

At the present time the School Building is taxed to its full capacity, and, with the growing population of Waterloo, further enlargement will soon be necessary.

The present Board of School Trustees is composed of Mr. M. Braendle, Chairman; Mr. William M. Reade, Secretary-Treasurer; Doctor Noecker, Messieurs C. W. Schiedel, W. Carthew, W. Conrad, J. A. Harper, and A. E. Devitt, all men of good executive ability and fully alive to the requirements of their position.

In 1904 the need of a suitable School House became so urgent that plans were obtained and tenders asked for. The cost, however, was too high for the available funds, and operations were postponed for a year. New tenders were asked for early in 1905, the contract let, and the Building erected, which, with furnishing, heating, and other appliances, cost about \$8,500. All the interior arrangements were planned and carried out in a manner to secure the maximum of comfort and convenience. At the inauguration of the School 50, or 60, children were in attendance, which has since increased to about 150, distributed in three Rooms. For future increase another Room is still available.

WATERLOO, February 3rd, 1910. A. E. DEVITT, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

Mr. Robert Blackwood, a Teacher from Scotland, in a Letter to the Editor of this Volume, states that:

After a sojourn of some eleven years amongst the kindly people of Preston, my work took me amongst a kindred people in the Town of Waterloo for the next eight years. Here I found that education had not been neglected. Although the people had not quite the zeal of those in Preston, they had a handsome two-storey white Brick School House, with spacious Grounds, built, as they had anticipated, in advance of their needs; but they have had occasion to add greatly to it since, until now they have a School second to none in the Province. Their equipment for carrying on School work is ample, and the best the School Board can furnish so far as it goes. The present Staff comprises eight Teachers, the Principal and first Assistant being gentlemen, and the others ladies.

THE VILLAGE OF WARDSVILLE PIONEER SCHOOL

This Village enjoys the distinction of having possessed one of the pioneer Schools of the Province. Its history dates back for nearly one hundred years. In the early part of the Century, when the Country lying west of London was a vast unbroken Forest, save a small Settlement on the River Thames, which afterwards became known as Wardsville, in honour of its Founder, Mr. Alexander Ward, (surnamed by the Indians, Tomacco). For many years Classes were held in Private Houses; then a small Log Building was erected about two miles east of Wardsville, in what is known as the Big Bend Road.

The Village of Wardsville is situated in the Township of Mosa, in the County of Middlesex.

Through it passes the old Historic Stage Road from London to Chatham, known as the "Longwood Road," while near it flows the River Thames.

According to the best authority, the Village was founded about the year 1805. The Anniversary of its founding was suitably celebrated by a Centennial Celebration, held in the Village in 1905.