10 - M.G. Graham (now Dr. Graham of Dutton)
 1911 - Miss Ada Miller until Dec.; then M.G. Graham until June.
 1912 - Miss Lillian Kriter
 1913-14 - Miss Jennie Harrington
 1915-17 - Miss Blanche Fowler (Mrs. Simon Zoller)
 1918 - Miss Elmina Zoller
 1919-20 - Miss Mabel Smith until Dec.; then Miss E. Zoller until June.
 1921-22 - Miss Muriel Willis
 1923-26 - Mr. Harvey Miller
 1927-29 - Miss Luella Mistele (Mrs. Wm Kennedy)
 1930-32 - Mrs. Simon Zoller
 1933-34 - Miss Alice Meek
 1935 - Mr. Everett Boughner till Dec.; then Mr. Mac Leitch till June.

In 1936 the school was remodeled and the second room used again.

- 1936-7 - Misses Angela Kerr and Edith Hux
 1938-9 - Misses Clara Dundas and Nora Morrison
 1940-41 - Miss Evelyn McCann and Arthur Carrothers
 1942-43 - Mrs. Bill Kennedy and Mr. John Hatch
 1944-45 - Miss Birdie Caverly and Mrs. Sinclair Dorland
 1946-47 - Miss Geraldine Lobban and Mrs. Loosemore

In 1948 the second room closed. Miss Lobban was in charge at a salary of \$2100.00. At the time of writing, 1951, Miss Lobban is still the teacher.

The present trustees are: Chairman - Mr. Jos. Pheifer
 Sec-treas. - Mr. Simon Zoller
 and Mr. Harold Baker.

I wish to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Zoller, Mrs. Barbara (Braun) Hux, and Mrs. Rosa (Hauser) Mumford for help given in this writing, as many of the registers are missing.

Written by: Mrs. Henry Hessenaur
 (Florence Baker)

Signed:

SCHOOL SECTION No. 15

This School Section was formed in the later months of 1889 with three Trustees, namely: Messrs. Dugald McLarty, Joseph King, and Michael Miller. Mr. Miller was made Secretary-Treasurer, which position he held for thirty-three years.

An acre of land was purchased from Mr. Conrad Schweitzer for the school building and grounds. The mason employed was Mr. Henry McKay of Clachan. The carpenter was Mr. T.C. Campbell. The cost of the buildings was \$975.00; and \$350.00 was spent for equipment.

The school opened August 20, 1890, with Peter McCallum as the first teacher.

To-day (1953) the school is called Chestnut Grove School, and the present trustees are, since 1951, Messrs. Jack Bandeen (sec.-treas.), Archie Brown, and Matthew Fodor. Mr. John Martin was Sec.-Treas. for a number of years, until he moved to Rodney in 1947. Through the years, the following men have served on the Trustee Board:

Colin McKay	John Templeton
George Bennett	Tom Smith
Jacob Brown	J.J. Ross
Fred Streib	John Martin
Colin Gillies	F. Ashley
Charles McCallum	Dan Campbell
Julius Krause	Archie Brown
Duncan King	Harry Schweitzer
	Jack Bandeen

The Teachers:

August 1890 to Dec. 1893	- Peter McCallum
Jan. 1893 to June 1897	- John Gillies
Sept. 1897 to Dec. 1897	- Walter Campbell
Jan. 1898 to June 1899	- Sadie Munroe
	1900 - Colin Lanning
	1901 - Katie McKillop
	1902 - Lena Beaumis
	1903-4-5 - Alex Baldwin
	1906-7 - Ray McKay
	1908 - Alice Bandeen
Jan. 1909 to June 1909	- Angus Campbell
Sept. 1909 to Dec. 1911	- Irvine Small