

North Kildonan's One Room School Houses Part One

While people think of one room school houses as being common in rural areas, North Kildonan had three of them, with the last of them closing in 1950. In 1950 a new school, New Rosewell School replaced McIvor School along with the former Rosewell School located at the northwest corner of McLeod and Molson, New Rosewell School was built on the east side of Molson, just north of McLeod and is now the equipment office for the River East Transcona School Division.

McIvor School was a one room school with a basement that was located at the northwest corner of De Vries at McIvor; it opened in late 1921, was built at a cost of \$5,000.00 and closed in 1950. The school building was moved off the site in 1950 and sold to a local farmer. Students going to McIvor School travelled from distances up to 4 km to attend the school. Students or their parents were responsible for purchasing all their own school supplies including textbooks as these were not provided by the school district.

The majority of students finished their education at McIvor School as during this period the minimum age for leaving school was 14 and for many of these years students had to pay out of pocket to attend school beyond Grade 8. Students seeking a high school education had to travel to Lord Kitchener School, now John Pritchard School or to East Kildonan Collegiate located on the second floor of Lord Wolseley School or Lord Selkirk School in Elmwood. Students going to McIvor School or later to high school had to find their own way to school as no transportation to school was offered. The record of all students attending McIvor School can be found on microfilm at the Provincial Archives.

McIvor School was the centre of the local community in the absence of any other public meeting places in the vicinity for local meetings and group meetings. In 1926 the school came close to be destroyed in a fire except for the quick arrival of the East Kildonan Fire Department as North Kildonan had no fire department of its own.

Listed below are the years McIvor School operated, the grades taught at the school that year and the teacher's salary for that year

1922-1923

Sylvia Evelyn – Grades 1 through 8 – 28 Students - \$1,100.00

1923-1924

Hugh Robert McCaw – Grades 1 through 7 – 37 Students - \$1,200.00

1924-1925

Hugh Robert McCaw – Grades 1 through 6 and 8 – 45 Students - \$1,050.00

1925-1926

Hubert H. Hooper – Grades 1 through 8 – 47 Students - \$1,050.00

1926-1927

Arthur Foster Brown – Grades 1 through 8 – 45 Students - \$1,000.00

1927-1928

Arthur Foster Brown – Grades 1 through 8 – 41 Students - \$1,050.00

1928-1929

Donald Murray McLaughlin – Grades 1 through 7 – 39 Students - \$1,000.00

1929-1930

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 8 – 42 Students - \$1,000.00

1930-1931

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 8 – 43 Students - \$1,050.00

1931-1932

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 7 – 36 Students - \$1,050.00

1932-1933

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 8 – 32 Students - \$945.00

1933-1934

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 8 – 31 Students - \$855.00

1934-1935

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 8 – 39 Students - \$855.00

1935-1936

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 8 – 33 Students - \$855.00

1936-1937

Neil Murray McIvor – Grades 1 through 7 – 26 Students - \$855.00

1937-1938

Verna Florence Oleschuk – Grades 1 through 8 – 24 Students - \$600.00

1938-1939

Jeannie Evelyn Copp – Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 – 22 Students - \$600.00

1939-1940

Jeannie Evelyn Copp – Grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 – 13 Students - \$625.00

1940-1941

Jeannie Evelyn Copp – Grades 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 – 14 Students - \$675.00

1941-1942

Elizabeth Mary Lauander – Grades 1, 2, 4 and 7 – 10 Students - \$650.00

1942-1943

Ilong Dorothy Meder – Grades 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 – 11 Students - \$675.00

1943-1944

Yvonne Dolzking – Grades 1, 3, 4 and 6 – 13 Students - \$850.00

1944-1945

Clara Agnes Wass – Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 – 12 Students - \$900.00

1945-1946

Roseanna Stevena – Grades 1 through 7 – 17 Students - \$1,000.00

1946-1947

Irene May Wilson – Grades 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 – 17 Students - \$1,100.00

1947-1948

Stella H. Dancho – Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 – 22 Students - \$1,300.00

1948-1949

Katherine Hamm – Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 – 22 Students - \$1,500.00

1949-1950

Iza Waiser – Grades 1 through 6 – 22 Students - \$1,550.00

North Kildonan's One Room School Houses Part Two

Rosewell School was located on the west side of Molson just north of McLeod, it was a one room school beginning in 1915 and existing until the 1949-1950 school year. As with McIvor School and North Transcona School, students seeking a high school education had to travel a much further distance to continue their education but until the 1940's most students only attended school to grade 8 with no transportation offered to attend any school in North Kildonan or any high school outside North Kildonan.

