

Prince Edward School 1920-1970

Prince Edward School is celebrating it's 50th anniversary and Manitoba's Centennial with a tea on June 3rd from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Old registers and pictures will be on display. Former teachers, and students are invited to reminisce and renew old friendships. The history committee of the school is looking for photos and other items. We ask that anyone having these articles please submit them to Miss Cartmell at Prince Edward School.

Near the end of the year 1919 the East Kildonan School Board, whose members were: Chairman H. McNair; Secretary-Treasurer J. D. Young; J. F. Campbell; Alex Tevendale; J. A. Russell; W.A. Rees, J. Yates; and S.R. Henderson decided to erect a new school to alleviate the overcrowding of Polson School due to a large influx of immigrants after World War I. They purchased "4.79 acres on the north side lying between Cawder and Pentland" (street names now disappeared) of the Arnold Campbell property at \$3,000 per acre.

An eight room school was built and the pupils moved in on October 19th, 1920. The official opening was October 25. A picture of Prince Edward was presented by Mr. Thorton and still hangs in the front entrance hall. The first teach-

ers were: Misses K. Dagg; E. Fenny; M. Gappy; M. Hamilton M. Noble; M. Lightbody; B. Cameron, I. Cook; Mrs. Holmes and J. Dunbar. Mr. Moir was the first principal and Mr. James Stacey the first caretaker. Other principals have been: B. Cameron; W. H. Lightbody; H. W. Ferrier; H. Haines; A. J. Anderson; L. W. Wiley and E.G. Wall.

In 1921 an additional eight rooms were added. The teachers room and principals office were turned into classrooms making 18 classrooms. Two cloakrooms were joined for a principals office, and this is still in use. From 1920 to 1954 grades one to nine were taught. When the Junior High moved out it became an elementary school with grades one to six. In 1969 a kindergarten class was added.

In 1961 an auditorium, kitchen and a small lunch room was added, thanks to the effort of the Home and School. Very few changes have been made except a gas heating system, new lights, halls and a few class rooms tiled and some of the windows changed.

In 1970 there are 491 pupils in three grades ones, two, threes, fives and sixes, two grade fours and a morning and afternoon kindergarten class.