

oughly up-to-date, Calgary though a young city has already provided eight or ten large stone schools of a thoroughly modern character, and the expensive churches, pavements and other improvements are following. This would appear to be the proper order of procedure but in St. Marys the churches are models of excellence, the town hall is a very creditable civic building, the stores are excellent, sidewalks are coming, macadamized roads prevail on many streets while the schools are scattered, disjointed, out-of-date structures that have served their day and generation and should now be succeeded by a modern structure somewhat in keeping with the character of the other public buildings. Taken altogether it is not creditable to a town of the wealth and importance of St. Marys that their schools are of such an unsuitable character. Successive inspectors have complained in no unmistakable language that the school buildings are quite out-of-date and that the numerous Ward rooms render efficiency impossible. Successive principals for forty years have spoken of the difficulties of supervision and of the injurious effects on teachers and pupils of poor heating and bad ventilation. Successive boards have from time to time for many years recognized the evils and sought remedies. The great obstacle that has always paralyzed their efforts has been the sectionalism displayed by the various Wards preventing a united effort to secure a commodious modern building in place of the present scattered, inefficient Ward rooms with their crude and primitive equipment.

Still on it creeps,  
Each little moment at another's heels,  
Till hours, days, years, and ages are made up  
Of such small parts as these, and men look back  
Worn and bewildered, wondering how it is,  
Thou trav'lest like a ship in the wide ocean,  
Which hath no bounding shore to mark its progress.

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