

1817.

SCARBORO. In school section number one, the first schoolhouse was of logs, built on lot 13, 3rd concession, in 1817. The first teacher was a Mr. Edward, whose successors to the number of seventeen are to be found mentioned in David Boyle's "Scarboro, 1796-1896."

BLLENHEIM TOWNSHIP. In Oxford County, one authority states, there is but one school.

Burwash's life of "Egerton Ryerson," page 55, has the following statement: "Mr. Gourlay collected statistics of no less than 259 Common Schools already in operation, and these were by no means the whole number in the Province in 1817." From Gourlay's census of 1817, for a period of ten years (1827), the number of schools increased to 340, while the number of scholars is recorded at the latter date to have been from 12,000 to 14,000.

1818.

JOHNSTOWN DISTRICT. In South Crosby there is one schoolhouse, doubtless the one at Elgin, recorded under "1810." (Reported for Robert Gourlay.)

In Kitley Township also there is one schoolhouse reported for the Gourlay Meetings.

1819.

MATILDA TOWNSHIP. Mr. Alex. McFarling, School Section No. 1. This was held at "Flagg's." (Carter's "Dundas.") James Croil, in his "Dundas," which he published in 1861, says on page 141, "The duty of instructing their children seems from the very earliest time of the settlement to have been recognized, and although of necessity a few years elapsed without a schoolhouse, yet from the very first they had their schoolmaster. A good old German, whose name we cannot recall, gratuitously spent his time in going from house to house teaching, two weeks at a time in different neighbourhoods." On page 144, Croil continues, "Before the close of 1792, the settlers in Dundas had erected two churches, and established several schools."

SCARBORO TOWNSHIP. The late David Boyle, in his "History of Scarboro," page 194, states that "Among all the dominions who have exercised sway in this township, Thomas Appleton deserves special notice. He was a Yorkshireman and a Methodist, who came to Upper Canada in 1819, and began to teach school the same year in Scarboro, remaining here for twelve months."

1820.

TORONTO (York). Joseph Spragge, father of Chief Justice Spragge, opened the Central School at York in this year and became its master. A very keen interest was shown by Lieut.-Governor and Lady Sarah Maitland in this school which was founded as a Church of England, or National, school. (Ryerson Memorial Volume, p. 40.)