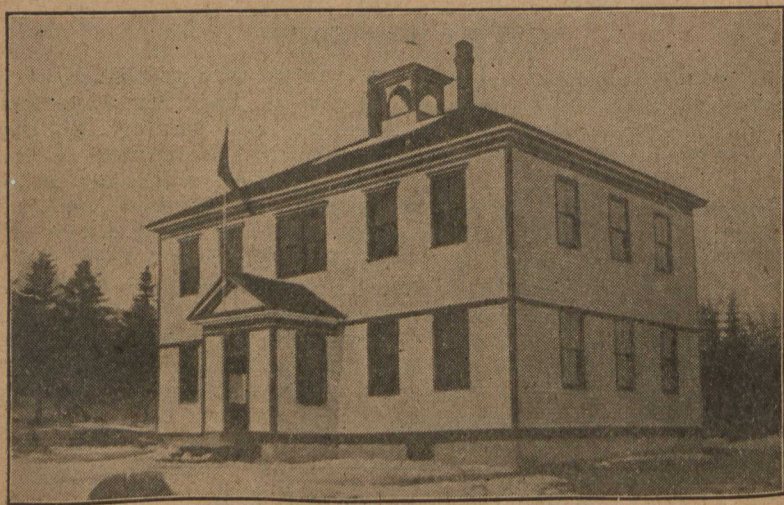


having charge of five central schools and school gardens. Mr. Percy J. Shaw, B. A., (Dal.), has similarly charge of five central schools in the neighborhood of Truro, each of which was selected with the expectation of its becoming a centre of a small consolidation. It will be seen from the statements quoted, that this small consolidation has from the start been more successful from an economical point of view than the large Middleton consolidation. It is being aided on the general lines laid down in the regulations of the C. P. I., published in the April Journal of Nova Scotia and referred to above.

"The people of Tryon, Lady Fane, and West Tryon, must pass into history as the people who established the first consolidated school not only in Prince Edward Island but in the Dominion of Canada. When about a year ago, the matter of consolidation was proposed for Tryon it was clearly seen that the location of the school was in such a place as to defeat all attempts at consolidation. The proposition was made to the district of securing suitable grounds and the district cheerfully and promptly took action. Through the coöperation of the trustees and the representative of Sir William Macdonald, the necessary grounds were secured and other requisites obtained. Too much praise cannot be given to the people of these districts for the valuable assistance that they rendered in carrying into successful operation the working of the scheme. They showed that they were in earnest and meant business. *Consolidation has given in every respect better results than could be obtained by individual schools. Statistics show that apart from any assistance from Sir William Macdonald the cost of operating the consolidated school was less to the taxpayer than was involved in the running of three individual schools.* In fact the figures demonstrate that by the three districts and the government paying the same amount to the consolidated school as was paid to the individual school, a surplus of \$10 would be left. Then the results obtained must be considered. In the Lady Fane, district where in August and September only an average of 17 was secured, this year in the same months an average of 24 was maintained. A similar improvement took place in West Tryon. In the aggregate of the three districts for August and September in 1903, there was an average attendance of 68 pupils, each costing \$11.84 to the tax payer; while for the same months in 1904 the average attendance was 79, each pupil costing \$10.19. Hence there is a balance in favor of consolidation of \$1.65 per pupil. All other statistics adduced go to show that consolidation is the cheaper."



GOLDBORO SCHOOL, Guysboro County, Opened 15th February, 1904.