

SCHOMBERG TENNIS CLUB (About 1900)



Back Row, from left
Clara Brereton; Miss Ball; Evelyn Sproule; Orma Brydon; Ruby Norman;
Ruby Creighton; George Hallowell; Dr. Millane
Second Row - Standing- Hazel Sproule; Florence Pinkerton.
Seated- Mrs. Dillane; Muriel Sproule; Marshall Chantler;
Annie Edwards; Mrs. Emma Brydon.
Front Row- Dr. Hillary Wilkinson; Percy Bradley; John Taylor;
Two young Bank Staff Members.



"MEN ONLY" CLUB

From Top-
Fred Dennis; J. McDonald;
Dr. Dillane;
Ed. McDowell; Ed. Ferguson.



BY-GONE INDUSTRIES

As Brownsville grew in population, so industries developed to meet the needs of the people. Of course, the Mill to grind the wheat and flour was the first necessity. After it's establishment the hamlet grew quickly and with it the need for other commodities to sustain even the humblest way of life.

There was a tannery where hides were prepared for shoe making and harness. A woollen mill that took the place of the tedious home spinning and weaving. A Wheelwright, Wagon maker and blacksmith, who each contributed to the manufacture of the crude implements necessary to till the soil. Later a foundry was started; a tinsmith to make pails, pans and other such necessities and a cooper who made barrels for storage of vegetables, meats, etc. But, progress brought it's changes; then as well as now; and as you drive through the little town not one trace may be seen of any of these busy locations, and little is known of them.

However, we have tried to record the names of as many as possible of these ingenious men who contributed no less, to the development of our community, than has the larger industry of today - Sufficient unto the day was the product of their labor.

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| Implement Shop - | John Baird John Botham |
| Mill Owners - | Thomas Brown; Garrett Brown; Levi Dennis; Wm. Dennis; Alex Ferguson; Rolph Davis; Geo. Edwards. |
| Storekeepers - | Asa Moore; Wm. Moore; John W. Hughes; Jas. McGinnis; J.F. Grey; Chas. Hughes; Ross and Ramsay; Edmund Walker; Wm. and Martin Lockhart; Mr. and Mrs. E. Sparling; J. Brydon; Sidney Leonard; Fred Chantler; Robt. Creighton; Ed. Sibree; Wes Brown; W.E. Freele; W.L. McGowan; Roy Dixon; W. Muxlow; Cecil Henry; Harry Kitchen; T.E. Stonehouse. |
| Blacksmiths - | Wm. Wright; Wm. Kitchen; Jas. Kitchen; John Sharp; John Edwards; Nesbitt Riddell; Rolph Davis; John Hart. |
| Wheelwright and Wagon Maker - | Thos. Robinson; Wm. Taylor; Wm. Spring; John Ussher. |
| Cooper - | Robt. Shelson |
| Shoe Maker - | B. Fanning; Alexander Graham; Dan Horrigan. |
| Tannery - | Wm. Hales; Chas. Davis |
| Woollen Mills - | Isaac Brown |
| Tinsmith- | J. P. Foucar |
| Foundry - | Michael and T. Kraney |
| Printing Press - | Jas. Hawkins; Geo. Morrison; Simon Stahl. |
| Harness Shop - | Anderson Tegart |
| Hotel Keepers - | Harry Hulse; Harry Isaacs; Geo. Hill; Harry Gibson; Wm. Harris; Wm. Sliney; F. Leonard; John Tracey; John Sutton; Jos. Sutton. |
| Livery Keepers - | Jas. Ellison; Wm. Pinkerton; Frank Jennings; Wm. Doyle, Luke Lyons; Fred Ellison. |



EDUCATION.



'Tis Education forms the common mind
Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.

Education is the birthright of every child. It is the duty of those in authority to protect the child in the enjoyment of this right. The kind and extent of education are primarily to be decided by the parent but the youth may choose additional training for a particular trade or profession.

The test of education is not outward prosperity, the enlargement of man's dominion over nature, or the increase of material things. These are laudable if they add to the store-house of man's purpose, or extend the scope of nations; but the true test of education is in the influence it has upon the minds and hearts of people.

Education, aside from the subjects taught, exercises an influence upon the character. The scholar himself is the greatest type of perfection in education. He becomes enlarged, strengthened and improved by the mental training and struggle through a decade or more years.

This age, science presents wide horizons, glorious opportunities and grave responsibilities to the youth of today. The needs of man are varied and numerous - simplest in the early period, they increase in number and complexity as we progress upward in the scale of civilization. The problem of interdependence was not recognized until long after intelligence had been placed above physical strength. Every discovery and invention has added to the requirement of man in home, society and public life. It is now considered that, "he lives most who acts the noblest and thinks the best".

Life is indeed a challenge and we must accept it as we face the future.

THE BUILDERS

All are architects of Fate,
Working in these walls of time;
Some with massive deeds and great,
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

Nothing useless is, or low,
Each thing in it's place is best,
And what seems but idle show,
Strengthens and supports the rest.

For the structures that we raise,
Time is with materials filled;
Our to-days and yesterdays,
Are the blocks with which we build.

- Longfellow -



The School.



