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S. S. 11, Tyendinaga, (Melrose) School Area # 1.

The original Melrose school was a frame structure standing on the south side of the road directly across from the present school. It faced the road, was very close to it, and had a small triangular-shaped playground.

In 1865 the old building was sold to Mr. H. Demill, and moved to his farm. The front door of the school, studded with nails in regular rows, is still in use. During the building of the present school, the pupils were sent to the second line school (Emmons).

The present school was opened in 1866, and boasted of a great variety of teachers. Old records show a new teacher each year, and few remained for the second term. No improvements were made, except adding standard equipment, until 1934, when sanitary inside toilets were installed. In 1936 the interior was re-decorated, and a new steel roof replaced the old shingled one. Two new slate blackboards were put in and other minor repairs made.

In the fall of 1936, the board decided to qualify for the legislative grant by purchasing equipment for fifth class. In the spring of 1937 a new gravel walk was built leading from the road to the school door. Flower beds were built on each side of this and in front of the school.

S. S. #11 entered one of the first Township School Areas in South Hastings, in 1947. Wm. McMechan our Sec. Treas. was appointed to the same position for the school area. Mr. McMechan deserves a great deal of credit for his long service on the school board as he has held the post of Sec. Treas. from 1934 to 1964, and we trust he will still be willing to give of his time to our school board for many years in the future.

In that same year 1947, Melrose school was wired for electricity, with nine 300 watt bulbs being installed in the ceiling, and five 150 watt bulbs on the blackboards.

In 1949, with the receipts of a Christmas concert augmented by the school board, a Manual Training bench was built and installed by Mr. Clarence Hagerman.

Teachers of Melrose School
1860 - 1964

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| Mr. Rodgers | Mr |
| Mr. Catherwood | Mr |
| Mr. Stirton Pashley | Mi |
| Miss Sarah Sexsmith | Mr |
| Mr. McLaughlin | Mi |
| Mr. Will Chisholm | Mi |
| Mr. David Houston | Mi |
| Mr. Harland Morrisson | Mi |
| Mr. David Forrester | Mi |
| Miss Tiny Forrester | Mi |
| Mr. Samuel McCready | Mi |
| Mr. Edwin Chapman | Mi |
| Mr. Rob Lennox | Mi |
| Mr. George Wilson | Mi |
| Mr. Leslie Ross | Mi |
| Mr. Chas. Simpkins | Mi |
| Mr. Frank Frost | Mi |
| Mr. Oliver | Mi |
| Mr. J. Kinnear | Mi |