

# INSPECTORS REPORT.

### Public School Inspector for East and West Grey Make Annual Reports to County Council.

## REPORT OF H. H. BURGESS, SCHOOL INSPECTOR FOR WEST GREY.

To the Warden and Members of Grey County Council. Gentlemen,—I submit herewith my Sixth Annual Report to your Council for the year ending the 31st of December, 1907.

Since the opening of the schools in August, I have inspected all of the schools and the work done therein in my Inspectorate. All of the schools this year have been in charge of regularly certificated teachers except two, and for these Temporary Certificates had to be issued. I would like to give the Council a synoptical report on each of the rural schools in my charge, but the report might be too lengthy. At another session I may try this.

During the year there have been many improvements made in rural school conditions. I am pleased to report the hearty spirit in which nearly all the Trustees of the various schools have cooperated with your Inspector in furthering the work of the schools and in meeting the requirements of the Departmental Regulations. In five sections the trustees of the various schools either neglected or refused to do anything towards equipping their schools as required, viz., No. 3 Holland, No. 8 Sullivan, No. 1 Sullivan and Derby, and No. 9 Derby, and No. 4 Sarawak (Brooke.) These schools received no grant for Accommodation and Equipment. With a few exceptions things are kept cleaner and neater about the school. The sweeping and dusting of the school room and furniture at the noon hour by the children is now happily confined to very few schools, and it is to be hoped that these few will soon be in line with the others.

In the month of August a Legislative grant of \$3965 was distributed on the basis of salary and certificate of the teacher. The amount to each township was as follows:

Township	On Salary	On Certificate	Total
Derby	\$554	\$60	\$614
Holland	552	70	622
Keppel	815	60	875
Sarawak	312	120	432
Sullivan	762	60	822
Sydenham	650	90	740

TOTAL, \$3,445. \$460. \$3,905. In the month of December the sum of \$1717.14 was distributed among the schools on the grading of the Accommodations and the value of the equipment, and a further sum of \$110.19 was given in aid of Public School Libraries. Two schools in my division undertook Continuation work, viz., Chatsworth Public School and S. S. No. 10 Sydenham. A special grant of \$45 was given to the former and \$75 to the latter.

Probably nothing better indicates the steady advancement in the standing of the schools than the results of the Entrance Examination held each year at the close of the school term. The usual examinations were held at the Collegiate Institute, and at Chatsworth. At Owen Sound 195 pupils wrote and 126 were successful, 80 girls and 66 boys. At Chatsworth 34 presented themselves and 25 passed, 12 girls and 13 boys. Miss Laura Gray, of Beech St. School, was awarded the Hon. A. G. MacKay's medal, open for competition among all the pupils of the Inspectorate. Pt. Middlebro's medal, competed for among the pupils of the rural schools, was won by Miss Maggie Weir of S. S. No. 2 Sydenham and Derby. Mr. Reid's medal was awarded to Miss Mary Kenny of Boyd St. School.

At the Collegiate Institute Examinations the usual number wrote at the several examinations, viz., Junior Matriculation, Junior Teachers, Senior Teachers, and Honor Matriculation. This year the school again maintained its proud position among the big schools of the Province.

This year forty-three students were in attendance as teachers-in-training, twenty-seven females and sixteen males. Twenty-nine Third Class Professional Certificates were issued. Three District Certificates were granted. The others will receive their Certificates when they have complied with the requirements of the Education Department. No official notice has been given that the County Model Schools are to be discontinued, but such is generally understood.

The annual convention of the Teachers met at Owen Sound on the 29th and 30th of October. Nearly all the teachers were present. A good programme was prepared by the Committee in charge, and a keen interest was displayed in every session. On the evening of the first day, C. C. James, M.A., Deputy Minister of Agriculture, gave a splendid historical address on "The Making of a Province." This was on the early settlement of Ontario presented in a new and intensely interesting light. I may be permitted to say here that it is to be regretted that the early pioneer history of this country is not put into a permanent form before the early settlers have all passed away. Some years ago a society was formed for this purpose, but has become defunct since the death of Archdeacon Mulholland, W. O. Brown, Esq., and Judge Creaser.

