

Department of Education Annual Reports Concerning East Kildonan School In The 1870's

The Manitoba Department of Education Annual reports provides a valuable source of information concerning the school system in East Kildonan. The first reports date from 1871 but some of the early reports have been lost. From 1870 to the 1890's there were two separate streams of education in Manitoba that being the Catholic Schools System and the Protestant School System.

Any school not part of the Catholic Schools System was automatically part of the Protestant School System whether the particular school was run by a Protestant denomination or not.

In 1871 the only school in the area in what later became the East Kildonan, North Kildonan and Elmwood was built. This school built in 1871 on the west side of Henderson Highway just north of McLeod Avenue was called Kildonan East School. This one room log cabin measured 36 feet by 24 feet and was situated on $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of land. The school building, furniture and land was valued at \$700.00 in 1871. Though Kildonan East School was part of the Protestant School System it was not run as a Protestant School but as a public school open to everyone in the community regardless of religious background.

An early school inspector described the school as inferior in furnishing. He also reported snow coming through the cracks in the wall and roof. In warmer months rain came through the same roof and walls.

1871 Report

Teacher first half of the year Mr. Whimster, teacher second half of the year Mr. A Sutherland

Total number of students – 59

Grade 1 – 12 students

Grade 2 – 15 students

Grade 3 – 8 students

Grade 4 – 14 students

Grade 5 – 10 students

Total school taxes raised by district property taxes - \$425.00

1874 Report

Teacher – Mr. J. Wallace, salary - \$500.00 per year

Total number of students – 75,

44 boys, 31 girls

Grade 1 – 11 students

Grade 2 – 7 students

Grade 3 – 15 students

Grade 4 – 22 students

Grade 5 – 20 students

Average school attendance per day – 45

Subjects taught – Arithmetic, Grammar, Reading, Geography, History

Isbister Winners

R. R. Sutherland (second class) 2 British pounds in award

J. B. Gunn (third class)

1875 Report

Teacher – Mr. George Munroe

Total number of students – 90

51 boys, 39 girls

Grade 1 – 18 students

Grade 2 – 13 students

Grade 3 – 17 students

Grade 4 – 20 students

Grade 5 – 22 students

Isbister Winners

R. R. Sutherland (first class) 3 British pounds in award

D. Henderson (second class)

A. M. McKay (second class)

H. W. Matheson (second class)

N. Henderson (third class)

S. R. Henderson (third class)

1876 Report

Teacher – Mr. George Munroe, age 26, salary - \$36.00 per month

Total number of students – 93

52 boys, 41 girls

14 children of school age in district not attending school

Average school attendance per day – 48

1877 Report

Teacher – Mr. George Munroe, salary - \$42.00 per month

Total number of students 82

44 boys, 38 girls

5 children of school age in district not attending school

Average school attendance per day – 47

Subjects taught, Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, History,

Bookkeeping, Algebra

Isbister Winners

J. McPhail Sutherland (first class)

R. R. Sutherland (first class)

A. McKay (first class)

G. B. Fraser (first class)

Miss B. Munroe (second class)

Miss M. Sutherland second class)

S. R. Henderson (second class)