

boards, laid on wooden supports driven into the Logs of the Wall, at such a height that the Pupils had to stand up to write on them. The Teacher's Seat was the only one which had a back to it. The first Teacher was a Mr. McCreery. From this School went out two men at the head of their profession to-day, vide-het; Doctor Holmes, of Chatham, and Doctor Samson, of Windsor.

In 1856, the old Log School House was abandoned and a new one was built upon the Site, where the present Building stands. This was but a single Room Frame Building in the form of a T, and was lovingly known by the old Residents as the little "Old Red School House." The first Teacher in this School was Mr. Macdonald, afterwards a Civil Engineer in Chatham.

Ten years later this School House was burned, and replaced by a two-story Red Brick Building, which gave accommodation to the Pupils of the Village until 1876, when a very fine five-Room addition was erected, at a cost of \$5,950. Mr. McMichael, kindly remembered now as the "old squire," remained a Member of the School Board for thirty years, until his death, in December, 1896.

The names of the Teachers employed were Messieurs Nichol, Cadman, Bruce, Irving, McLochlan, Reader, Treadgold, and Hamilton, as having been Principals, and Messieurs Harrison, Nichol, and Colles as Inspectors of Schools.

On August the 4th, 1900, this Building was destroyed by fire, and was replaced by a very fine School House, (which is in use at present), at a cost of over \$15,000. Since the occupation of this new Building Messieurs Bannister, McCallum, Anderson, Merritt, and White have been the Teachers.

Since 1875 Messieurs Little, Stevens, Morgan, Johnson, Montford, Gibb, and Baird have successively been Secretaries of the Board.

BLENHEIM, December 29th, 1909.

W. J. BAIRD, *Secretary*.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS IN MILTON, 1840.

Previous to the Incorporation of Milton this was known as School Section Number Five, Trafalgar. The first Building erected was a Log one, and Mrs. Harrison was the first Teacher, about the year 1840. In 1850 a Brick School House was built, and is now within the Corporation of Milton. From this Building a move was made into the new Stone School House, erected in 1856. It consisted of three Rooms, two of which were used for Public School purposes, and the third for a Grammar School.

In this year the Teachers in the Public School were Mr. Robert Alexander and Miss Marion Sproat.

Mr. Alexander McCorkindale succeeded Mr. Alexander as Teacher in 1857, and Mr. Thomas Rome succeeded him in 1861, when Mr. R. R. Jamieson followed him. Miss Sproat continued as Teacher until 1866, when Miss Lamb took her place for two years, and was followed by Miss Sarah Bomes in 1869. In 1867, Mr. Alexander Campbell, afterwards Public School Inspector of the County of Bruce, was engaged, and was followed, in 1870, by Mr. J. W. Narraway. In 1869 a third Teacher was engaged—Miss Panton, who taught in the Grammar School Room.

Mr. Peter McLean was appointed a Teacher in 1871, and continued as Principal until 1882. He was succeeded by Mr. Henry Gray, who held the position until 1893. In 1872, a Fourth Department was added in a rented Room of the old Temperance Hall, Miss Elizabeth MacKenzie being the Teacher. In