

# Educational Close-ups

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Across the seas to Old Ireland, and many years before the 1870 National Education Act was legislated in Britain, in the land of the Shillelagh the family name Wiley was well known to many a classroom.

Leslie Wilmott Wiley arrived into the third generation of the teaching Wiley's at a "Teacherage" in Northern Ireland, and over 30 years ago was one of the first to break the family tradition by seeking far off pastures greener than the shamrock. What he saw in Canada he liked, and three different visits back to the old land haven't changed his attitude.

He received all his formal education in Winnipeg schools, and graduated with an arts degree from the University of Manitoba in 1935.

All appearances to the contrary, Principal Wiley is an "old timer" in our East Kildonan schools. Since his coming to the staff over 28 years ago he has served as assistant principal in all the schools then in operation, which included the East Kildonan Collegiate. There he headed the department of history.

During the last war Mr. Wiley served in radar with the National Defense at Ottawa and later was attached to the British Army Overseas. Immediately after his return in 1945 he accepted an appointment to teach English and history under Dr. Robert Fletcher at the Canadian Veterans' Training School.

He returned to teach history at Lord Wolseley School the next year, but when the Collegiate moved to its new home in Miles Macdonell he remained as principal at Lord Wolseley. At present the school has 16 classrooms with an enrollment of 520 pupils in grades 1 to 6.

In the days of the old Home and School Association in Lord Wolseley School when Hon. R. A. Hoey was Minister of Education, it is interesting to note that at one of the meetings Mr. Wiley learned that his grandfather and Hon. Hoey's father had spent their lives teaching the children of neighboring schools in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland.

In East Kildonan an aunt of Mr. Wiley's, the former Ethel Wiley, who obtained her B.A. degree in Dublin, was formerly principal at Salisbury School. He also has a brother, Edwin, who is presently principal of the new million dollar Sudbury High School in Ontario.

Mr. Wiley is a very active member of King Memorial United Church where he serves on the music committee of the Session, sings in the choir, and has served on the Board of Stewards. He is a member of the East Kildonan Local of the Manitoba Teachers' Society and has been both president and secretary.

During 1938 and 1939 he acted as treasurer of the Lord Wolseley Home

