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# Lord Wolseley School Opening

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In the beginning the East Kildonan school district consisted of two schools, East Kildonan and Polson school. The dividing line was all north of Melbourne Ave. to East St. Paul attended East Kildonan and the south area attended Polson. East Kildonan had two rooms and two teachers.

The area as the new schools were planned were some what changed from the original districts or borders.

When they started the planning of the three new schools in 1914, as up till then from 1912 the population grew.

When the plans were started, there were those who contended they were building too big and the school would never be filled. However, through the foresight of the ones in authority went ahead and contracted for the schools to be built which caused a considerable amount of controversy. The schools, "Lord Wolseley", "Lord Salisbury" and "Lord Kitchener" came into being.

The East Kildonan school was situated in the area of the Fort Agazzi Apartments on Henderson Hwy.

Lord Wolseley opened with four rooms and four teachers, Lord Salisbury and Lord Kitchener with 2 rooms in each school occupied.

The transfer of pupils from East Kildonan school to Lord Wolseley in Sept. 1915.

The first principal was Mr. D.S. Mitchell, who was formerly principal teacher of East Kildonan.

The district was sparse and was policed by one man and who had the duties of truant officer included.