

## Lower Fort Garry Garden Centre Inc. and Elizabeth's Florist and Gift

by Elizabeth & Ed Swirsky

In 1969 we purchased Elizabeth's grandmother's land on #9 highway. At that time it was almost strictly a rural farming community. We had nothing but fields of grain for neighbours and the only noises we could hear were farm implements. We loved it that way.

Within a few years, the community started to change. Developments (housing) were happening and some of them too close to us.

At that time, 1979, we decided to purchase some vacant land near Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site. This was bare land with no trees so we decided to plant some. Well, it turned out that we overplanted so we decided to sell a few of them and that was the actual beginning of Lower Fort Garry Garden Centre.

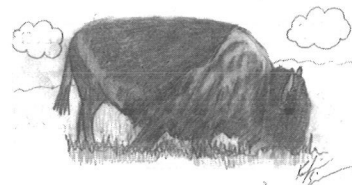
For the first few years we sold only trees and shrubs that we grew on our land. We sold them from our house. In 1983 we moved our fledging business from our yard a few hundred metres away to our grandmother's old house located on the same property. Here we put up a small 30 foot poly greenhouse and expanded our selling line to include evergreens, trees and shrubs, a few fertilizers and soils. At that time Elizabeth was still employed as a teacher with Transcona Springfield School Division and Ed was service manager with Russell Food Equipment.

In 1985 we purchased 20 acres adjacent to our property. This property formerly belonged to Harry Praznik and it had highway frontage. There we erected a 60 foot lexon greenhouse, a small shed to sell from and a shadehouse.

In 1986 we erected a 2100 square foot sales building attached to our greenhouse. At this point our business began to grow considerably. We both quit our jobs and began to devote ourselves full time to our business.

1993 saw another expansion to our main building since our product line was expanding. 1998 was the erection of a two bay state of the art greenhouse.

We have enjoyed tremendous support from the St. Andrew's community throughout the years. At present we offer a full service garden centre, a florist and gift shop, landscaping services, and our latest addition – display gardens and the Garden Path Tea House.



GRAZING THE PAST AND PRESENT

## Right of Way – River Road

by Bill Gessner

Copy of sale for one cent per acre on November 14, 1884 of a strip of land 54 feet wide off River Lot 8 at Parkdale belonging to John Norquay, Premier of Manitoba 1878-1887. This strip was to become part of the River Road. The witness was E. Kett who was a Ward 1 councillor.

*Source: Manitoba Archives*

## River Lots and Early Settlers

by Bill Gessner

The following two maps cover part of the southern portion of the R.M. of St. Andrews which was the earliest settled. This was brought about when the North West and Hudson Bay Companies amalgamated in 1821. Up to that time these companies were competitors for the furs available in Rupert's Land, an area of North America granted to the Hudson Bay Company by King Charles of England for this purpose.

When they became one company there was no need for competing forts in some areas. The surplus staff were retired to the Red River along with their families. The HBC plan was to encourage them to farm and to supply the HBC posts with produce.

The retirees were allotted river lots going back two miles with haying privileges beyond; later they were given a further two miles. The width of the allocations depended upon the years of service to the HBC and the position held within the Company. The widths varied from 1½ to 12 chains wide (a chain = 66 feet).

The 1870 census was to determine those settlers who were given or purchased land from the HBC and those who were squatters at the time the Province of Manitoba came into being. The census of 1835 was used in part to settle Lord Selkirk's estate. The unused lots reverted to HBC ownership.

Specimen

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# Municipality of St. Andrews.

## IN RE RIGHT OF WAY—RIVER ROAD.

Know all Men by these Presents, that I,

*John Norquay*  
of the Parish of St. Andrews

*Leuteman* do hereby agree to grant, sell and convey, by good and sufficient deed free from all encumbrance, to the Corporation of the Municipality of St. Andrews, their successors and assigns, for the purposes of the River Road, *as now* ~~known~~ *and travelled* all *my* right, title and interest in and to all the land required by the said Corporation for a width of fifty-four feet on and upon Lot Number *Eight (8)* Parish of St. Andrews, at and for the sum of *one cent* per acre of lawful money of Canada, payable on completion and acceptance of the title by the Council of the Municipality of St. Andrews.

WITNESS *my* hand and seal this *fourteenth* day of *November* A D. 1884.

