

THE ARNPRIOR HIGH SCHOOL 1865-1922 - Continued

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From September 1891 to June 1899, Mr. W.R.Rutherford, M.A., (Toronto), who is a Specialist in English and Moderns, was First Assistant in this school - his three Principals being Mr. Barclay Craig, Mr. J.W. Grey and Mr. W.D. Johnston. During these seven years, Mr. Rutherford did most efficient work, and won the admiration and respect of all with whom he came in contact. For several years he was on the editorial staff of the "Toronto Globe", which is regarded abroad as Canada's foremost newspaper, and in March 1922 was appointed Secretary to Mr. P.C. Larkin, Canada's Trade Commissioner, with headquarters in London, England. Mr. Rutherford's ripe scholarship, teaching experience, editorial training, and experiences with all sorts and conditions of men eminently qualify him for the position.

From September 1891 to June 1893, Mr. Craig's Second Assistant Master was Mr. William Clarke, who held a "Permanent First A" certificate and taught Mathematics and General Junior work. One of his students describes him as "A big burly chap who did not worry much over school, and was a regular hale-fellow-well-met with the boys". No record has been found of him after leaving here.

From September 1893 to April 1898 Mr. Craig's Second Assistant was Miss Alice Maude Wickett, B.A., (Toronto), who taught Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Botany in a most acceptable manner. One of her colleagues says "She was highly respected by all her scholars, and was a great lover of English prose and poetry, which she could quote at great length".

In December 1894 Mr. Barclay Craig, who had been a member of the teaching staff for eleven years, and Principal for three and a half years, resigned to study Law. From 1898 to 1900 he practised in Arnprior, and then moved to Renfrew, where he remained until the time of his death in 1905.

There were twenty-two in the Entrance Class for 1891. Dalton C. Coleman, who was in this Class entered the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and rose so rapidly he finally became President; whilst Miss Jessie Muir, won her way to the position of Head of the Modern Language Department in the Ottawa Collegiate Institute.

There were twenty-nine admissions in the Entrance Class for 1892; thirty-seven in 1893; thirty-two in 1894; twenty-three in 1895; and fifty-two in 1896; thirty-six in 1897; thirty-four in 1898; twenty-seven in 1899; twenty-three in 1900; Forty-three in 1901; fifty-one in 1902; forty-one in 1903; thirty in 1904; fifty in 1905; fifty-two in 1906; fifty-two in 1907; fifty in 1908; forty-three in 1909; sixty-six in 1910; forty in 1911; forty-nine in 1912; fifty-three in 1913; sixty-nine in 1914; sixty-five in 1915; sixty-two in 1916; sixty-four-1917; seventy in 1918; seventy-six in 1919; seventy-four in 1920; eighty in 1921. It is interesting to note that the number admitted in 1921 was exactly double the number admitted in 1911.