

winter time in spite of a roaring fire as it was not heated during the night. Our sandwiches would still be frozen at noon. We would put them on the back of the stove to thaw out. One day a boy put a bottle of frozen ink on the stove. It exploded and shot up to the ceiling. The ink made a beautiful pattern on the ceiling that became fainter and more beautiful as the years went by.

At first the enrolment at the school was small and one year Joe Anderson was allowed to attend before he was six years old to make it possible for the trustees to receive the grant. One year two of my cousins, Daisy and Annie Collie, stayed with mother and dad and attended the Brant school while they were waiting for theirs at Loch Monar to be built. Out of district pupils paid twenty five cents to the teacher at the beginning of each month.

By the time I started to school it was a different story as I had to sit with two little boys.

A number of dedicated teachers came and went through the years. In spite of teaching all the grades to junior high they made a good job of covering the work. At least two of their pupils won the Governor General's medal on completing their Grade Eleven, Phoebe Anderson and May Osborne. A number of others were on the honor roll or won in provincial and local contests.

I am grateful to Phoebe Anderson who helped me compile the following list of teachers who taught in our little school; Miss Curle, Ira Stratton, Rev. Jacob Anderson, Mr. Haney, Miss McLeod, Miss Jackson, Miss Tait, Miss Cooper, Allie Luke, Miss Tidquist, Mr. Neelin, Catherine McNabb, Gordon Scott, Harriet Smith, Miss Johnston, Abbie Bell and Mr. Cockbill who was hired as principal of the consolidated school and moved his pupils there at the beginning of January 1914.



Brant Consolidated School.



School at the Hall at Argyle, 1923. The year of the flood.