Signed and Sealed in presence of

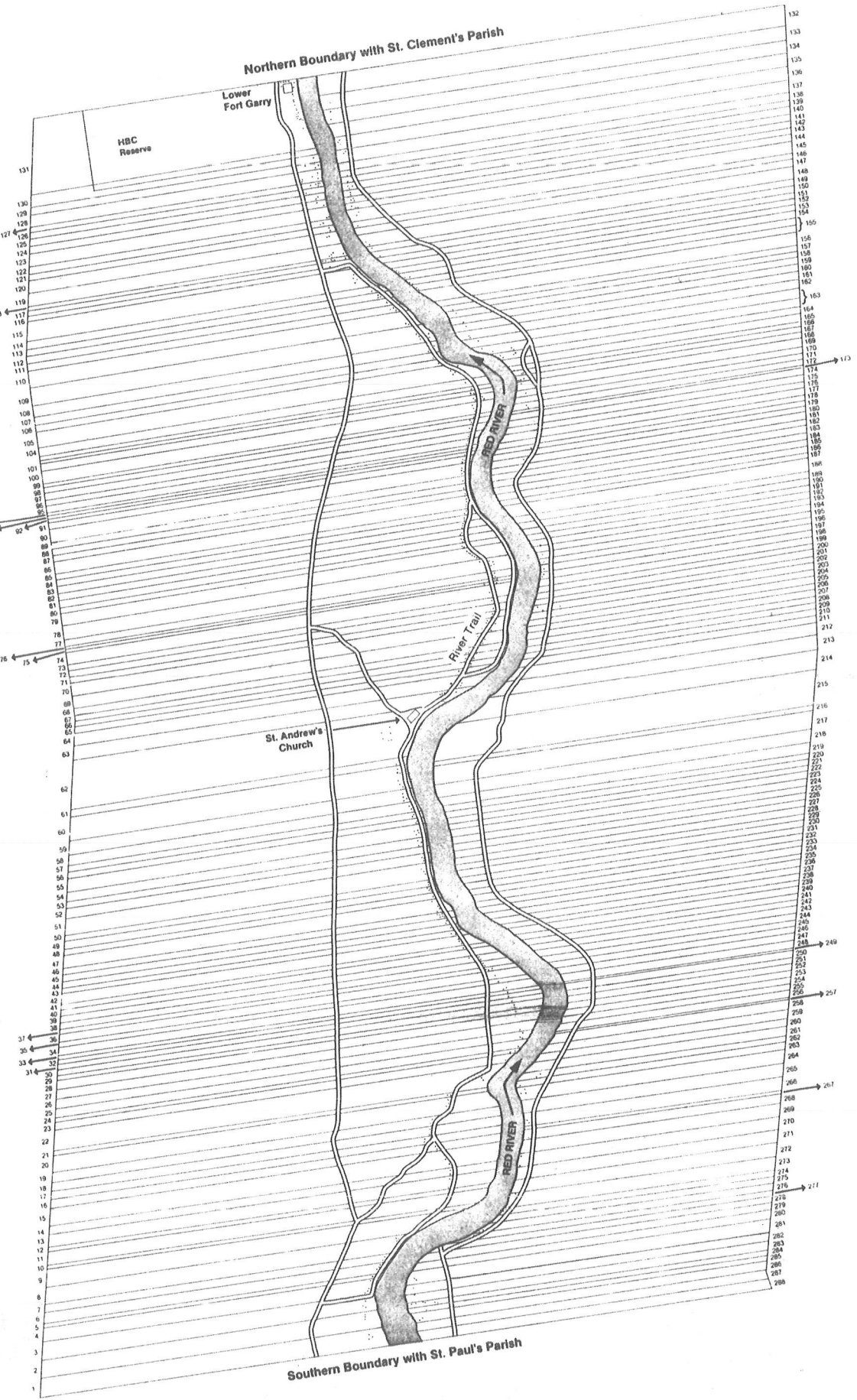
*E. Keet*

*John Norquay*



Scale of Chains  
10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100  
1 chain = 66 feet  
• - Buildings

