

G. W. Bunton as Principal. Besides Mr. Bunton, we have as Teachers the Misses Pearl Baker, Bessie Gartlan, Cassie Baker, Annie Campbell, and Marion R. Dunlop.

The School is in a good, healthy condition, and we look forward to a very bright future for it.

STAYNER, January 3rd, 1910.

T. J. WATSON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS IN EXETER.

Before the year 1857 the Children of Exeter attended Schools in the Townships of Stephen and Usborne.

In 1857 the Residents of Exeter Village rented a house on Huron Street West, to be used as a School House. It was called the Brock's School. The first Teacher was Mr. G. Halstead. His Successors were Messieurs Richard Moore, R. N. Curry, and Thomas Rowan. It soon became necessary to engage an Assistant, and Miss Mary Ann Cantelon was chosen. About 1861 a new two-roomed School House was built on Andrew Street. In a few years this Building was enlarged by the addition of a third Room. Mr. McGregor was the first Principal of this School.

The Village grew quickly, and, in 1874, the present eight-roomed School House was erected on the east side of Block G, at a Cost of \$7,000. The Grounds consist of three acres of Land, one acre of which is planted with fine deciduous and evergreen Trees, and two acres are used as a Play Ground.

The teaching Staff consists of three Continuation Class Teachers and five other Teachers in doing the regular Public School work.

EXETER, March, 1910.

J. ELGIN TOM, *Inspector.*

PROMOTION OF EDUCATION IN WATERLOO.

Mr. Abraham Erb presented the land on which the present School House and Principal's Residence now stand, which extends to about four acres. Mr. Erb also set aside the sum of \$500, the interest of which was to provide School Books for poor Children. The fund is still in existence, and is used in the purchase of these aids to education. On this land in 1842 was erected a substantial Stone Schoolhouse. This served the purposes of the Community for nearly twenty years, when part of the present Brick School House was erected. This contained four Rooms originally, and was afterwards converted into an eight-roomed Building. About sixteen years ago further accommodation was necessary, and the School Building was extended to its present dimensions of twelve Rooms. It is a handsome Building, valued at \$20,000, and the finest to be found in any Town of equal size in the Province. The number of pupils' names on the roll is about 550, with an average attendance of 500.

Commenting upon the School, the Inspector has said that it has attained that high state of excellence where he has nothing to suggest for its improvement.

Among the past Principals of the School are found the names of Mr. J. Suddaby, Principal of the Model School, Berlin; Mr. William Blackwood, Galt; and Mr. W. F. Chapman, Inspector of Schools, Toronto. The present Incumbent, Mr. George Cork, has held the position for over eighteen years, the length of his service alone being sufficient evidence of his ability.