

NEW SCHOOL

The new two story school in Kildonan built by Contractor McCauman was auspiciously opened on Monday evening. The building was crowded by ratepayers and invited guests. Mr. A. Jackson, chairman of the school board was in charge of the proceedings and congratulated the district upon the erection of their splendid modern school building. The chairman called on Rev. A. Matheson to formally open the new educational institution. Mr. Matheson, who was warmly received, 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, 1840, 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, minister of the Kildonan church who followed Mr. Matheson stated that 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.

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 Stone wall, 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.

In addition to the addresses the following programme was rendered: Instrumental, "Scotch Air," Miss Bayne; recitation, "If you don't Watch Out," Margery Muirroe; song, "Good Company," Mr. Birch; piano solo Mrs. Jackson; recitation Miss Lyle; instrumental piano selection, Miss Mary Muirroe; song, Miss Ethel Penrose; habitant, "De Pipe Hole," D. W. McIvor.

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