**St. Andrew's Parish**  
*recognition of*  
**Riverlot Occupancy, 1870**  
*by the Government of Canada*



## St. Andrew's Parish Riverlot Occupancy, 1870

### LEGEND

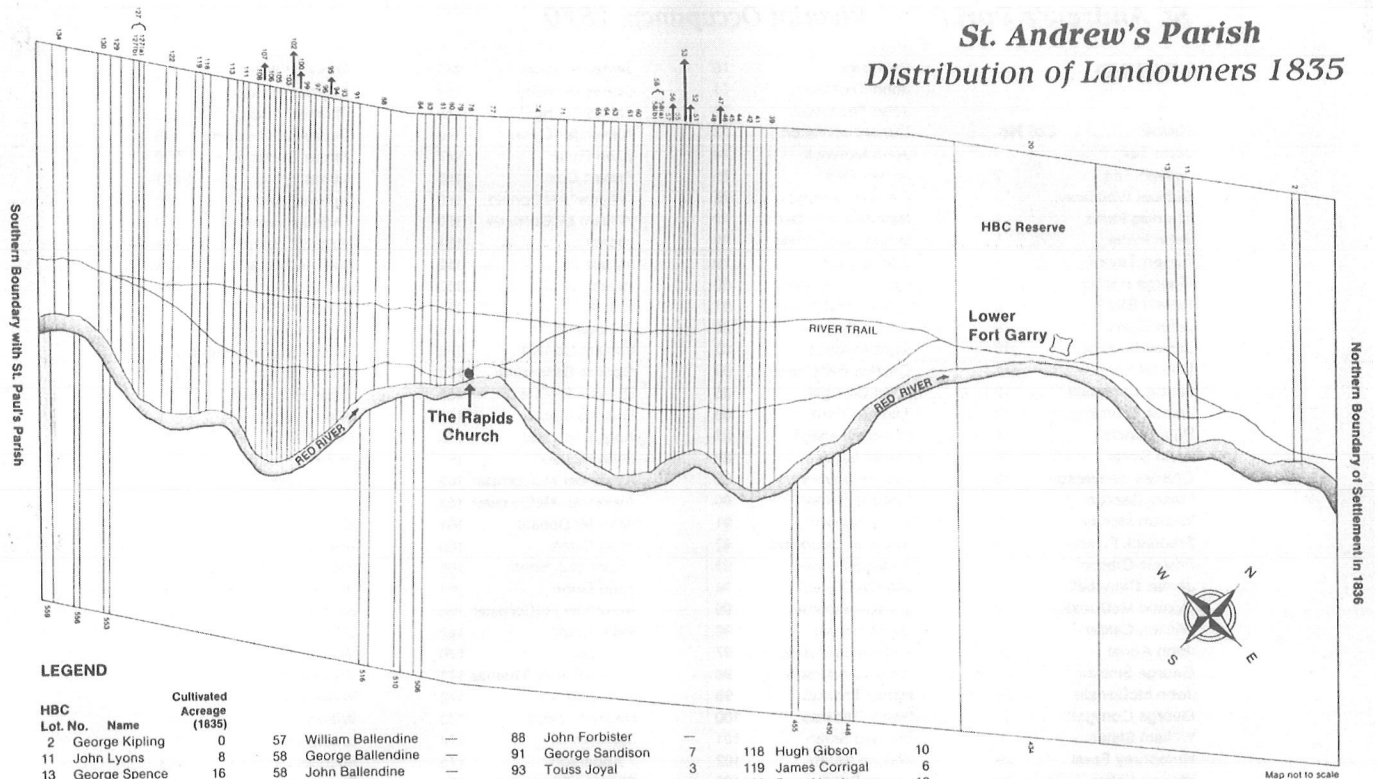
#### Name Lot No.

