

In 1865, when the Grammar Schools of the Province were classified by the Reverend Professor Young, who was then Inspector of Grammar Schools, there were only four of these Schools placed in the first, or highest, class, and the Ottawa Grammar School was one of them. Professor Young informed the Chairman of the Board that there was only one School west of Toronto, as thoroughly efficient as the Ottawa one, and that was the Galt School.

Besides numerous Scholarships, Medals and others honours carried off by the Pupils of this School at one, or other, of our Canadian Universities, two of the five English Gilchrist Scholarships, offered for competition in Canada, were won by Ottawa Boys, S. W. Hunton in 1877, and Fred. W. Jarvis in 1879.

The first Trustees of the School in 1843 were the Reverend S. S. Strang, Chairman, the Reverend Father Phelan, (afterwards Bishop Phelan), the Reverend J. Cruikshanks, Mr. Joseph Coombs, and Mr. J. B. Lyon-Fellows.

The Chairmen of the Board of Trustees since 1843, were the Reverend Doctor Strang, Doctor Hamnett Hill, Messieurs Edward McGillivray, J. P. Featherston, George Hay, the Honourable Francis Clemow, John Thorburn, M.A., LL.D. The Head Masters since 1843, were the Reverend Doctor Thomas Wardrope, the Reverend Doctor Thomas, the Reverend John Robb, M.A., ex-Judge William Aird, Ross, Timothy Millar, M.A., the Reverend W. I. Borthwick, John Thorburn, M.A., LL.D., who held office for nearly twenty years, and John McMillan, B.A.

In 1874, the Board of Grammar School Trustees, feeling the want of more suitable accommodations, decided to erect a permanent home for the School, the corner stone of which was laid by Governor-General Lord Dufferin, as already detailed.

In the Winter of 1892, this Building was destroyed by fire, but steps were taken in November, 1893, to rebuild a new home for the School, which was opened for the reception of Pupils in February, 1894, when the occasion was graced by the presence of Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen, and a large assemblage of interested visitors.

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