Records of the first school to serve this Section are sketchy, but it is presumed it was erected about the year 1820 near the south east corner of the Ninth Concession and the Lloydtown road, on the knoll a little to the east on the Lloydtown road and very near the centre of the Section. It was not a log building, but was constructed of plank and served the community for twenty-five years; when, as the population increased and became more prosperous, the need for a new and better school was evident. As Schomberg was now developing into a busy little centre with a population of about 125 it was thought advisable to move the site nearer the village and so the second school was built in 1845 on the site now occupied by the present school but almost where the monument now stands. It was also a frame building but considerably larger. It is most probable that Mr. Wm. Moore, who later became one of the early Postmasters, taught in this building and his is the first name

available of early school masters. The third school was built in 1867 on the exact site of the former one, by Mr. Levi Dennis, one of the town's leading citizens at that time. It's walls were of solid brick plastered on the inside. The timbers used to support the roof were of clear pine mortised together and fastened with wooden pegs. It was a much larger building and was later divided into two rooms and two teachers were employed.

In 1897 higher education became a must and a room was erected on the west side of this building in the form of a T. This room was used for Continuation school work carrying the pupils to the end of a second year high school. This addition cost eight hundred dollars to erect. The first Principal of the Continuation School was Mr. A. Wilkinson. (A complete list may be found on page 9 - "Schomberg and it's School", a copy of which may be found in the Library.)

The present school is the fourth building for this Section and stands just a little south of the previous building on a plot approximately two and a half acres which allows for ample landscaping and adequate play grounds. This building is a two storey model, made of solid red brick and tile with brick and tile partitions. There are four class rooms each with an adjoining teacher's room, four roomy cloak-rooms, spacious halls, a science room and two playrooms in the basement. It was designed by Mr. Clare P. Thompson of Toronto and Mr. Bernard Sutton of Schomberg, a local boy who is now a prosperous architect in Sudbury. The building is heated by steam and lighted by Hydro and in every respect is quite modern. The cost of this building was \$35,000. and was opened by Canon H.J. Cody, Vice Chancellor to the University of Toronto, on November 2nd, 1927. The Principal of the High School was Miss Nora Armstrong and Miss Ella E. Henderson, Assistant, and of the Public School, Mr. Herb H. Sawdon, Principal and Miss Jean C. Love, Assistant.

This school was the first of it's kind in Ontario, "Strictly Rural, and yet equipped to carry pupils through to Matriculation Degree" - but with the march of time - even this was not adequate and in 1947 the upper rooms were closed and we became a part of the Aurora and District High School Area and since then the pupils attending High School are taken by bus daily to attend the very up-to-date new High School opened in Aurora in 1946. In 1954 it was found necessary to recondition one of the upper rooms for the accommodation of Public School students and a third room was pressed into use and a third teacher employed. In 1957 the fourth room was opened and we now have all the space occupied for Public School work with a staff of four teachers - Mr. Murray Edgar, Principal; Miss Carol Proctor, Miss Alice Smith and Mrs. Geo. Edwards, Assistants.

At the present time there are 106 students enrolled and an interested Home and School Association co-operate with the teachers toward better efficiency and understanding. At the graduation exercises of the 1958 class a beautiful soft toned copper bell was presented to the school by Miss H. Clare Sproule. It was an heirloom of the Sproule family and on one side the inscription reads: "Presented to Schomberg Public School in memory of Newton Hay Sproule, former teacher of Schomberg School". Three of Mr. Sproule's daughters became school teachers also and each in turn taught at the older school only a short distance from their historical home on Hwy. #27, where Miss Sproule still resides and takes pleasure in her beautiful antiques, rich in pioneer tradition.

EARLY PUBLIC SCHOOL PICTURES



This old picture was taken before the turn of the century.



Public and Continuation Classes attending school in 1908.

Notice the horse and buggy in the background
The same old willow tree shaded many generations.

SCHOMBERG
SCHOOL



PUBLIC AND
CONTINUATION CLASSES
1909
CONTINUATION SCHOOL
IN
WEST WING

Sitting from left as numbered:-

- Gertrude Hanlon; Olla Lynn; Olive Doyle; Myrtle Kitchen; Rowena Harris;
Myrtle Brown; Gertrude Kitchen; Gladys Clarke; Gertrude Calhoun; Peal Lynn;
Greta Fletcher; Norma Sloan; Fern Clarke; Mable Skinner; Marjorie Burling.

CONTINUATION SCHOOL CLASS 1914

BACK ROW

- Bertha Coulter
Fanny Rosner
Gladys Brown
Freda Deacon



- CENTRE ROW - Elma Dodds; Jean Harris; Fern Clarke; Gertrude Atkinson;
Orma Edwards; Florence Botham; Eva Baird; Irene Deacon; Gladys Clarke;
Regina Deacon; Velma Stonehouse; Stella Deacon;

- FRONT ROW - Graydon Atkinson; Ivan Monkman; John McKenna; Clifford Marchant;
Donald Adair; Joe McGinnis; Ormie Gallagher; Harold Russell.



The last Continuation Class (Grade 10) at the Old School with their principal, Miss Nora Armstrong. This School, the 3rd to serve this Section, was erected in 1867 - Continuation Class Toom added in 1897 and served until 1927.



Following the opening of the New School on November 2nd, 1927, Grades 9 and 10 with Miss Nora Armstrong, Principal (extreme right) and Miss Ella Henderson, Assistant (extreme left).