John Tait	1	unknown	70	James Norquay	143	Andrew Mowat	216
Joseph Tait	2	John Thomson	71	James Norquay	144	Thomas Mowat	217
Samuel Whiteway	3	John Thomson	72	James Corrigan	145	Thomas Sinclair	218
Thomas Parks	4	Donald Johnston	73	Alexander Gunn	146	George Johnstone	219
John Irvine	5	John Morwick	74	John Gunn	147	James Ormand	220
Robert Taylor	6	James Flett	75	Robert Cox	148	James Taylor	221
George Harcus	7	George Harcus	76	"Widow" McDonald	149	Samuel Leask	222
Robert Black	8	Narcisse Parissien	77	William McCorrister	150	Thomas Leask	223
John Setter	9	Donald McDonald	78	vacant	151	Robert Thomas	224
James Spence	10	George Ross	79	vacant	152	William Peebles	225
Donald Spence	11	Donald McDonald	80	vacant	153	James Corrigan	226
James Campbell	12	William McDonald	81	vacant	154	Malcolm Cummings	227
James Cromarty	13	James Peebles	82	? Clouston	155	Charles Henderson	228
Peter Sinclair	14	James Mowat	83	William Donald	156	"Widow" James Setter	229
John Slater	15	Charles Ballendine	84	George Ballendine	157	John Hudson	230
Charles Henderson	16	John Corrigan	85	Duncan McRae	158	George Sinclair	231
Henry George	17	Thomas Firth	86	Charles Moore	159	William McKay	232
William McKay	18	William Burston	87	Angus McLeod	160	Dr. Schultz	233
Frederick Fulsher	19	James Veller	88	John McLeod	161	William Phillips	234
Francis Gibson	20	Charles Moore	89	Alexander McCorrister	162	George Davis	235
James Campbell	21	Edward Mowat	90	Alexander McCorrister	163	Donald McDonald	236
Donald McDonald	22	Bakie Sinclair	91	John McDonald	164	Cuthbert Cummings	237
William Calder	23	Roderick Saunders	92	John Gunn	165	unknown	238
John Annal	24	George Cramer	93	"Heirs of J. Smith"	166	Alexander McDonald	239
George Sinclair	25	Joseph Donald	94	John Gunn	167	James Whiteford	240
John McDonald	26	Elizabeth Donald	95	Alexander McCorrister	168	Samuel Spence	241
George Corrigan	27	David Harcus	96	Peter Loutit	169	William Porter	242
William Slater	28	William Saunders	97	unknown	170	William Porter	243
Humphrey Favel	29	James Anderson	98	"Widow" Alex Thomas	171	Thomas Mowat	244
William Setter	30	Henry Thomas	99	A. Young	172	William Scott	245
Thomas Lambert	31	Henry Thomas	100	Henry Thomas	173	William Scott	246
John Lambert	32	Richard Smith	101	John Annal	174	unknown	247
Michael Lambert	33	William Smith	102	? Anderson	175	Michael Lambert	248
James Tait	34	James Smith	103	Thomas Truthwaite	176	Thomas Lambert	249
Alexander McDonald	35	James Smith	104	William Donald	177	John Morrison	250
William McDonald	36	Thomas Truthwaite	105	William Stevens	178	William Peel	251
John Morrison	37	John Loutit	106	George Cramer	179	William Sutherland	252
William Sutherland	38	William Fox	107	Bakie Sinclair	180	John Vandal	253
Cuthbert Cummings	39	Neil McKay	108	Thomas Norquay	181	John McDonald	254
John Hodgson	40	Donald Gunn	109	Robert Mowat	182	James Corrigan	255
John Corrigan	41	John McDonald	110	Charles Moore	183	William McKay	256
James Corrigan	42	James Harper	111	James Valler	184	vacant	257
John Hodgson	43	Duncan McKae	112	William Burston	185	John Amand	258
Unknown	44	George Ballendine	113	vacant	186	William Calder	259
John Mowat	45	John Smith	114	Thomas Firth	187	Cuthbert McDonald	260
William Scott	46	John Muir	115	George Ross	188	D. McDonald	261
John Brown	47	James Gunn	116	George Ross	189	Magnus Brown	262
John Knotts	48	H.A. Boyd	117	James Peebles	190	James Lewis	263
Hugh Linklater	49	E. Taylor	118	William McDonald	191	Henry Erasmusson	264
Duncan McDonald	50	Thomas Flett	119	Alexander McDonald	192	"Widow" Daniels	265
George Davis	51	John Cox	120	John Aitkins	193	"Widow" Kipling	266
James Corrigan	52	Donald Ross	121	Robert Hay	194	William Lewis	267
William Peebles	53	Donald Ross	122	John Corrigan	195	William Lewis	268
Richard Thomas	54	Presbyterian Church	123	Archibald Flett	196	James Whiteway	269
Samuel Leask	55	John Muir	124	George Morwick	197	John spence	270
John Taylor	56	Alexander McDonald	125	John Flett	198	James Campbell	271
John Ammond	57	William Bailie	126	John Morwick	199	Alexander Irish	272
? Johnston	58	Alexander Gunn	127	John Morwick	200	Donald Murray	273
Thomas Sinclair	59	John McDonald	128	David Johnston	201	vacant	274
? Mowat	60	Norman Morrison	129	David Johnston	202	William Lewis	275
George Davis	61	Roderick Campbell	130	James Morwick	203	James Spence	276
St-Andrew's Church	62	HBC	131	Peter Pruden	204	vacant	277
Philip Kennedy	63	Duncan Sinclair	132	Peter Pruden	205	John Setter	278
Alexander Isbister	64	Duncan Sinclair	133	Morris Bird	206	Samuel Leask	279
John Lewis	65	William Irvine	134	John Bird	207	Alexander McBeth	280
James Ballendine	66	Malcolm McLeod	135	vacant	208	John Schultz	281
William Pruden	67	Gilbert Smith	136	William Pruden	209	Donald Murray	282
Peter Pruden	68	John McLeod	137	John Lee Lewis	210	James Parks	283
John Bird	69	John McLeod	138	William Pruden	211	John Vandal	284
		George Flett	139	A.K. Isbister	212	Louis Vandal	285
		James Flett	140	A.K. Isbister	213	Donald Murray	286
		Charles Swain	141	Church of England	214	Joseph Vandal	287
		Richard Smith	142	Rev. William Cochrane	215	John McBride	288

**SOURCE:** "Plan of Riverlots in the Parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Clement's, Province of Manitoba, 1873", by A.H. Vaughan (PAM H9614.11). The names of occupants for each lot in the parish are contained in the field notes of the Dominion Land Surveyors, located at the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. Riverlot occupancy for all of Red River can be found in Table 5: "Recognition of Riverlot Occupants by the Government of Canada 1870" in D. Sprague and R. Frye, *The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation*, n.p. With the entry of Manitoba into Confederation the new Dominion lot numbering system replaced the designations previously employed by the HBC. See 1835 parish map.



