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PART I

MAINTENANCE

Shortly after its inaugural meeting each year, the Board, accompanied by the Inspector, makes a tour of the schools in the Area to inspect them thoroughly and to determine what repairs are necessary. Cost of repairs and improvements suggested at this time are incorporated in the Budget for the year, and a plan for repair and improvement is drawn up.

FURNACE:

The major expenditure during 1948 was for a new furnace which was installed in the brick school at No. I. The furnace selected is a McLary Sunshine forced hot air system with automatic thermostat control. Square overhead ducts are a great improvement over the former round ones and provide more head-room in the basement. Registers were installed in the two cloak rooms and in the teacher's room in order to heat these as well as the main classroom. Total cost of the new unit and its installation by Mr. J. E. Murphy was \$1045.00. It is anticipated that the new furnace will pay dividends in increased health of the students and in less loss of school time during the winter months.

BRIDGE:

Mr. William Hartley was given the contract to erect a new foot bridge across the ditch at School No. X. This is of concrete with iron hand rail and is a great convenience to janitor and students approaching from the west.

CUPBOARDS:

Continuing its policy in connection with installing cupboards in the classrooms for storage of supplies, the Board this year authorized the building of a set of cupboards in two more schools. These are made with metal-bound masonite tops and extend from wall to wall across the back of the classroom.

SUMMER CLEANING AND REDECORATING:

In accordance with past procedure, two of the schools were painted throughout and the floors were sanded and refinished during the summer holidays. Others were thoroughly cleaned and polished by the handyman in preparation for opening of school in September.

OTHER REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS:

Eave troughs on all schools were inspected and repaired where necessary. Truckloads of gravel were spread in the low spots of driveways and grounds last spring. The handyman visits each school once every two weeks and takes care of minor repairs, such as broken windows, burned out bulbs, etc., at that time.

PART II

INSTRUCTION

As in the past, all texts and work books used by the schools are provided by the Board and are those prescribed by the Ontario Department of Education. In addition to regular academic subjects, pupils of Sandwich South are given the opportunity to study the following cultural and occupational subjects which greatly widen their educational experience as well as help to create interest in their school life:

MUSIC:

Pupils of Sandwich South receive one one-hour period of choral music and music appreciation each week. Students of the Area competed in the Music Festival held in Windsor during the second week in May, and also presented a public concert in the United Church in Essex on May 20th. Pianos in all schools in the Area were tuned and overhauled before classes began in September and a supply of new song books was purchased.

ART:

The art program in the schools is again this year under the supervision of Miss Edith Atkinson who, in addition to demonstrating in the classrooms, holds work-shop classes for the teachers at their regular staff meetings. This means that up-to-date methods in the teaching of art are uniform in each school throughout the Area. Work of the pupils includes painting of murals, modeling, and making of puppets, and some of the work of Sandwich South students has been displayed at meetings held by the Federation of Teachers for

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Essex County and at teachers' and trustees' meetings during the Ontario Educational Association Convention at Toronto during Easter week.

HOME ECONOMICS AND SHOP WORK:

This fall, for the first time, Sandwich South students were given the opportunity to receive instruction in subjects not usually available in rural areas. Mr. Hall, Principal of the Essex High School, has made his new home economics and shop work rooms and equipment available to students of the two senior grades (VII and VIII) in rural schools in the territory around the town of Essex. School buses transport students to the Essex High School once each week for a one-hour period. Girls in the group attend home economics classes in cooking, sewing, and home-making generally. Boys in the group attend shop work classes in wood working, metal work, draughting, etc.

Because the Board of Sandwich South felt that no opportunity should be lost to put education in this rural area on an equal footing with the opportunity for education in urban schools, they entered into a contract by which students of Sandwich South could take advantage of this opportunity for free instruction. Cost of transportation from each school to Essex will amount to approximately \$800.00 per school year. Of this amount, the Board pays 55% and the remaining 45% is covered by Provincial grant. Use of equipment and time of teachers involved is a free service provided by the Essex High School.

SPORTS:

In order to encourage sports activities in the various schools, the Board granted each classroom \$25.00 for the purchase of sports equipment during the school year.

PART III

SPECIAL SERVICES

LIBRARY BOOKS:

As in the past, library books for supplementary reading purposes are borrowed from the Essex County Library Co-operative. For the first time this year, however, the Library Co-operative operates its own "Bookmobile". This travelling library car calls at each school once a month bringing a change of books and picking up those left on the previous visit, thus ensuring a constantly changing supply of approved reading material to supplement classroom texts.

STOCK ROOM:

For some time there has been a need for a central storage place in which to keep school supplies on hand for the convenience of the staff. Shelves have recently been built in a locked portion of the bungalow at School No. VI and it is now possible to order a year's supply of most items at one time, thus ensuring lower price for bulk buying, truck delivery to the store room, and prompt filling of teachers' requests when supplies are needed.

PART IV

GENERAL

The Board of Trustees of Sandwich South hold their regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday evening of each month and extend a cordial invitation to anyone who wishes to attend these meetings. These are usually held in one of the Schools, and you may determine the meeting place by phoning the secretary or one of the members of the Board. You are also cordially invited and urged to lend your support to the special functions which your schools present during the school year, including the Public Speaking Contest held in January and the Musical Concert held in the Spring.

Meetings of the teachers are also held regularly in School No. VI. These meetings are primarily for the purpose of discussing problems of interest to all schools in the Area and sharing ideas on current methods of teaching. The teaching staff is again this year made up of members of the teaching profession who are well qualified and enthusiastic. To show its appreciation for the excellent work done last year, the Board granted each teacher on the staff a \$200.00 increase in pay for the school year commencing September 6th, 1949.

The Board wishes to thank the teaching staff, caretakers, and handyman for their splendid co-operation with the Board and Secretary during the past year. Special thanks are also due to Mr. Wm. J. McCordick, Inspector, and Mr. F. A. Leitch, Assistant Inspector in charge of this Area, for their willing co-operation and advice.

E. R. Campbell
Secretary-Treasurer