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A frame schoolhouse was built at the corner of concession 2 and the "Gravel Road" during 1874. The first teacher was Mess Morrison who received a salary of \$280.00.

During the winter months all the men of the community along with young boys and girls attended. Some days over 100 received lessons in reading and writing, and arithmetic. The students sat on benches until 1890 when 40 new desks were purchased for \$194.00. A new floor was put in the school house also. The wood shed was built in 1894 for \$47.00.

In 1908 Jack Watson contracted to replace the one brick wall and also replaster the outside of the brick.

The school house was first heated by box stoves and later a huge round furnace was placed in the north-west corner, near what we called the back of the school; as many as 16 cords of hardwood were burned in it each year; and our ink bottles many times were frozen solid in our desks. Our school lunches wrapped in newspaper would often freeze left in the anti-room and Dorothy MacDougall took a wire toaster to school and we all took turns toasting our sandwiches.

The well was drilled in 1931 and an artesian well has flowed ever since as everyone called it the overflowing well. Inside toilets were installed at the same time necessitating the removal of the 2 outhouses which were built on the edge of the creek which flowed near the south fence. Many caretakers were hired over the years receiving salaries from \$12.00 to \$70.00 per annum. The assessment ranged from \$145,597.00 in 1878 to \$243,000.00 in 1959, when several farms were changed to assessment in Lucknow Public School.

A piano was purchased in 1942 and the music teachers were Mrs Cyril Brown, Lillian Osborne, Marion MacDonald, and Donald Scott.

The school was wired for electricity in 1947 with modern ceiling and black-board lights installed.

The secretary Treasurers were since 1854: John Walker, Hugh MacKay, Rod Gollan, Alex Gollan, Alex MacLeod, and Evan Keith.

Some of the teachers were: John Hodgins, Wm. Huston, A. Smith, W. Middleton, W. Irwin, Dave Rennie, W. Hackett, King Bruce, J. Bouvring, Jack MacLean, Andrew MacKenzie, Ann Wynegan, T. K. MacNob, Mary Strathder, Annie MacKenzie, Maude Barber, Kate Ford, Annie Dandy, Russell Reid, A. J. Edwards, W. T. Johnston, M. Geddes, Hugh MacMillan, Lillian Armstrong, Harry Alton, Margaret MacDiarmid, Valleta Tiffin, Nancy Gollan, Jennie MacDonald, Annie Johnstone, Clara Hamilton, Betty Hamilton, Mrs Grace Johnstone, Hedley Burden, John D. Ross, Dorothy Nixon,