

GASPÉ OF YESTERDAY

SCHOOL DAYS-PART 2

Continuing a recall of members
of the graduating classes of
New Carlisle High School for
the years 1931 to 1941.

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SCHOOL DAYS - PART 2.FOREWORD

"SCHOOL DAYS - PART I" published by SPEC on November 28, 1989 recalled the names of graduates of New Carlisle Academy from 1911 to 1918 and of New Carlisle High School for the decade 1921-1931. Also recalled were the names of the teachers at NCHS from 1925-26 to 1949-50 inclusive. The article, No.238 in the "GASPE OF YESTERDAY" series, was of interest to many readers some of them expressing the wish that the names of students in the Grade XI graduating class for years subsequent to 1931 be made known.

To that end "SCHOOL DAYS-PART 2" recalls below the names of Grade XI students of NCHS for the school years from 1931-32 to 1940-41 inclusive as listed on Official Reports made annually to the Superintendent of Education, Quebec, Que.

1931-1932

BOYLE, Doris
 GARRETT, Muriel
 KEIRSTEAD, Paul
 MAKENZIE, Margaret
 MAIN, John
 SCOTT, Edith
 SCOTT, Leighton

1932-1933

BEEBE, Doris
 BRIARD, Lois
 BYERS, Ada
 COULL, Reginald
 HALL, Kenneth
 McPHERSON, Mary
 SMITH, Vibert

1932-1933 (ctd)

TOZER, Joyce
 YOUNG, Eleanor

1933-1934

ANNETT, Marguerite
 DAWSON, Muriel
 HOCQUARD, Mildred
 LeGALLAIS, Percy
 MacLELLAN, Viola
 MacWHIRTER, Freyda

1934-1935

BROWN, Harold
 COULL, Reginald
 DOW, Enid
 JACOBSEN, Ethleen
 McPHERSON, Fergus

1934-1935 (ctd)

MICHEL, Jean
 SCOTT, Frank
 SCOTT, Marion

1935-1936

ANNETT, Lois
 COULL, Edith
 COULL, Russell
 DOHERTY, William
 JACOBSEN, Ethleen
 LeFLOCK, Gerald
 McLELLAN, Clement
 ROBERTSON, Verna

1936-1937

BRIARD, Amy
 BRIARD, Greta
 BRIMBLE, Owen
 BROWNRIGG, Elizabeth
 CATTERMULL, Yvonne
 CLARK, Percy
 COFFIN, Myrtle
 CRAIB, Hazel
 IRVING, Muriel
 KENNY, Vernon
 PHILLIPS, Charles
 SMITH, Avis
 BISSON, John

1937-1938

ASCAH, Doris
 BROWN, Grant
 FALLE, Hazel
 FRASER, Melita
 GALLON, Elizabeth
 PATTERSON, Ellwood
 VAN SADERS, Doras
 WILLETT, Grace

1938-1939

BEEBE, Irene
 CRAIB, Olga
 DAWSON, Isobel
 FALLE, Elizabeth
 HALL, Enid
 LAW, Lorne
 LeFLOCH, Roy
 LEGGO, Jennie
 MacCALLUM, Audrey
 McCOLM, George
 PHILLIPS, Randall
 POIRIER, Gérard
 SWEETMAN, Ethel
 THORBURN, Leo

1939-1940

ANNETT Elizabeth
 BLOIS, Margaret
 CAMPBELL, Marjorie
 CRAIB, Olga
 DAWSON, Isobel
 FLOWERS, Grace
 GILKER, Florence
 MITCHELL, Margaret
 TOZER, Mary
 ANNETT, Earle
 de GRUCHY, Ralph
 PHILLIPS, Randall
 SHERAR, Leo

1940-1941

ASTLES, Rena
 BLOIS, Carol
 COULL, Norma
 HARDY, Phyllis
 LeFLOCH, Eileen
 LeSELLEUR, Charles
 SCOTT, Constance
 SCOTT, Percy
 SHERAR, Willa

THE 1930's
IN CONTEXT

The 1930's, comprising most of the period referred to above, were the years of the GREAT DEPRESSION when Gaspesia, in common with the rest of Canada, suffered through an incredibly severe economic adversity. In education, school-boards were faced with increasingly long lists of tax arrears. The lack of funds made the payment of adequate salaries to teaching staff virtually impossible. In the year 1935, as example, the staff salaries at New Carlisle High School were:

<u>POST.</u>	<u>ANNUAL SALARY.</u>
Teaching Principal	\$1700.
Intermediate Teacher	700.
Teacher 3.	600.
Teachers 4;5;6;7.	550

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It is noteworthy that those who taught at New Carlisle High School and in many another Gaspé school during those lean Depression years provided a quality of teaching and devotion to the education of youth out of all proportion to slim monetary reward. Evidence of this is reflected in the following extract from the 1935 Report of the Inspector of High Schools, E.S.Giles.

Office of the
INSPECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOLS
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
QUEBEC

On September 12th. and 13th., accompanied by Mr. H.S.Billings, I made the official inspection of your high school and beg to submit the following report for the consideration of your Board.

I found the school building to be in excellent condition, well painted both within and without and a new roof that will undoubtedly prove to be very lasting.

The deficiencies in your school were reported to you by Mr. Billings last Spring and I do not intend to repeat these recommendations. It is sufficient to inform you that the building, equipment and grounds rate 80% which is considerably higher than when I first visited the school in 1932.

The organization of the classes was good and the work was fairly distributed among the seven members of the staff. The classification of the pupils was very good and the discipline of the whole school excellent. Many schools have varying conditions over a period of years in some of which the efficiency is low and in others high. Your school at present is in a high state of excellence, your teachers with no exception being conscientious and hard working.

The salaries paid, in comparison with those schools of the Province to which ratings of excellent are given, are fair. Your rate of taxation, while very high cannot be considered as such, when one takes into consideration the comparatively low assessment, but this has been pointed out to you on many occasions in the past.

At a meeting of the Board, at your request, I pointed out to you that the Principal was responsible for the classification of the school and the credit for the present good classification is due to her efforts during the last three years.

