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Consolidated Schools.

When two or more of our present rural school sections consolidate or rural sections with an urban municipality, and build a modern school building centrally to which the pupils from the outlying points are conveyed, we have a bare idea of a consolidated school. It is the purpose of this article to set forth a few of its advantages.

It is found in the States and Provinces where consolidation has been in operation for some time, that the percentage of attendance is considerably higher than in the district or ordinary school. Conveying the children who are farthest from the school in all conditions of weather more nearly evens up the advantage of attendance.

The statistics of consolidated schools show that parents' objections to transportation of their children are gradually withdrawn, as children are likely to be safer, as far as bodily danger and contamination of their minds with evil are concerned, when they are in charge of a careful driver.

One decided advantage of the consolidated school over the one-roomed school is in the division of the work among several teachers in the graded school. With the number of subjects necessary to be taught and the number of classes, the teacher in the one-roomed school finds it simply impossible to give the time in teaching that is needed in developing the mind along various lines of study. In a good graded school of three or more teachers the average will easily do in seven years the work of eight in the ungraded school and the foundation is better for subsequent work.

The graded school makes it possible for the regular teachers or special teachers to give proper instruction in Art, Music, Household Science, Manual Training, Agriculture and Horticulture. To be sure these subjects do not come under what is regarded as essentially the three R's, and yet how much happiness and well-being of the individual are wrapped up in a good foundational knowledge and conception of these more practical subjects. If we are to raise the status of Canadian citizenship we must give our children a better and broader education than at present. This has been the aim of the Department of Education in qualifying teachers through Summer Courses in these special subjects, in offering special grants and generally seeking to vitalize the schools, but we have been hard to woo from our ideas of purely literary education.

In the large sites of consolidated schools, say ten acres, there will be proper space for the playgrounds, the school-gardens, experimental plots, parking with ornamental and our native trees etc. With a good school building placed in such a site, the education of our children will take on a new aspect. The child mind is very susceptible to the beauty and suitability of his surroundings. Many of our school buildings now, with their small, bare and ill-kept grounds are a positive injustice to the fresh young minds that they receive lasting impressions, have their habits of thought and outlook formed and their personality largely determined.

In my next article I shall speak of further advantages, the objections raised and the cost.

A. L. Campbell,

Village Council.

The Council met in the Clerk's office on March 28, with all the members present. The committee recently appointed to confer with a committee of the Agricultural Society presented their report and also a draft agreement. The report recommended a grant to the Society of \$300 to assist in the erection of a new ticket office. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Reeve be authorized to sign the agreement. The motion was lost.

Moved by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Greene, that the agreement be amended by striking out the words "Three hundred dollars," in clause 2 and clause 4, and by the insertion in lieu thereof of the words "25 per cent. of the cost of the erection of the said building up to \$175."—Carried.

On motion the Reeve was instructed to sign the agreement as amended.

Moved by Councillor Morkman, that Councillors Hill, Lunan and Greene be a Committee to assist the Agricultural Society in locating the new building. Council adjourned.

T. H. Trench, A. J. Hume,
Reeve, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Village Council last evening, the resolution relative to the Agricultural Society was reconsidered, and a grant of \$300 was made to the Society to assist in building a new ticket office at the entrance of the Park grounds.

Memories and Contrasts

(By F. Elliott)

Editor Liberal.

While confined to the house trying to recuperate from the flu old memories have been revived of nearly sixty years ago. It seems strange that as the shadows lengthen, and we draw near the "sunset," how vividly the scenes of childhood, like moving pictures, pass before our mental vision with more freshness than recent happenings. If it will interest, especially your youthful readers, I would like to talk a little on the changes in Sabbath observance since I was a wee lad, and the present. I suppose by this time those of your readers, who know me personally are aware that instead of being 'Dutch', as many supposed, I am English and Yorkshire, too, being born near Sheffield in 1852. This by way of introduction to what follows. The earliest memory I can recall is that of a Sunday morning walk to Church. I remember being led by the hand along the Winding "Walk" that passed between the silent resting places of former generations of Church-goers. I recall the sweet toned bell, the hushed voices and the quiet demeanor of old and young, as we entered the sacred edifice and took our seats. No neck twisting or gawking around to see other arrivals, we knew what the penalty would be on arriving home. No "pealing organ" was in evidence then, though it came a couple of years later. Two time-worn looking veterans sat at the north corner near the chancel, one with an old bass fiddle and the other with a large flute and while I was not capable of judging the quality of music I surely enjoyed the sound. In the evening services, the Church was lighted with large tallow candles along the walls and the middle aisles, and just previous to "Snuffing" it was truly a "Dim religious light." In the middle of the service, during the singing, while the minister was in the vestry changing surplice for Cassock, the white haired sexton bustled along with a formidable pair of snuffers with long handles that enabled him to 'Nip' them with ease and dispatch. A few years later gas fixtures and a large pipe organ were installed and fiddle and flute, candles, snuffers, passed into

oblivion. Before giving you an account of our Sunday night "preparatory exercises," I lived with my grandmother and two uncles, one a year and the other three years older than myself. Every shoe was well blacked, clothes etc. and pails of cold water brought in from the village pump. Then the final ordeal began, to enable us to begin the Sabbath with a clean record, at least externally. A tub of warm water was provided and in turn we "pulled off." O my, how grandmother scrubbed, but our blood ran cold at the thought of the final act, for ere we stepped out of that tub half a pail of that ice cold water was poured over each unfortunate lad. Pleadings for its omission were futile, the only compensation was in watching the other fellow "get his", as the boys say. Sunday morning we reported at the schoolhouse for Sunday school till quarter to eleven, when we marched in two bodies to Church. The girls were seated in the body of the church, while we boys were seated in the gallery. A venerable gent with sharp eyes and armed with a bambopole 8 or 10 feet long with a hard knob on outer end, stood guard, and we betide the boy who squirmed in his seat or failed to sit at "Attention." I well remember one youthful wag who during the reading of the Litany introduced a variation in the responses for instead of saying—"deliver us" he sang out "liver us." As we knew he meant "remove our livers" it took a great effort to preserve our gravity as at the second repetition the knob came down on his head with a distinctly audible "whack". To resume, after church, home to dinner, the best meal of the week in English homes, Sunday School again from 2 to 4, home for tea, evening service at 7 or read good books at home, play was never thought of, and I don't even remember a boy exhibiting even a new jackknife on Sunday. I think I hear some of my young readers say, "How could you stand such bondage, was life worth living?" Yes, indeed it was, we had never known anything else, and in looking back over fifty-eight years I find no sweeter recollections of early days than those well rounded Sundays, the solemn services in the ivy-lad sanctuary, and the wholesome instructions of the Sunday School. (Continued next week.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE.

Notice is hereby given that Herbert John Lawrence, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, in the Province of Ontario, Smoke Inspector, will apply to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for a Bill of Divorce from his wife Jessie Lawrence, formerly of the said City of Toronto, now of the City of Buffalo, State of New York, one of the United States of America, on the grounds of adultery and desertion.

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