

1810.

ELGIN (Leeds County). Township of South Crosby, County of Leeds. The first schoolhouse was built about 1810 or 1811. "Leeds and Grenville." (Leavitt.)

PRESCOTT. Major Jessup, immediately following his completion of the survey for the townsite, made preparation for a schoolhouse. Leavitt's "History of Leeds and Grenville."

1811.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT. Seven miles west of Brockville there dwelt a minister known as the Rev. Mr. Halleck or Hallock (both modes of spelling the name are to be found in the two authorities available) and it was at the home of this gentleman in all probability that the school existed. That it did exist we are informed in Leavitt's "History of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville." According to a paper by Holly S. Seaman on the missionary labours of the Rev. William Smart, that Rev. gentleman visited at the Hallock School and preached there for twenty-seven consecutive New Year's days and at the old "Tin Cap" schoolhouse the same number of Christmas days. Page 184, Ont. Hist. Soc. "Papers and Records," Vol. 5 (1904).

BROCKVILLE. Sometime prior to 1812 the first settler permitted the use of a room in his house for a school. The gentleman was Wm. Buell, and the teacher's name was Joseph Pyle. Mr. Sylvester succeeded him and an Indian scholar, Paul J. Gill, came next to Sylvester. The Indian had been educated at Dartmouth College. Leavitt's "Leeds and Grenville."

BATH. Barnabas Bidwell in 1811 conducted a Latin School at Bath on the Bay of Quinte until he removed to Kingston in 1813. (Ryerson Mem. Volume, p. 40.)

1815.

GANANOQUE. Information regarding the first school in Gananoque, for which steps were begun in 1815, is singularly complete. The one point not quite clear is, that of two persons making proposals to teach the school, we have no documentary evidence as to which one was accepted as the first teacher. The documentary evidence of its foundation in 1816 has been published, and may be found in Vol. 17, Ont. Hist. Soc. "Papers and Records," in an article entitled "Gananoque's First Public School, 1816," by Frank Eames. Col. Joel Stone reports in 1818: "One good frame building erected and finished for a schoolhouse." This report, I have reason to believe, while made at a meeting called by Gourlay, or proposed by him, never reached that gentleman, and was one of several which he did not receive, other districts having also defaulted.

MIDLAND DISTRICT. Andrew Lorrimer taught a number of scholars in 1816 at a school located ten miles west of Kingston, according to Carter's work on the County of Dundas, which is my authority for the statement.