



*Salisbury school number one. Still standing at Prince Rupert Avenue and Besant Street. It was built in 1915 and 60th anniversary celebrations will take place in the newer portions of the school in May.*

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## How Salisbury school got its name

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Salisbury School has a very interesting and colourful history. The East Kildonan school board met on January 21, 1915 for the purpose of planning "proposed sites for schools and the advisability of proceeding at once with the erection of necessary school buildings". By this time, the number of children of school age in the municipality had reached 780 and there was a great need for new buildings. In the minutes of the school board meeting of March 10, 1915, it was stated that land had been

acquired for three school sites; Lord Wolseley, Lord Kitchener and Salisbury.

Salisbury school was erected in the spring of 1915. The cornerstone was laid by Mrs. James McWee on the 24th of April of that year.

The name "Salisbury" was chosen to commemorate the training grounds of "Salisbury Plaine", England. This was the place where the 1st Canadian contingent of 30,000 troops was stationed during World War I to help Great Britain and her allies in their fight against