

NEW School No 13



The new school in Wallacetown was built in 1922, on the south east of village on Currie Road.

The old two-room school was too large for the number of pupils attending. Mr J. A. Taylor the P. S. Inspector at that ^{TIME} advised the board to build a new school rather than remodel the old building.

A meeting was held and it was decided to make the school and a community hall in one building. In March of 1922 three acres of land were purchased from James Lynch with the idea that one and one-half acres be used for school yard and one and one-half acres be purchased by the Community Hall committee. The hall was not built with the school and the extra one and one-half acres were to be used as a playground by the school.

The contract for the new red brick - modern one room building was given to John Miller of Dutton for \$6,835, which included all work except cement work. Mr. Tom Dennis contracted for the cement.

The new school was opened during the Christmas holidays with a concert, convened by Clarence Blue, James Forsyth, A.G. Webster, Eva Gusac, Mrs. D.W. Graham and Mrs. Arthur Gow. Mr. Taylor, P.S.I. was chairman.

The school was opened at first of term in 1923 with Miss Kate McGuire as teacher.

Trustees - were A.G. Webster, Dan McCallum, Duncan Forbes

COYNE'S CORNERS No 3



School in section no 3 was held in a log building which stood on Lot 7, Con 9, on property owned now by A. BRADDON. It was first built and owned by one of COYNE'S first settlers, who taught the school OVER 100 YEARS ago.

SEVERAL YEARS LATER A FRAME SCHOOL WAS BUILT ON LOTS 5, TALBOT ST. AND WAS KNOWN AS THE GUNN OR GARLUTT SCHOOL. COYNE'S CORNER SECTION WAS VERY LARGE AND AFTER THE FIRST TOWNLINE WAS BUILT, THE SCHOOL WAS MOVED TO PRESENT SITE ON COYNE ROAD IN 1878. SOMETIME IN THE '90'S IT WAS BRICK VENEERED TO PREVENT ITS BEING MOVED AGAIN. WHILE THE SCHOOL WAS ON TALBOT ST. ONE OF THE EARLY TEACHERS WAS JOHN THOMPSON, WHO WAS A MILITARY MAN AND MANY CRUEL STORIES WERE TOLD OF HIS UNMERCIFUL WHIPPINGS OF INNOCENT CHILDREN. THIS SCHOOL WAS OFTEN FILLED WITH GROWN MEN AND WOMEN IN THE WINTER AND NO DOUBT WERE HARD TO MANAGE.

OTHER TEACHERS WERE MR. CURRIE, MR. BATTLE, MR. KENNEDY AND JOHN CLARK.

the same place, and by the fall of 1825 the settlement had put up a log shanty school-house some twenty by twenty-five feet on McGugan's farm, opposite our home, and a Highland Scotchman named Campbell taught the school for a quarter. The rate was \$1.50 per quarter. The mode was to pass a paper round and have the parents sign for as many as they had, or could afford to pay for, until the list was large enough to pay a teacher, and the teacher was engaged for three months. When they could afford to run the school six months in the year, they felt that they were getting up. The quarter generally began with December and closed with February and the branches taught were merely the 3 R's, "Reading," "Riting" and "Rithmetic."

Coyne's School

1838 log house near Love's Cemetery; teacher Duncan McKillop
(school burned)

at Alex Clark log house; teacher James Campbell

1831 - 1842 George Gunn farm (log)

teachers here were: Abraham Leighigh
Eustace Ladd
George Matheson
Thomas McColl
H. Gunn
Mr. Woff

1842 log school at Braddon's

teachers here were: James McDonald
Daniel McColl
Duncan McKay
Reb McColl
Isabelle McGugan
Sam McColl
Archie Campbell
Mr. Thompson
John Graham
Dougal McNeil
Mr. Benson Jr.
Neil Dewar
A. Gunn

1865 frame building on the Gunn farm

teachers were: George Duncan
Mr. Battle
Duncan Galbraith
John Clark
Dougald Carrie
Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Coulter
Dan Campbell
Miss Kerr

1879 it was moved to its present site

teachers were: Henry Clay
Dan Campbell
James Gill
Tena McPherson
Miss Teskey
John Taylor
Miss Geddes
John Black
J. C. Moyer
Neil Campbell
Dan McKillop
P. H. Buchanan
Dan McMillan
Miss F. Venning

WILLEY'S SCHOOL NO 4

ON DEC. 22 1899, MR. ANGUS CAMPBELL WROTE IN THE "VISITOR'S BOOK" A FEW ITEMS CONCERNING THE EARLY HISTORY OF THIS SCHOOL SECTION AS FOLLOWS - WORD FOR WORD - "WM. BENSON TAUGHT THE LONGEST OF ANY TEACHER. HE COMMENCED IN 1833 AND ENDED IN 1848 [15 YEARS]. HE WAS IN Southwold AT WATSON'S CORNERS, THEN WENT EAST OF FINGAL AND TAUGHT THERE WHERE THE CEMETERY NOW STANDS IN 1849 AND 1850. HIS WIFE DIED THERE IN OCTOBER 1850, THEN HE MOVED TO TYRCONNEL AND TAUGHT THERE SOMETIME, FROM THERE HE MOVED TO PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY IN 1856 AND MARRIED THERE AND DIED IN 1857. HE HAD MANY SONS AND DAUGHTERS THERE R [ARE] ONLY MARY AND JAMES NOW LIVING."

