

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN HUNGERFORD - 8

School Sections. S.S.24 Hungerford & S.S.12 Sheffield was a Union School from its inception.

S.S.23, which is not given in the 1905 list, was a Protestant Separate School Section formed at Hungerford Station in 1899. It had closed about 1903. (See separate history). This may not have been the only Protestant Separate School, for the Council minutes for February 25, 1850, say "ordered that permission be granted to erect a Protestant denominational school on Lot 3, Concession 11." If this school was ever built no record has been found.

While most of the elementary schools in Hungerford included grades 1 to 8, a few of them taught 5th Class, or Grade 9, as was permitted by the Department of Education. These included S.S.1-6-8-13-16-19 and 22. No 5th Classes were taught after the 1940's. After 1896 it was also permissible to teach Continuation Classes, or grades 9 and 10. From 1910 to 1918, when the Tweed High School was built, Continuation Classes were taught at Tweed Public School (S.S.8).

No record has been found of individual teachers' salaries in Hungerford before 1850. In that year E. Alfred Nash was teaching at S.S.5 for £42; the next year he received £27:16:4 with board. In 1860 Elisha R. Phillips taught at S.S.5 for \$192, with 75 pupils; in 1870 Matilda Ostrom received \$300, with 60 pupils. Robert Tufts, Jr. recorded in his diary for 1875 that Miss M.L. Francis had been hired to teach at S.S.14 at \$23 per month. In 1913 the teacher in this section received \$439.50, and in 1932 \$804.64. Phoebe Lusk and Ed Doran were teaching at the 2-room S.S.13 at \$250 per year each in 1889, and Jennie Coulson was paid \$220 to teach at S.S.7 in 1892. M.L. Mackenzie taught at 4th Line, S.S.9, in 1909 for \$400.

Salaries for Hungerford teachers recorded in the 1940 edition of the Department of Education's "Schools and Teachers in the Province of Ontario" give a range of \$650 being paid to Hugh Dale at S.S.11 to a high of \$1725 being paid to the principal of the 6-room Tweed School, a man of great ability and many years' experience. The 1954 edition of the same book gives a range of \$1800 to \$3350. In 1964, the last year in which salaries were recorded, salaries ranged from \$3400 to \$5400. Further increases have taken place since that time.

The first move toward larger school sections was taken in Hungerford when, in 1921, S.S.5 Chapman was consolidated with the Tweed School, and the latter became known as "Tweed Consolidated School." The pupils from Chapman were transported to Tweed by sleigh in winter and by bus in summer, these being the first school buses used in Hungerford.