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When the last bell rang in the Cantire School in 1954, it ended a long period of history. A century ago, until 1875, School Law in Ontario had provided for the appointment of trustees. When that system gave way to the present system of the Cantire School Board, the school was a small one-room school.

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The memories which I recall most vividly are those of my early years in the school. I remember the days when the school was a small one-room school. The building was made of wood and was situated on the corner of the intersection of the Cantire and Chesley roads. The school was named after the Cantire family, who were the first settlers in the area. The school was closed in 1954 and the building was demolished.

The families represented in Cantire when the school opened in 1875, had many of the characteristics of the early settlers. They were hardworking, self-reliant, and had a strong sense of community. The school was a place where the children of these families learned the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. The school was a place where the children of these families learned the values of hard work, self-reliance, and community.

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