## St. Andrew's Parish Distribution of Landowners 1835



### LEGEND

HBC Lot No.	Name	Cultivated Acreage (1835)
2	George Kipling	0
11	John Lyons	8
13	George Spence	16
20	HBC Reserve	—
39	John James Smith	12
41	Richard Stevens	8
42	Richard Stevens	—
44	James Anderson	10
45	William Sanders	5
46	Jacob Truthwaite	9
47	William Donald	9
48	Charles Cremer	1
51	John Norquay	0
52	John Norquay	0
53	Alexander Dirston	4
55	William Birston	0
56	Thomas Firth	0
57	William Ballendine	—
58	George Ballendine	—
58	John Ballendine	—
60	George Ross	1
61	Donald McDonald	0
63	William Flett	3
64	James Morwich	—
65	James Morwich	8
71	William Pruden	16
74	Thomas Isbister	—
77	William Cockran	—
78	William Cockran	—
79	Thomas Sinclair	7
80	George Johnstone	8
81	James Norman	6
83	Andrew Linklater	0
84	Andrew Linklater	2
88	John Forbister	—
91	George Sandison	7
93	Touss Joyal	3
94	William Spence	0
95	Charles Demarais	3
96	James Sutherland	0
97	James Sutherland	25
99	Donald Sinclair	10
100	Kennith McDonald	12
102	Horatio Calder	3
103	Michel Lambert	8
105	Peter Whitford	2
106	Peter Whitford	0
107	Thomas Favel	2
108	Thomas Anderson	3
111	John Anderson	10
113	John Spence	10
118	Hugh Gibson	10
119	James Corrigan	6
122	Peter Henderson	10
127	Andrew Spence	13
127	Thomas Isham	7
129	Hugh Gibson	9
130	William Leith	10
134	James Whitway	18
434	HBC Reserve	—
448	John McLeod	3
450	James Swain	—
451	James Swain	1
455	George Robertson	1
506	George Settee	0
510	Andrew Setter	20
516	Henry House	3
553	Joseph Vandalle	4
556	Louis Cire	0
559	Toussant Voudrie	3

\* Acreage unknown

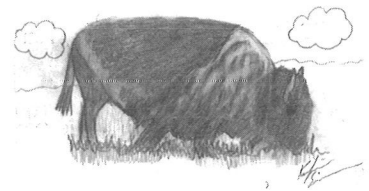
### SOURCE:

Taken from George Taylor's 1836 "Plan of the Red River Colony." (PAM, 619.2 gbbe, 1836 T. C2). Names of heads of families and cultivated acreage from D. Sprague and R. Frye. *The Genealogy of the First Metis Nation* (Table 2). The HBC "Correlation Book" (PAM, MG2, C12, M69) was used to match Dominion lot designations with the old HBC lot numbers.

St. Andrews Parish, 1835.

## St. Andrew's Parish by Bill Gessner

The names of those men from St. Andrew's Parish, who mustered to rescue those imprisoned in Fort Garry by Louis Riel during the winter of 1869-70. (Note Fort Garry here refers to Upper Fort Garry.)



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No.	Names	Address	Remarks
1	Arnal, John	St. Andrew's	Farmer, Living
2.	Anderson, James	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer, Living
3.	Anderson, Thomas	Lower Fort Garry	Son of Jas. Anderson
4.	Beddome, Dr.		Deceased
5.	Bird, John James	St. Andrew's	Member elect of Kildonan, farmer
6.	Bird, Thomas		Deceased
7.	Birston, Wm		Deceased
8.	Birston, David	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer, son of Wm Birston
9.	Ballendine Geo. Sr	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer
10.	Ballendine, Charles	St. Andrew's	Farmer
11.	Ballendine, Adolphus	Winnipeg	Laborer
12.	Ballendine, Robert	St. Andrew's	Farmer

Brothers

13.	Ballendine, John	Winnipeg	Laborer	}	Brothers
14.	Ballendine, George Jr	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
15.	Brown, Thomas		Laborer	}	sons of John Brown
16.	Brown, James		Farmer,		
17.	Cromertie, James	Parkdale	Farmer		
18.	Cummings, Cuth.	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
19.	Corrigan, John	St. Andrew's	Farmer, son of Jas. Corrigan Sr.		
20.	Corrigan, James (Sr)		Deceased		
21.	Corrigan, Thomas	St. Andrew's	Farmer, son of Jas Corrigan Sr.		
22.	Corrigan, James (Jr.)	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
23.	Corrigan, John C.		Deceased (Mason)		
24.	Corrigan, Wm. C.	St. Andrew's	Farmer, son of John C. Corrigan		
25.	Cox, John	Lower Fort Garry	Laborer		
26.	Cox, George				
27.	Corrigan, James	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer		
28.	Donald, Wm. Jr.	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
29.	Donald, Wm. (Sr.)		Deceased		
30.	Donald, John				
31.	Donald, Joseph	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer		
32.	Ducharme, Alex	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
33.	Flett, Archibald (Sr)	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	Brothers
34.	Flett, James (Sr)	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
35.	Flett, John (Sr)		Deceased	}	Brothers
36.	Fox, Wm				
37.	Fox, Charles		Deceased	}	Sons of Wm.Folster
38.	Folster, Wm		Deceased		
39.	Folster, John		Deceased	}	Sons of Wm.Folster
40.	Folster, George		Deceased		
41.	Gunn, Hon. Don		Deceased	}	Sons of Hon. Donald Gunn All farmers
42.	Gunn, Alexander	Lower Fort Garry			
43.	Gunn, John (ex. M.P.P.)	Lower Fort Garry			
44.	Gunn, James	Lower Fort Garry			
45.	Grey, Samuel		Deceased		
46.	Gibson, Francis	Parkdale	Farmer		
47.	Hodgson, John	St. Andrew's	Carpenter		
48.	Harcus, Geo (Sr)		Deceased	}	Brothers
49.	Harcus, David		Deceased		
50.	Harper, Jas.		Deceased		
51.	Harper, Philip				
52.	Irvine, John	St. Andrew's	Laborer	}	Brothers
53.	Johnstone. Arch.	Norwood	Farmer		
54.	Johnstone, Charles	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	Brothers
55.	Johnstone, Wm	Cook's Creek	Farmer		
56.	Johnstone Wm	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	Brothers
57.	Johnstone, John	St. Andrew's	Laborer		
58.	Lambert, John Sr	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
59.	Lambert, Andrew	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
60.	Lambert, Thomas	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
61.	Lambert, John Jr.				
62.	Lewis, Jas.		Deceased		
63.	Lewis, Andrew	Parkdale			
64.	Lily, George	Peguis	Farmer		
65.	Linklater, Hugh	Norwood	Farmer		
66.	Loutit, John	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer		
67.	McDonald. Cuth.	Parkdale	Farmer		

