

S. S. No. 3 BURLEIGH
"Bolton's School" in South Burleigh
1894 - 1964

The history of education in this (lower) settlement goes back to 1866. In that year a school was built east of Julian Lake (Little Cedar) which was to accommodate the Upper and Lower Settlements of Burleigh Township. The school was to be known as S.S. No. 1 Burleigh or Haultain Mt. Julian School. This one school served both settlements for twenty-nine years.

In 1894, it was decided that two schools should be built. A half acre of ground was purchased for this school which was called S.S. No. 3, Burleigh, from Mr. Hosken on the east half of Lot 7, Concession 2, Burleigh. The work of brushing and cleaning up the land was done free of charge by Mr. J. Harvey, and Mr. W. G. Stone, an old Burleigh resident. The frame building was built by Mr. William McKelvie.

These two schools were managed by one board of trustees until 1929. At this time, due to the work of the Inspector, Mr. Lees, and Mr. N. Bolton who interviewed the township clerk and obtained the necessary data, the two sections were divided each having a school board of its own.

One very exciting event in the schools history, is the fire which totally destroyed the woodshed at the north of the school. Neighbours and cars going along the road were called to help fight the fire. There was no pump, and the only means of getting water was by dipping it from the well. After a stiff battle the school was saved but the paint was badly blistered. At one time the roof caught on fire, but this was quickly extinguished. During this time the