In conclusion I may say that, generally speaking, the schools are doing reasonably good work. The teachers are doing, with few exceptions, honest and conscientious work, and have the best welfare of our boys and girls at heart. I regret that more of the parents do not occasionally visit the school during school hours, and see something of what is going on. There are far, far too many instances where year after year the only person to look into the school is the Inspector. The encouragement and sympathy of the parents is a powerful force in assisting the teacher to do good work. The child must do its own learning, the teacher can but create interest and to a small extent make the environment, and if the Inspector finds the equipment suitable, the teacher reasonably competent, satisfactory organization, a good working time-table and good discipline, it is reasonable to expect and to find good results in the school. The statistics of the year will be given at the next meeting of the council. I am pleased to extend to all the members of the New Council my best wishes for a prosperous year.

All of which is respectfully submitted, H. H. BURGESS. Owen Sound, Jan. 29th, 1908.

## REPORT OF S. HUFF, INSPECTOR, EAST GREY.

To the Warden and Members of the Council of the County of Grey:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to present herewith my fifth Semi-annual Report on the Public Schools of the Inspectorate of East Grey and also the Annual Statistical Report for the year 1907.

During the past term I have inspected all of the Schools in the Inspectorate and it gives me pleasure to be able to say that a very marked improvement is noticeable in most of the schools. One evidence of this is the steady increase in teachers' salaries, notwithstanding the repeal of the "minimum salary" clause of the Act of 1906. A very large majority of trustees are willing to pay a good salary in order to obtain or retain the services of a satisfactory teacher. I was pleased to hear of one of our Rural Schools paying a salary of \$525 to a lady teacher holding a Second Class Certificate, and it will be seen by the Statistical Report that the salaries in every municipality are considerable in advance of those of last year. This desirable state of affairs is due, to some extent at least, to the recent changes in the School Law, raising the Township Grant from \$150 to \$300 and paying from Provincial funds 40 per cent of all salaries above \$300 for a principal teacher and above \$200 for an assistant and a Grant of \$20 for each teacher holding a First or Second Class Certificate. It will be seen that it costs a section only \$40 more to pay a Second Class teacher \$500 than to pay a Third Class teacher \$400.

At the beginning of last term there was a scarcity of teachers and I was, very reluctantly, compelled to ask the Minister of Education for permission to issue one temporary certificate till the end of the year. At Christmas, however, there was an over supply and several of graduates of the Model School were compelled to leave the county in order to obtain situations.

During the year two new school houses have been built: one in S. S. No. 10 St. Vincent and the other in the new school section No. 14 Osprey. Both of these buildings have roomy basements and combine most satisfactorily, good architectural appearance with approved systems for lighting, heating and ventilation. Both schools are fully equipped according to the latest Departmental Regulations and are a credit to the sections in which they are situated. I would mention particularly the building in S. S. No. 10 St. Vincent, the plan of which I was given somewhat of a free hand. This building is seated with new single desks, has a teacher's private room and will grade No. 1 in every respect.

In the addition to the above, several school houses have been overhauled during the year and made almost "as good as new."

Entrance examinations were held at Thornbury, Kimberley and at new examination centre, Faversham. At Thornbury 33 out of 60 candidates were successful, at Kimberley, 9 out of 18, and at Faversham, 15 out of 35. The large number of candidates writing at Faversham fully justifies the establishing of an examination centre at that place.

Thirty students attended the Meaford Model School last term, all of whom passed the final examination. Twenty-two received their Certificates at the close of the term, one was not of the required age and seven had not passed the non-professional examination.

A great improvement has been made during the past term in the matter of Continuation Classes. The Thornbury class has raised from a Grade B. to a Grade A. class, and the Kimberley class from Grade C. to Grade B. Both these classes are in charge of teachers holding First Class Certificates and are doing excellent work. In addition to the above, classes have been established at No. 7 Osprey, No. 1 Osprey and in No. 18 Euphrasia. The advantages of having these schools scattered throughout the country cannot be overestimated and I recommend them to your most favorable consideration.

