

BUILT for some time. S.S.4, for instance, is first mentioned in Council minutes in 1850, but John Johnston, Local Superintendent, says in his letter to Dr. Ryerson, previously mentioned, "S.S.4 was set off by the Council some three or four years ago, they never had any school. They say they will build a schoolhouse next spring."

The early Annual Reports describe many of the schoolhouses as being of log construction, without ventilation, playground, or even the usual convenience "out back".

After 1854 four more school sections were established, making a total of 24 which have existed at various times in Hungerford. The last four school sections were S.S.21, Potter's, formed in 1866; S.S.22, Otter Creek, about 1875; S.S.23, Protestant Separate School, 1899; and S.S.24 Hungerford & S.S.12 Sheffield. The last was a Union School and was sometimes called "the Boundary School", and was formed in 1900.

Hastings was first laid out as a County in 1792. In 1798 it became part of the newly established Midland District. From 1839 the County was known as the Victoria District, until the Baldwin Municipal Act came into effect in 1850. By this act the system of Districts and District Councils was replaced by Counties and County Councils. The first Warden of Victoria District was William Hutton, who, when the School Law of 1846 was passed, became District Superintendent of Schools. By the School Law of 1850 District Superintendents were superseded by County and Local Superintendents, who were, in turn, replaced by County School Inspectors in 1871. The inspectors of public schools from 1871 were appointed by County Council; in July, 1930, they became employees of the Department of Education.

The first Local Superintendent of Education for Hungerford was George Benjamin, for the Council minutes record that "George Benjamin, Esq., having offered to discharge the duties of Township Superintendent without fee or emolument, provided he shall only be required to visit the schools once, be it resolved that George Benjamin, Esq., be Superintendent of Education for Hungerford for the present year." (1850). George Benjamin was Reeve of Hungerford at that time.

John Johnston was local Superintendent in 1852; his salary from Hungerford for that year was £10:0:0. In his Annual Report for 1858 John Johnston wrote "The Local Superintendent (himself) has received nothing, nor has anything been promised to him--he hopes to get \$80."

George Mowat was County Superintendent for North Hastings in 1860, then T.S. Agar until 1871. From 1872-1908 John Johnston was Superintendent. It is not