68.	McDonald, Charles	Parkdale	Farmer	}	Brothers
69.	McDonald, Don.	Parkdale	Farmer		
70.	McDonald, Alex.	St. Andrew's	Farmer		Sons of Kenneth
71.	McDonald, Wm	Clandeboye	Farmer	}	McDonald
72.	McDonald, Dun.	St. Andrew's	Blacksmith		Father and
73.	McDonald, John	St. Andrew's		}	Son
74.	McDonald, Don (Sr)		Deceased		
75.	McDonald, John	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	Father and
76.	McDonald, Alex		Deceased	}	Sons
77.	McDonald, Adam Sr.		Deceased	}	
78.	McDonald, Adam Jr.	St. Andrew's	Farmer		Grandsons of
79.	McDonald, Wm	Fort Francis	Laborer	}	Don McDonald
80.	McDonald, Robert	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	
81.	McKay, Edward	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer		
82.	McLeod, Malcolm	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer	}	
83.	McLeod, Duncan	Lower Fort Garry		}	
84.	McLeod, Angus	Lower Fort Garry		}	Brothers
85.	McLeod, John	Lower Fort Garry			
86.	McRae, Alex.	Clandeboye	Farmer, son of Duncan McRae		
87.	Morrison, John	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
88.	Mowat, John		Deceased		
89.	Moore, Charles	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer		
90.	Mowat, Andrew	Edmonton		}	Brothers
91.	Mowat, Thomas	Edmonton		}	
92.	Morwick, Alex	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	
93.	Morwick, George	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	
94.	Morwick, John	Cook's Creek	Farmer	}	Brothers
95.	Morwick, James		Deceased	}	
96.	Morwick, Peter	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	
97.	Morwick, Thomas	St. Andrew's		}	
98.	Mowat, Robt. Sr.	Lower Fort Garry	Carpenter	}	
99.	Mowat, Ed. Sr.	Lower Fort Garry	Farmer	}	Brothers
100.	Mowat, David		Deceased	}	
101.	Mowat, Thomas Sr.	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	
102.	Muir, James		Deceased	}	Brothers
103.	Muir, John		Deceased	}	
104.	Norquay, Thomas Sr		Deceased		
105.	Omand, James	Winnipeg		}	
106.	Omand, John	St. Andrew's		}	Brothers
107.	Omand, Thomas			}	
108.	Park, James	Parkdale	Farmer		
109.	Peebles, Wm		Deceased		
110.	Peebles, James		Deceased		
111.	Pruden, Wm		Deceased		
112.	Parisien, Narcisse	St. Andrew's	Laborer		
113.	Richards, Andrew		Deceased		
114.	Richards, Wm	St. Andrew's	Farmer		
115.	Ross, Alexander		Deceased	}	
116.	Ross, George	St. Andrew's	Farmer	}	Brothers
117.	Ross, John		Deceased	}	
118.	Ross, Malcolm	Cook's Creek	Farmer	}	

*Source: Manitoba Archives File MG12 E1 8450-8453*





## A Brief History of the Lord Selkirk School Division No. 11

The Lord Selkirk School Division No. 11 came into being on the first day of April, 1959 by an order of the Minister of Education. The School Division became responsible for all secondary education, Grades 9-12, and included the following school districts, each of which were included in these wards:

### **Ward 1** (1 Trustee)

Earl Grey	#1527
Lockport	#6
Mapleton	#5
Rossdale	#956
St. Andrews	#2

### **Ward 2** (1 Trustee)

Armistice	#2043
Clandeboye	#47
Cloverdale	#577
Dunara	#1203
Fillmore	#2170
Hartley	#878
Meadowdale	#955
Netley Lake	#775
Norwood	#642
Peguis	#1426
Petersfield	#533

### **Ward 3** (1 Trustee)

Arnhold	#1618
Balsam Bay	#859
Beaconia	#2162
Belair	#2165
Brookside	#1546
Dunlop	#2150
Grand Marais	#1825
Hillside	#1980
Hoey	#2173
Libau	#1231
Popular Park	#545
Sheffield	#1976
Stony Point	#2077
Victoria Beach	#1877