It was similar in construction to McIvor School and North Transcona School. It was replaced by New Rosewell School in 1950 which amalgamated the students of Rosewell School and McIvor School into one new school building which was built on the east side of Molson slightly further north. The Rosewell School building was moved a little further east closer to the present Lagimodiere Boulevard where it served for a few years as the Rosewell Community Club building.

The list of teachers, their yearly salaries, the grades taught each year and the number of students in each year is listed below.

1915-1916

Mary p. Ramsay – Grades 1 through 6 – 30 Students - \$600.00

1916-1917

Mary P. Ramsay – Grades 1 through 5 – 30 Students - \$700.00

1917-1918

Mary P. Ramsay – Grades 1 through 6 – 31 Students - \$750.00

1918-1919

Mary P. Ramsay – Grades 1 through 7 – 25 Students - \$950.00

1919-1920

Kathleen Rose Finch – Grades 1 through 7 – 25 Students - \$800.00

1920-1921

Mrs. P. C. Prodan – Grades 1 through 7 – 44 Students - \$1,100.00

1921-1922

Mrs. P. C. Prodan – Grades 1 through 6 – 34 Students - \$1,300.00

1922-1923

Mary G. Andrews – Grades 1 through 6 – 26 Students - \$1,000.00

1923-1924

Bergthara Emil Johnson – Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 – 27 Students - \$1,100.00

1924-1925

Alexander Cowan – Grades 1 through 8 – 48 Students - \$1,050.00

1925-1926

Alexander Cowan – Grades 1 through 8 – 42 Students - \$1,050.00

1926-1927

Alexander Cowan – Grades 1 through 8 – 40 Students - \$1,050.00

1927-1928

Alexander Cowan – Grades 1 through 7 – 41 Students - \$1,050.00

1928-1929

Alexander Cowan – Grades 1 through 8 – 40 Students - \$1,100.00

1929-1930

Alexander Cowan – Grades 1 through 8 – 38 Students - \$1,100.00

1930-1931

Mrs. Peter De Graff Grades 1 through 6 – 26 Students - \$900.00

1931-1932

Mrs. Peter De Graff – Grades 1 through 8 – 35 Students - \$900.00

1932-1933

Ella S. Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 35 Students - \$900.00

1933-1934

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 34 Students - \$855.00

1934-1935

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 36 Students - \$855.00

1935-1936

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 7 – 37 Students - \$855.00

1936-1937

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 37 Students - \$855.00

1937-1938

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 36 Students - \$870.00

1938-1939

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 37 Students - \$900.00

1939-1940

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 40 Students - \$925.00

1940-1941

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 39 Students - \$925.00

1941-1942

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 33 Students - \$925.00

1942-1943

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 30 Students - \$985.00

1943-1944

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 30 Students - \$1,000.00

1944-1945

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 33 Students - \$1,100.00

1945-1946

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 37 Students - \$1,150.00

1946-1947

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 35 Students - \$1,200.00

1947-1948

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 37 Students - \$1,450.00

1948-1949

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 – 33 Students - \$1,600.00

1949-1950

Mary Regehr – Grades 1 through 8 – 29 Students - \$1,500.00

North Kildonan's One Room School Houses Part Three

North Transcona School was a one room school that was located on the north side of Springfield Road approximately 1 km east of Lagimodiere Boulevard on land that is now part of Kilcona Park. It opened in 1914 and closed in 1949. Despite the Transcona part of the name it was never part of Transcona as it was located several kilometers north of Transcona.

The area of what is now Kilcona Park was a sanitary landfill site for North Kildonan, East Kildonan and Elmwood in the 1970's and into the early 1980's but before that it was part of a residential town site for the North Transcona Yards.

