

"about 1910 or 1912"

### Going to School in a boat.

In the early years of the Nineteen hundreds Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bennet raised their family of six on the pioneer farm they named "Shennamere" (meaning Shining Waters) on the shore of Lake Bosseau. When time came for the children to attend the school in Brackenrig their father built a wide beamed, flat bottomed punt, which unfortunately was never given a name. The children walked the first three quarter mile, through bush & small fields to "The Narrows", pushed their boat into the water, propelled it by oars & paddles to the Fraser shore. Here they pulled up on the gently sloping rock, then walked the remaining three quarter mile to the one room Brackenrig School house, known as S.S. No. 4, Wath. The teachers name at about the time of photo was Miss Young, tho' there was a new one nearly every year. In winter the six Bennet children walked across the ice of the main body of the bay but between this & boating, Easter holidays often gave the Narrows enough time to open for navigation. The accompanying photo shows, from left to right; Dudley as lookout & navigator; Bessie novice, Doris 1<sup>st</sup> mate, Alfred skipper, Marion second mate, Sidney chief engineer.