

Supplement to History of S.S. No 1 Cockburn Island (Tolsmaville)

The first meeting of the first council of Cockburn Island met February 28, 1881. The following officers were appointed: John McPherson- Reeve, Malcolm Clark, Joshua Reid, John Street and Wm Pateman - Councillors, William Harper - Clerk.

Some of the highlights of the meeting were as follows
Clerk's salary for the year \$5.00 Mason Hill made application for a \$1,000.00 to build a saw and grist mill. Records show the council met every month the first year.

Data on Cockburn's first schoolhouse must have been burned when the school of log construction and its contents were completely destroyed by fire of unknow origin in 1907.

The present school of frame, lath and plastered, was built by E. J. Smith, Cockburn's present general merchant. It stands on the site of the old one.

However, going back in one available Minute Book of 1894, we find such names as A. Monch, Secretary, B. Romough, Chairman. An interesting item from the business minutes of that year was the hiring of a Miss Stinson as teacher for \$275.00 per annum. An ad in the Toronto Star had brought 16 applications.

It should be said that as the first school had been burned during summer holidays, school was carried on till the next spring in the Town Hall. The teacher was Mr. A. Trout.

L. J. Johnston, Teacher

Note: As these articles were intended to be kept as a history in each, the secretary is asked to clip and keep for this purpose during the absence of the teacher for the summer holidays