### **Ward 4** (1 Trustee)

Ashfield	#428
Gonor	#1070
Highland	#1628
Happy Thought	#1452
Kitchener	#1076
Lilydale	#1285
Mayfield	#1473
Patapun	#1636

### **Ward 5** (3 Trustees)

Selkirk	#69
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In September of 1959, the Lord Selkirk School Division operated the Selkirk Collegiate Institute with classes in Grades 9-12. Also Grade 9 and some

Grade 10 classes were held at Happy Thought, Victoria Beach, Lockport, Highland, St. Andrews, Mapleton and Clandeboye. Grand Marais had Grades 9-11 classes for several years.

The School Board members were: Andrew Smith, Chairman, W.E. Schick, Vice-Chairman, Stan Schofield, Lorne Linklater, Michael (Miles) Gusnowsky, Fred Gibbs, Walter Whyte, Eileen Bryce, Secretary-Treasurer. On February 15, 1967 by an Order of Council, the Lord Selkirk School Division was given jurisdiction over all education for Grades 1-12 and the local School Districts were dissolved. The School Board members at the inaugural meeting on April 3, 1967 were:

Michael Miles, Chairman, Victor Carson, Vice-Chairman, Albert Boehmer, Edith Dewar, Dr. Lorne Johannson, George Schreyer, Harry Waytiuk, Walter Whyte, Stan Witwicki, Eileen Bryce, Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1970 the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation requested that their area be included in the Lord Selkirk School Division. This came into effect on January 1, 1971 and that area became Ward 6 of the Lord Selkirk School Division.

The Board of Trustees for 1999-2000 are: Jean Oliver, Chairperson, Bruce McPhail, Vice-Chairperson, Ken Avery, Frank Baldwin, Elaine Markwart, Shirley Onishko, Clive Rennie, George Schreyer, Carl Stone, Wayne Sutherland.

This is a very brief synopsis of the Division history. The forty local districts that were consolidated to form the Lord Selkirk Division have a very rich history. The local histories that were written for the Centennials of the R.M. of St. Andrews, the R.M. of St. Clements, and the Town of Selkirk have much of the early educational histories.

The Lord Selkirk School Division is proud to be part of the very early development of educational facilities in the Province of Manitoba. As we look at the District numbers, please note the early numbers for: St. Andrews – Number 2, Mapleton – Number 5, Lockport – Number 6, Clandeboye – Number 47, Selkirk – Number 69.

St. Andrew's School traces its history back to the first Anglican missionaries of the 1820's in the Red River Settlement. The St. Andrew's School site may have been the site of one of the first schools in the province.

## **Ecole Bonaventure by Lucie Kuly, Principal**

In 1987, a group of parents interested in bilingual education for their children approached the board of trustees of the Lord Selkirk School Division #11 requesting that a French Immersion

program be established. The board acknowledged their request and suggested that if there was sufficient interest in the French Immersion program the request would be considered.

In September 1987, the first French Immersion class in the Lord Selkirk School Division began. It was a combined kindergarten and grade one class with 20 students in grade one and 10 students in kindergarten. The class was housed in the Selkirk Junior High complex but was an extension of Robert Smith English school and became recognized as Robert Smith French Immersion.

The French Immersion program continued to grow with a new grade being added each year. As the program grew, Selkirk Junior High relinquished use of several of the classrooms that they once needed so that the French Immersion classes could be accommodated. When the program reached the full kindergarten to grade 6 status, the students continued the French Immersion program in Selkirk Junior High and then eventually at the Regional Comprehensive High School. In June 1999, the first students of the French Immersion program graduated with a grade 12 french immersion certificate.

On June 27, 1994 the french immersion program broke the ties it had with Robert Smith school and was renamed Ecole Bonaventure. Staff, students and parents participated in an official ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration.

As we enter the new millennium Ecole Bonaventure, with an enrolment of 192 students, continues to be an adventure in learning. The school continues to strive for educational excellence in both languages, English and French.



Ecole Bonaventure; January 2000.

### **Ecole Bonaventure staff list 1998-1999**

Lucie Kuly	Principal
Heather Kelly	Kindergarten
Filomena Goncalves	Grade 1

Rachelle Beaudin	Grade 2
Meg Cullen	Grade 2
Kevin Dilk	Grade 3 (a.m.)/Resource (p.m)
Nicole Joyal	Grade 3 (p.m.)
Daniel Dedieu	Grade 4
Paulette Bessette	Grade 5
Maurice Paillé	Grade 6
Karla Grobb	Music
Lindy Smellie	Phys. Ed. (a.m.)/T.A. (p.m.)
Cecile Barrett	Librarian/T.A.
Linette Bowman	Secretary
Jeanne Rowsell	T.A.
Diane Chiola	T.A.
Tracey Dionne	T.A.