In around 1909, the Canadian Pacific Railway decided that it needed to build a new rail yard to reduce the congested rail yards in central Winnipeg so the decision was made to purchase land on the outskirts of Greater Winnipeg in the Municipality of Springfield and what was then the northern part of East Kildonan (North Kildonan) which they named the C.P.R. Transcona Yards. The rail yards opened in 1914 just before the start of World War One. Some optimists predicted the residential area housing the workers would reach a population of 50,000 but the area never housed more than 200. There was even a small hotel in the area built by the C.P.R. but it closed in 1918.

The town site area which was designed to house the workers included the area where North Transcona School was located. Maps of the era indicated a large number of streets but in reality the majority of these streets never actually existed as the area never developed as originally planned. World War One, the economic downturn at the end of the war, the completion of the Panama Canal in 1914 and the start of the Great Depression in the 1930's meant that rail traffic through the Winnipeg area never experienced the growth that was expected prior to 1914. The roads that did exist in the area were never more than mud roads but some did exist until the 1970's when the area became part of the sanitary landfill site.

When North Transcona School opened in 1914 it was expected to be a temporary school until the area fully developed, requiring a much larger school but it remained as the local school until 1949 when it finally closed for good, though it had closed for the 1946-1947 school year. The North Transcona C.P.R. Yards never employed more than 300 workers instead of the expected 5,000 workers in the initial plans and closed as a general works yard in 1932. The tracks constructed in the yards still exist with most of them located just outside the Winnipeg city limits in the Municipality of Springfield.

Below are listed the teachers, the grades taught and the salary of the teachers from the 1915-1916 term to the 1948-1949 school year

1915-1916

Dorothy Haslam Green – Grades 1 through 7 – 38 Students - \$600.00

1916-1917

Blanche Jackson – Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 – 30 Students - \$700.00

1917-1918

Blanche Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 36 Students - \$750.00

1918-1919

Blanche Jackson – Grades 1 through 7 – 42 Students - \$900.00

1919-1920

Blanche Jackson – Grades 1 through 6 – 29 Students - \$1,050.00

1920-1921

F. G. Matheson – Grades 1 through 8 – 55 Students - \$1,300.00

1921-1922

James Barbour – Grades 1 through 7 – 56 Students - \$1,300.00

1922-1923

James Barbour – Grades 1 through 7 – 39 Students - \$1,235.00

1923-1924

James Barbour – Grades 1 through 7 – 43 Students - \$1,235.00

1924-1925

Bergthara Emil Johnson Grades 1 through 7 – 46 Students - \$1,050.00

1925-1926

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 31 Students - \$900.00

1926-1927

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 – 41 Students - \$900.00

1927-1928

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 35 Students - \$950.00

1928-1929

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 – 34 Students - \$1,000.00

1929-1930

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 – 36 Students - \$1,000.00

1930-1931

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 37 Students - \$1,000.00

1931-1932

Ella Susannah Jackson – Grades 1 through 8 – 30 Students - \$1,000.00

1932-1933

Harry E. Lawson – Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 – 31 Students - \$500.00

1933-1934

Agnes Scott – Grades 1 through 8 – 28 Students - \$500.00

1934-1935

Agnes Scott – Grades 1 through 7 – 33 Students - \$600.00

1935-1936

Agnes Scott – Grades 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 – 24 Students - \$650.00

1936-1937

Agnes Scott – Grades 1 through 8 – 26 Students - \$725.00

1937-1938

Jean Lemmon – Grades 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 – 24 Students - \$600.00

1938-1939

Genevieve Ann Craig – Grades 2 through 8 – 17 Students - \$600.00

1939-1940

Genevieve Ann Craig – Grades 1 through 8 – 14 Students – \$625.00

1940-1941

Genevieve Ann Craig – Grades 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 – 16 Students - \$675.00

1941-1942

Annie Dorothy Green – Grades 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 – 12 Students – \$650.00

1942-1943

Annie Dorothy Green – Grades 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 – 15 Students – \$760.00

1943-1944

Kathleen Mary Ritchey – Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 – 13 Students - \$850.00

1944-1945

Yvonne Datzkiw – Grades 1, 2, 4 and 5 – 12 Students - \$1,000.00

1945-1946

Oral Sophia Antonichuk – Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 – 11 Students - \$1,000.00

1946-1947

School closed

1947-1948

Anna C. Wilson – Grades 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 – 17 Students - \$1,300.00

1948-1949

Helen Koop – Grades 1 through 8 – 21 Students - \$1,500.00