

they built a fine little stone church and invited him to become their pastor; but the Clergy Reserves Act did not allow preachers receiving aid from that fund to teach, lest they should neglect their pastoral duties; so that Mr. Thom, though an excellent teacher, had to give up his school. Then came George Lanigan another excellent teacher. Mr. Lanigan employed both a classical and a French master, and received government aid for his school.

Besides Mr. Lanigan's school there were two others about the same time. The Misses McDonald, two accomplished young ladies, came from Halifax and opened a fine school for girls. This school continued for over thirty years. Nearly all the Protestant ladies at present (1888) living in Three Rivers, and many more who have moved away, were educated by the Misses McDonald. The third school of those flourishing days when there were more English-speaking people in Three Rivers than at present, was kept by Peter Scannell, a Roman Catholic. He taught for about twenty years, having most of the time from fifty to sixty boys. Mr. Scannell's school was popular with the French on account of his religion; so that many of the French were taught by him to speak the English language.

In 1855 Mr. Lanigan was succeeded by G. W. Lawlor, who continued the school till 1862, when he united it with the French seminary then kept in the barracks, the 20th Regiment, of which James Denoon, Esq., was for many years barrack master, having been withdrawn.

For a few years previous to 1858 there was an attempt made to educate the French and English-speaking boys together, English and French masters having been employed in the same school, supported by the Government. In 1858 the Protestant citizens became tired of this system, and elected A. R. Gilmour, Christopher Kierman, and Andrew Craik (succeeded by Alex. McKelvie, Esq., 1861), a board of commissioners and thus formed a dissentient school agreeably to the 18th Sec. of the Act, 12 Vic. Chap. 50. Sarah Trenaman's private school was placed under the control of these commissioners and Miss Trenaman engaged as teacher—and thus was formed an elementary school, the origin of the Three Rivers Academy.

In 1867 John Goodwin, who had been keeping a private school