

and we think her a wonderful woman, so unselfish and cheerful and contented with what life brings her.

In clearing the land some would cut the trees all around so that they could fall as they leaned. Miss McColl heard her father tell about falling a tree accidentally on a Highland neighbours lot. He told him he would make him take it off his ground to the very last chip. Their home life was very simple, and some of them spent the summer sailing on the lakes. The first log school houses and their internal furniture and arrangements, were very similar to what has already been described in these sketches.

The first school house (a little log one) was built in 1840. The teacher was Mr. McCormick who boarded round at the different homes, and the salary was \$16 per month. He had the old country modes of punishment, but he was greatly respected as well as feared by the pupils. Before the school house was built the pupils met in the home of Henry Palmer, and he was their teacher.

The first record of the Westminster council is dated March 4th, 1817, when the first meeting was held at Archibald McMillan's tavern for the united townships of Westminster, Delaware and Dorchester. No doubt this was done, as in other townships, under the authority of a warrent from the magistrates of the Board of Quarter Sessions, and meetings appear to have been held from that time onward annually, at which the township officers were appointed. There were no Highlanders at that time, and it does not appear that they took a very active part even in later days. Miss McColl says, 'the voter of those days had to have a deed, and very often he had to take it with him to prove his right to vote. Politics are always in the Council, more or less. There was a Highlander in the Council who was a Tory, while most of the Highlanders here are Grits. Do what they would, they could not get him out, but they managed it at last by running a Lowland Scogchman, who had a Highland wife. The Highlanders were so true that they would not run against one another!

Donald Campbell, one of the pupils of the pioneer period, contributes the following reminiscences: " In 1843 Mr. McCormick, who had been a teacher in the old land, was engaged as fist teacher in S.S.No. 13, Westminster in the Highland settlement. He was paid by a rate bill, so much per pupil per month. He boarded in the homes of he pupils and the more pupils in a home the longer he stayed. He manufactured the seats and desks of the old log school house. He took some large boys to the woods with him, and they cut basswood slabs ten feet long, carried them to the school house, where they bored holes in the end, put in wooden pins and used them for seats. Pine boards two feet wide, supported on stakes were used for desks.