



### *Gone!*

This is all that was left of the old Salisbury School after the demolition experts were finished their handiwork. A time capsule was found in the rubble.

— Photo by Tic Rowson.

## Time capsule discovered in school rubble

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The old Salisbury School #1 was reduced to rubble last week but it left a little chunk of history behind.

The school had been vacant for ten years since a second Salisbury school with better facilities had been built on the site, at 795 Prince Rupert.

"We had been using it as a storage area until the boiler went," said Mr. Francis Ples-

sis, secretary-treasurer of the River East School Division.

A few days before the scheduled demolition, some residents in the area informed the principal that there might be a time capsule hidden somewhere in the building. Sure enough, the demolition crew uncovered a small, rusted sheet-metal box in one corner of the building.

According to Plessis, the

bottom had rusted out but the contents were still in fairly good condition. Inside they found three daily newspapers dated April 24, 1915; *The Telegram*, *The Tribune* and the morning paper of the day which had deteriorated to the point of illegibility. There were also a dime and quarter dated 1902 and 1908, as well as a copy of the school act and a short note signed by Neil

Campbell.

"We haven't determined whether he was the chairman or the dean," said Plessis.

"There was no other information in the box about who put it together and why."

The board has not decided what will be done with the time capsule. It will be presented for discussion at the next board meeting.