In comparing the expenditure of 1907 with that of 1906 it will be seen that there is an increase of \$2210 in teachers' salaries and an increase of \$1532 in the total expenditure. This is more than balanced by the Legislative Grant on Teachers' salaries and certificates, paid for the first time in 1907, amounting to \$3216. It will be seen that it cost the Rural School Sections \$1683 less to support their schools in 1907 than in 1906. I mention this fact, as I have heard several complaints about the increase of school taxes in 1907.

It will be seen from the statistical report that there was a decrease in the school attendance in 1907 from that of 1906 of 111.

In taking a retrospective view of the work done during the past two and a half years, while there is much undone that we would like to have seen done, it cannot be denied that great improvements have been made and we have every reason to look hopefully to the future.

I have the honor to be, Your Obedient Servant, SAMUEL HUFF.

Meaford, Jan. 28th, 1908.

## STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1907.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	Sal from 1904	Receipts.	Payments.	Balance 1908.
Collingwood	\$1449 33	\$10276 35	\$101276 38	\$1555 90
Euphrasia	2690 84	12754 31	12475 99	2969 16
Osprey	1511 33	6793 44	6514 96	732 79
St. Vincent	2033 76	13227 86	12165 53	3196 07

### CLASSIFICATION OF PUPILS.

	P. I.	P. II.	Form I.	Form II.	Form III.	Form IV.	Form V.	TOTAL.
Collingwood	142	98	114	148	144	24		670
Euphrasia	174	88	153	197	146	32		790
Osprey	127	55	135	119	101	28		565
St. Vincent	165	49	162	183	118	6		683
Total for 1907	608	290	564	647	509	90		2708
Total for 1906	642	332	565	668	509	89		2819

Decrease in school attendance from 1906, 111.

### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

	Total Salaries.	Average Sal.	Highest Sal.	Lowest Sal.
Collingwood	\$2070	\$4900	\$414	\$376
Euphrasia	2240	6765	448	397
Osprey	1828	3050	456	381
St. Vincent	3150	5285	498	397
Thornbury	750	1100	750	367

### TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES, ETC.

	Male	Female	Attended Normal School.	I.	II.	III.	Temp. ory Cert.
Collingwood	5	13	3	1	2	14	I
Euphrasia	5	17	2	1	2	20	
Osprey	4	5	5	1	4	7	
St. Vincent	5	14	5	1	5	14	
Thornbury	1	3	2	2		2	
Total	20	52	17	4	13	57	I

## COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF NON-RESIDENT LAND FUND.

County Grey Treasurer's Office, Owen Sound, Jan. 27, 1908.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Grey: Gentlemen,—Herewith I beg to submit my annual statement of the "Non-Resident Land Fund" for the year ending December 31, 1907.

I am, gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant, S. J. PARKER, Treasurer.

### TOWNSHIP OF ARZEMESIA.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 34 80	1907 34 80

### TOWNSHIP OF BENTINCK.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 22 58	1907 22 58

### TOWNSHIP OF COLLINGWOOD.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 36 12	1907 36 12

### TOWNSHIP OF DERBY.

Balance	By Cash collected in
7 85	1907 7 85
	Dec. 31 By Balance 7 85

### TOWNSHIP OF EGREMONT.

Balance	By Cash collected in
35 24	1907 35 24
	Dec. 31 By Balance 35 24

### TOWNSHIP OF EUPHRASIA.

Balance	By Balance
198 14	12 98
	Coll. in 1907 185 16
	198 14
	Dec. 31 By Balance 198 14

### TOWNSHIP OF GLENELEG.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 17 47	1907 17 47

### TOWNSHIP OF HOLLAND.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 34 48	1907 34 48

### TOWNSHIP OF KEPPEL.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Balance
Treasurer 250 34	11 65
	Coll. in 1907 238 69
	250 34

### TOWNSHIP OF OSPREY.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 25 23	1907 25 23

### TOWNSHIP OF PROTON.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 90 78	1907 90 78

### TOWNSHIP OF SARAWAK.

1907 Jan. To Cash paid	Dec. 31 By Balance
Treasurer 20 19	20 19
Dec. To Cash paid	1907 15 15
Treasurer 15 15	
	35 34

### TOWNSHIP OF ST. VINCENT.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 11 29	1907 11 29

### TOWNSHIP OF SYDENHAM.

1907 Dec. To Cash paid	By Cash collected in
Treasurer 42 42	1907 48 53
Balance 6 11	
	48 53
	Dec. 31 By Balance 6 11

Audited and found correct. A. F. ARMSTRONG, Auditors.

