

gement, but Miss Ingersoll, on request, was granted one year's leave of absence, but did not return to the staff until the end of 1909. Miss E. G. Mitchell who had been granted leave of absence in 1905 returned to the staff at midsummer 1907.

The auditors' report for 1906 showed the receipts to be \$5,000 raised by levy, \$411 in government grants, and \$192.55 from the attached portion of Blanshard township. The expenditure included \$400 for fuel, nearly \$400 for repairs and supplies and \$100 for rent.

The Trustee Board of 1907 was composed of Messrs. W. W. Haines, J. G. Longthorne, J. Patterson, T. B. Bennett, J. Ready, T. Gordon, W. H. Tovell and Dr. Stanley. Mr. J. Ready was appointed to the chair and continued in that position during 1907 and 1908.

Mr. Spence resumed his work at the beginning of the autumn term but soon decided to retire from the teaching profession, and on Oct. 1st, 1907, he put in his resignation, which was accepted, and on Oct. 8th he was released from his duties. The following day the board met and in a list of thirty applications for the vacant principalship that of Mr. D. G. Anderson of Atwood was accepted at a salary of \$700, and on Oct. 21st, 1907, he began his work in St. Marys and he has proven himself to be one of the most efficient principals that has ever occupied that position in St. Marys. On Oct. 31st Mrs. Neelands, having secured a position in the Consolidated School at Guelph, was released from her engagement and was succeeded by Miss M. Gordon. On Jan. 7th, 1908, Miss Box resigned on account of ill-health and Miss L. E. Abbott was secured to complete her term.

The receipts from town rates in 1907 were \$5,200, from government grants \$435, and from the attached portion \$174.70. The expenditures included \$442.06 for fuel, \$50.00 for rent, and \$726.84 for repairs, supplies and some miscellaneous items.

On the Trustee Board of 1908, Mr. W. H. May replaced Mr. J. Patterson as representative of the North Ward. On March 5th the new school question was again raised, and a resolution was passed recounting the many objections to continuing the present very unsatisfactory arrangement. A committee was appointed to report on the feasibility and probable cost of a new school building. Inspector Irwin in his report of April 14th 1908, again emphasized his disapproval of the conditions prevailing, as may be seen from the following extract: "The school accommodations here are very inferior, indeed, and not at all in keeping with the standing and importance of the town. In many of the rooms the ventilation is bad, the scattered school's render it difficult for the principal to exercise proper supervision over the various departments. The time has surely arrived for the board to proceed with the erecting of a commodious Central school." Again in his report of Nov. 16th, 1908, he said, "The heating and ventilation in the different rooms are very unsatisfactory. Either a new Central school will have to be erected or extensive and expensive improvements made in the old building."

In the summer of 1908, the Lock-up building was sold and subsequently torn down. This building, built originally as a town hall, fire hall and police station, had been used for school purposes, excepting for comparatively short intervals, ever since its erection in 1855. To accommodate the pupils who attended there the stone school on Queen street was again secured and utilized as a classroom,