

# NEW SCHOOL AT OLD KILDONAN

Fine Modern Building Formally  
Opened Under Favorable  
Conditions.

The fine, new, well-equipped school recently built in East Kildonan was opened last night under most favorable auspices. The large class room on the ground floor was crowded, and many were standing in the passages. Alfred Jackson, chairman of the school board, acted as chairman, and complimented the people in coming to the aid of the school board and assisting them to carry out their plans for the better accommodation and teaching of their children. Mr. Jackson said that they had with them Rev. Alex. Matheson, Kildonan's grand old man, one who, while devoting a long and useful career to church work in the west, also took a prominent part in the furtherance of education.

Rev. Alex. Matheson, who was warmly greeted, said it gave him unbounded pleasure to open the new school. He spoke of the first school he attended in the west, the log school of St. John's parish in 1835. Again, on December 4, 1849, he first started to teach in a log building, but a little more elaborate one, in Kildonan. He told of the disadvantages scholars of that day labored under, but, in spite of this, they turned out clever pupils.

Rev. Hugh Hamilton, pastor of Kildonan, also spoke of being glad to be at the opening. He had read and heard of Kildonan pupils who, although they did not have great educational advantages had made their mark and stood in the first rank as citizens.

Geo. F. Munroe, secretary-treasurer of the school board, also spoke. He told of how the "old school" which had been built by voluntary subscriptions of the people then residing in Kildonan. Now schools were built by taxes. Although they experienced some difficulty in arranging the site, when this was settled the people came forward and assisted the board in bringing their plans to a realization. In years of experience in office he had found this good spirit to be outstanding in the people of Kildonan.

School Inspector E. E. Best also spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be at the new school opening, and hoped that splendid records would be made by young boys and girls educated in the new school. Dr. A. N. McLeod, of Stonewall, indulged in some bright reminiscences of old school days. He laid stress on the educative duties of the home. He believed education should start in the home, and that nothing so assisted a pupil to advance thoroughly along proper lines as good home influence and training.

The following programme was rendered: Instrumental, "Scotch Airs," Miss Bayne; recitation, "If you don't Watch Out," Margery Munroe; song, "Good Company," Mr. Birch; piano solo, Mrs. Jackson; recitation, Miss Lyle (encored); Instrumental, piano selection, Miss Mary Munroe; song, Miss Ethel Penrose (encored); habitation, "De Stone Pipe Hole," D. W. McIvor.

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