GEO. BINNIE, Owen Sound, Jan. 27, 1908.

## Honor Roll.

Vandeleur School Report for February.

4—W. Buchanan, S. Waring, F. Davis.

3 sr.—H. Baker, R. Davis, G. Buchanan.

3 jr.—R. Graham, I. McGee, M. Graham.

2 sr.—T. Beard, E. Waring, E. Buchanan, A. Graham.

2 jr.—A. Hutchingson, W. Bowles, C. Brskine, E. Graham.

Pt. 2 sr.—V. Brodie, D. Brodie, Pt. 2 jr.—D. Weber, N. Waring.

Pt. 1 sr (a)—J. Wright, E. Waring, E. Hill, H. Beard.

Pt. 1 (b)—A. Weber, O. Hill, Average attendance 33.

M. K. Verney, Teacher.

Report for S. S. No. 6 Holland, for February.

4 sr.—W. Gillespie, A. Fox, 4 jr.—E. Ritchie, J. Ritchie, 1 Elder.

3 sr.—M. Gillespie, E. Bradley, 3 jr.—D. Ritchie, M. Holley, M. Edwards.

2 sr.—R. Price, M. Fox, L. Ritchie, 2 jr.—M. Bradley, S. Summers.

B. Holley, Pt. 2 sr.—W. Dods, I. Fox, J. Walker.

Pt. 2 jr.—J. Clarke, C. Rowe, W. Rowe, 1 sr.—H. Gillespie, R. Bradley.

A. Lackey, Teacher.

S. S. No. 2 Holland and Euphrasia.

Sr. 5—V. Winterburn, Sr. 3—T. Acheson.

Jr. 3—M. Bradley, D. Bradley, N. Richardson, E. Wice.

Sr. 2—J. Acheson, Jr. 2—E. Bradley, C. Acheson.

R. Acheson, P. Gray, Pt. 2—C. Doubleday.

Sr. 1—A. Clarke, Jr. 2—L. Wice, C. Wice, D. Robinson.

M. E. Hunt, Teacher.

Rosedale School, S. S. No. 1 Euphrasia.

4—C. Kirkpatrick, L. Wells, Sr. 3—A. Merrifield.

Jr. 3—R. Ferris, Russel Ferris, E. McInnis, M. Hower.

Sr. 2—J. Wells, Jr. 2—N. McInnis, R. Mandy.

E. Ellis, Pt. 1—S. Ferris, G. McInnis, E. Holly.

Pt. 1 sr.—N. Wells, Present every day—Ray Ferris, Russel Ferris, Stanley Ferris and Myrtle Holly.

M. B. Millar, Teacher.

S. S. No. 74 Artemesia, Euphrasia for February.

4—E. McLoughry, 3 sr.—A. Bowler, E. Meyer, E. Proctor, V. Mercer.

3 jr.—R. Freeman, G. Bowler, J. McLoughry.

2—W. Wilson, M. Proctor, J. Sewell.

Pt. 2—M. Mercer, I. Bowler, A. Furvis.

Pt. 1—A. Foster, B. McLoughry, Present every day—A. Bowler, L. Mercer, V. Mercer, L. Proctor, V. Bowler, M. Proctor, M. Mercer, L. Bowler.

J. M. Flesher, Teacher.

S. S. No. 5, Holland, for Feb.

Sr. 4—M. Crawford, E. Williams, Jr. 4—E. Black, W. McLaggart, T. Mitchell, N. Hannah.

Sr. 3—J. Crawford, M. Greenaway, Proctor, V. Mercer.

3 jr.—R. Freeman, G. Bowler, J. McLoughry.

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