

"Now, we must have a school. We must!" declared Mrs. Price, who had been teaching her little girl at home more than a year.

"Yes," agreed Uncle Jay, "although I am a bachelor, we must have a school."

A meeting was called and Uncle Jay was elected as one of the members of the school board. They laid plans for the building of the new school. It took several months but that fall it was ready. When the first teacher arrived we learned that his name was James McCrea.

There was a great variety of young Canadians in this new Glenevis school. The settlers of the district were Scotch, English, Irish, Swedish, German and French. Some of them could not speak English so Uncle Jay felt that the girls and boys from these homes were showing us how nations could get along together if they but tried. No one thought he was any better than another, here was real equality.

#### THINGS TO DO:

1. Pretend you live in a new district. Try to dramatize the pioneer scene of forming a school board.
2. Draw a plan for the one room school with cloakrooms. Put plenty of windows on the east and north side.
3. Choose four boys' names and four girls' names for the eight children in this new school.
4. Why did Uncle Jay think it was a good thing when the first school was built?
5. From what countries had the parents of these new Canadians come?
6. How did the C.N.R. help to develop the country?
7. The pupils of the Glenevis school learned to do some tumbling and stunts. Can you turn a backward somersault?
8. Do you know how to do Indian wrestling? You lie upon your backs and lock a leg with a competitor, trying to turn him over.
9. This school liked last couple out, two deep, prisoners' base and stealing sticks. Can you tell how to play one of these games?
10. Try to play all of these good games.
11. Draw maps of your province. Make some large ones on wrapping paper.
12. Save pictures that help to tell the history of our West. Perhaps you would like to make a little booklet of the West. Things you help to make you will want to keep.

#### DO YOU SING?

Do you sing songs in your school? Songs make people happy.

The children of the Glenevis school like to sing. Uncle Jay liked to sing and play his guitar. Often a neighbor would bring over his violin and the homesteaders would all sing in the evening. It was fun.