ON AUG. 20, 1906, MR. CAMPBELL ALSO WROTE, "AFTER WM. BENSON'S DEATH THE SCHOOL WAS TAUGHT BY MOSES WILLEY'S DAUGHTER MARIAM, THEN BY MALCOLM McCOLL, WHO DIED IN 1862 AND MARIAM IN 18 . BEING THE SAME YEAR THAT DOLLARS AND CENTS WERE ADAPTED IN CANADA, AND THE SAME YEAR THE TELEGRAPH RUN IN THE OCEAN. NONE OF THE McCOLL'S R LIVING NOW. MATTHEW WILLEY AND MARY [NOW WIDOW McINTYRE] R THE ONLY ONES LIVING OF THE WILLEYS. SINCERELY YOURS, ANGUS CAMPBELL."

IN THE "VISITOR'S BOOK" THOSE THAT CALLED AT THE SCHOOL WROTE A FEW LINES AND SIGNED THEIR NAMES. MOST OF THEM WROTE IN PRAISE OF THE TEACHER'S WORK AND CHILDREN'S ABILITY AND DEPARTMENT.

MR. D. G. McKELLAR WROTE ON JUNE 20th 1881, MR. FORBES WAS TEACHER.

MALCOLM CAMPBELL WROTE ON JUNE 20th 1882 WHEN JOHN D. BLUE WAS TEACHER.

R. E. McKillop WROTE ON MARCH 14, 1882.

MR. BUTLER, SCHOOL INSPECTOR FOR ELGIN COUNTY CALLED ON OCT. 12, 1882, FINDING THE SCHOOL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, THE PUPILS INDUSTRIOUS AND RESPECTFUL AND THE TEACHER LABOURS EARNESTLY AND INDUSTRIOUSLY FOR THEIR IMPROVEMENT. JOHN D. BLUE WAS THE TEACHER. [LATER, HE BECAME EDITOR OF DUTTON ADVANCE.]

D. A. McKillop, TEACHER OF S.S. NO 7, CALLED ON OCT. 19, 1882.

SAMUEL McCOLL, PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR, CALLED ON DEC 22, 1885, WHEN MISS STAFFORD TAUGHT.

MR. McCOLL WAS A TEACHER SINCE HE WAS 14 YEARS OF AGE, STARTED AT YARMOUTH AND BELMONT, LATER IN DUART. HE SPENT HIS LAST YEARS IN DUTTON. FOR YEARS, EVEN UNTIL 1900 HE WAS EXAMINER AT ST. THOMAS MODEL SCHOOL AND ALWAYS TOOK A KEEN INTEREST IN EDUCATION IN HIS HOME COUNTY.

MR. CAMPBELL WROTE AGAIN ON DEC. 23, 1889, IN PART AS FOLLOWS - "THE WEDNESDAY OF THE YEAR WAS ON CHRISTMAS, WHICH IS A HOLIDAY, CONSEQUENTLY THE ANNUAL MEETINGS WERE HELD ON THE DAY FOLLOWING (I.E.) THURSDAY. IT WILL NOT OCCUR AGAIN UNTIL 1895 AND AGAIN IN 1905 AND AGAIN IN 1912. IN 1923, IT WILL OCCUR ELEVEN TIMES IN THE NEXT CENTURY (I.E.) THE 20th. CENTURY. MISS GEDDES IS ALREADY ENGAGED FOR 1890 FOR \$325. I AM NOW IN MY 27th YEAR AS SECY TREASURER," ANGUS CAMPBELL.

IN DEC, 1890, THREE TRUSTEES WROTE IN THE VISITOR'S BOOK, JOHN D. GRAHAM, RICHARD PATTERSON, JOHN SMALL.

IN AUGUST 1896, MR. CAMPBELL WROTE, "A PORCH WAS ERECTED BY ROBERT FORBES FOR \$33, DESIGNED TO ADD TO THE WARMTH OF THE SCHOOL IN WINTER, IT MAY SAVE 2 OR 3 DOLLARS EVERY YEAR IN WOOD. THE CASETRON SERIAL, ALTHOUGH DEAR IS SNUGLY CONDENSED IN A BOX WITH LOCK AND KEY. THE BOX PROTECTS THE PAPER. I AM 33 YEARS IN THIS SECTION IN SAID OFFICE."

IN NOV. 1897, MISS MARY McARTHUR TAUGHT 16 PUPILS.