

Building. In 1897, the Frame School House in the east end of the Town was burnt, and a fine, substantial Four-Roomed Brick School House was built on its Site, at a cost of \$20,000. A new Central School House of Six Rooms was also erected early in 1907. This is one of the finest School Houses in Ontario, containing the latest improvements as regards Steam Heating and good Ven-



PETROLEA HIGH SCHOOL.

tilation. It is fireproof and has Play rooms for Winter in the Basement, and it is an ideal Twenty Century Building. An efficient Staff of fourteen Teachers is engaged in active work, so that the facilities for Education offered are the best obtainable by the Board of School Trustees.

PETROLEA, January 22nd, 1910. R. J. CAMPBELL, *Acting Secretary.*

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS IN BLENHEIM.

The first record which we have of the Blenheim Public School tells us that it was established in the year 1847, in a little old Log Building, twenty-one feet long by eighteen feet wide. The Logs were held together with wooden pins, and the Basswood floor was held in place in like manner. The Desks consisted of