

The problem of heating was a lively question in the 70's. The material used was wood. One of the first entries is: "January 6th, 1871: Mr. _____ is sawing wood here to-day." A few days afterwards it is stated: "Mr. _____ has cut two cords of wood to-day."

The storing of wood seems to have been the cause of some differences of opinion. The "log" records that on Monday, May 15th, 1871: "Mrs. _____ (Caretaker) refused to carry the remaining uncut wood in the yard into the woodshed." On Thursday, January 18th, 1872, the Principal "sent a note to Mr. Barber, Secretary-Treasurer, asking 'whether it is Mrs. _____'s duty as caretaker to supply the wood boxes in the school-house with wood or not.'" The record does not state whether the principal received any reply to his letter, and we are unable to state at this date just how this early labor problem was settled.

The following are typical entries with regard to the wood supply:

"October 20th, 1871—A man, Mr. _____, is here to-day—p.m.—engaged by the Headmaster, who was authorized to do so, to cut one cord of wood, one half of it to be cut into two parts and the balance into three."

"April 7th, 1873—Notified Mr. Barber by note there was no wood cut for this school, and that the man who usually cuts the wood stated that he had received orders to cut no more here at present."

"April 8th, 1873—Received a note at noon to-day from Mr. Barber stating that the woodcutter had made a mistake and that he was to cut what wood was required."

"November 13th, 1873—A load of pine slabs purporting to be one-half cord was delivered here to-day."

The smashing of the thermometer by the Caretaker on December 14th, 1873, is thought worthy of note, and frequent references to the temperature, inside and outside of the school, are made. The following are typical entries:

"October 27th, 1873—Temperature of Headmaster's room this morning at 9 o'clock, 50°."

"May 25th, 1875—Weather very warm, thermometer in Headmaster's room indicating 76° at 1.00 p.m."

The problem of humidifying school-room air gave trouble then as now. On November 13th, 1879, five evaporating pans were sent to the school.

Principals had their own troubles in those days with regard to getting things done, as the following chronicle of the pump well illustrates:

"August 16th, 1871—Mr. Barber, Secretary-Treasurer, was communicated with respecting the school pump."

"August 28th, 1871—Mr. _____, Trustee, was communicated with respecting the repairing of the school pump."

"October 10th, 1871—Man sent by Mr. _____ is here to-day cleaning the well."