

HISTORY OF S.S. NO. 14, WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP.

The land for the first school building was given by Mr. Duncan Macpherson in 1847, and a small frame school house erected, which served the section until 1869. At this date, more land was bought from Dougald and Barbara Macpherson. The deed to this land was given December 8, 1869, and is duly entered and registered in Registry Office as No. 5994 for the county of Middlesex, Westminster township. A larger one-room school was built on this site, and larger playgrounds provided for the children. The name of the first teacher I cannot recall, although I have been told it was Mr. MadKenzie was the second teacher. When he left to study for the ministry, a brother of his became the third teacher. Both are buried in Christ Church cemetery, Glanworth. The first teacher I remember was a Miss Davis, Miss Howard, and Miss A.E. Hodgins, and Mr. William Gauld, who afterwards studied for the ministry and became a missionary to Formosa for the Presbyterian church. Other pupils who became ministers were- Rev. John W. Bannantyne, Rev. Walter Millson, Rev. Paul Milne, priest of the Catholic church, Rev. William Smith, priest of the Roman Catholic church; Margaret Milne, nun, at the convent in London.

Two of our boys from S.S. 14, are now members of Parliament. Charles Cox was Liberal member for Port Arthur for the Provincial Parliament, Toronto, and a member of the cabinet without portfolio for the Hepburn administration. Conservative Harry O. White is member of Parliament for Middlesex East in the House of Commons, Ottawa. We have four Medical Doctors- Dr. Offley Shore, specialist in X-ray; Dr. John Lewis; Dr. Hugh Lewis, and Dr. John Fisher, pathologist at Victoria Hospital, London. Robert O. Glen became an architect of note in New York. Twenty-eight girls trained for school-teachers and twenty for nurses. Many who remained on the farms have taken courses at the School at Guelph; several have graduated and become well-known in business; Some are well-known nationally and internationally as thoro-bred cattle, sheep, apple and honey exporters. The girls who remained on the farms are the capable women of today who are presidents of the Women's Institutes, workers in the Sunday schools; not only capable, but deeply concerned about helping to make the world we live in a truly Christian country.

Our grandparents denied themselves and worked hard to establish the school in our midst, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. Many have brought honors to No. 14; none have, as far as I know, disgraced it.

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of our young people of yesterday  
and today,

*Memor by Mrs. White.*