

# Neil Campbell scholarship trust

by Peter F. Klassen

Neil Campbell, of the East Kildonan area, was occupied with farming, the dairy trade being his main concern. His father was born in Scotland and came here to work for the Hudson's Bay Co. in 1841. However, Mr. Campbell Sr. soon turned his attention to farming. He married Miss Ann Munroe of an old family of Selkirk settlers and purchased about 200 acres of undeveloped land. He broke sod and built a home and continued as a farmer until his death in 1855.

Neil Campbell also made agriculture his life work. He married a widow, Barbara Sutherland (nee Fraser). They had eight children. For many years he delivered milk to local and Winnipeg residents. Altogether he was occupied with milk and mixed farming for 30 years or more.

As a lad he was educated in St. John's school. He always was active in community affairs. During his time he served on the council and was a school trustee for many years.

After his death, his children established a trust fund in his name, the Neil Campbell Trust. The terms

of the trust fund state that the fund should be invested in stocks and bonds and that the interest of this fund be divided into three equal scholarships: one for penmanship, one for mental arithmetic and one for Canadian history.

Each year since 1916, without interruption, three Salisbury pupils have received these awards. The first three were Amy Atkins, grade 5 - penmanship; Bernard Deering, grade 6 - mental arithmetic; David Ferguson, grade 7 - Canadian history. The names of all the scholarship winners from 1916 to the present are on the Salisbury Honour Roll. One roll being filled up in 1955, a new one was started. It is interesting to note that the mental arithmetic column has been changed to calculation, and Canadian history to social studies in 1956. We salute all winners of the Neil Campbell Scholarship through the years.

This is the third in a series of three articles written by P.F. Klassen, principal of Salisbury school, which is celebrating its diamond jubilee this spring.

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