### **Lockport School**



Lockport School – 1999.

### **Lockport School**

#### **Staff list 1998/1999**

Mr. W. Boch	Mrs. J. Swintak
Mr. J. Globa	Mrs. S. Whyte
Mr. M. Blieske	Mrs. K. Yuskow
Ms. K. Boughton	Mrs. S. Bresoline
Mr. G. Dehn	Mrs. J. Brown
Mrs. L. Dyck	Mr. D. Clarke
Mr. R. Drysdale	Mrs. J. Geurts
Mr. H. Heppner	Mrs. B. Grove
Ms. Y. Inniss	Mrs. J. Halpenny
Mrs. P. Jenkins	Mrs. J. Laing
Mrs. L. Kohut	Mrs. E. Nagorski
Mr. D. Loepky	Ms. P. Neal
Mr. M. Morelli	Mrs. B. Riter
Mr. D. Nazimek	Mr. A. Schadek
Mrs. J. Newediuk	Mrs. S. Terhoch
Ms. S. Newsham	Mrs. D. Tonner
Mrs. M. Orobko	Mr. P. Bedard
Mr. R. Phillipott	Mrs. D. Gaulton
Mrs. M. Rothwell	Ms. A. Kirkness
Ms. M. Rostek	Mr. H. Strong
Mrs. D. Steiner	

## **The Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive School, 1971-2000**

**by William (Bill) Regehr, Principal 1971-1975,  
Superintendent 1975-1981**

The opening of Lord Selkirk School Division's new comprehensive school was an important milestone in the development of the education system for the region. Culminating from four years of planning and building it incorporated many features that put it well ahead of its time. Many firsts were recorded in its operation. The credit system, semesters, child care in a high school, a swimming pool and an in-house computer just to name a few.

The School Board's discussions concerning the school began in 1967 at which time the Department of Youth and Education under the director B.F. Addy was exploring the prospects of building regional schools. This school was built by the school division under terms of the Federal Technical and Vocational Assistance Act and was funded entirely by the provincial and federal governments. Along with the architects, Libling Michner and Associates, many had a hand in planning the school; board members, Department of Education officials and consultants, advisory committees, students, parents and members of the Lord Selkirk School teaching staff. Specifically, George B. Schreyer was chairman of the building committee with Rick Lawrence and then, Bill Regehr and Edward Starsiak were responsible as staff for the planning, equipping and program development.

In accordance with the concept of a comprehensive program one of the philosophical aims of Lord Selkirk was to provide learning opportunities for all high school students in accordance with their individual interests and abilities, thus preparing students for making a maximum contribution to the society of which each one is a part. Students from surrounding school divisions, some as far away as Lac du Bonnet, became a part of its student body. The twenty major programs related classroom learning closely to life and/or post secondary requirements so that schoolwork took on more meaning for students.

Opportunities for study in depth in special areas were provided through programs which carried through into the community in work, travel and study. The semester system and individualized time tables adopted for the new school gave students an almost unlimited choice of course combinations. The use of larger blocks of time, a spacious resource centre (since expanded), self-contained subject suites, audio-visual equipment, seminar rooms and specialized labs and training areas, encouraged

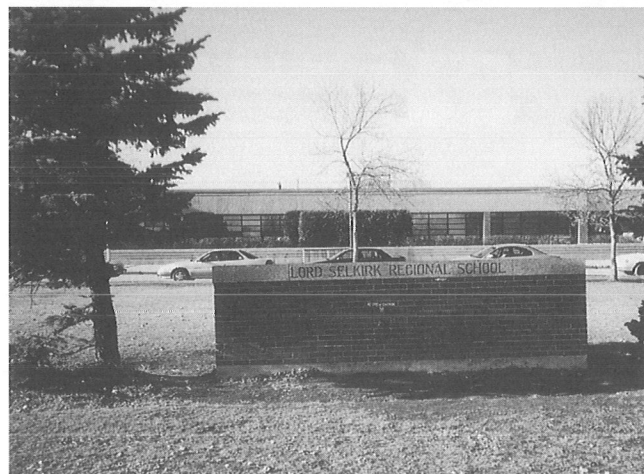
teaching approaches which emphasize individual initiative in the pursuit of knowledge. Further responsibility was placed on students through an open campus and a system of limited non-compulsory attendance.

Although there was, and still is, provision to teach marketable skills in a real life atmosphere through the use of current and up-to-date equipment, every effort was made to ensure that along with specialized training, a broad general education was not neglected.

Lord Selkirk opened in the fall of 1971 with an enrollment of 1150 day students, two manpower classes and over 500 adults in continuing education classes. Over the years these numbers and student program and facilities have grown to keep pace with current needs.

The program calls for ample grounding for all students in English, Social Studies, Mathematics, Sciences and Physical Education, with opportunities provided for self-expression in music and drama. Continuing education and upgrading for adults tie-in to the school day as well as evening programs. The school serves all ages and sectors of the community through ever expanding programs that range from a day nursery to whist or swimming for senior citizens.

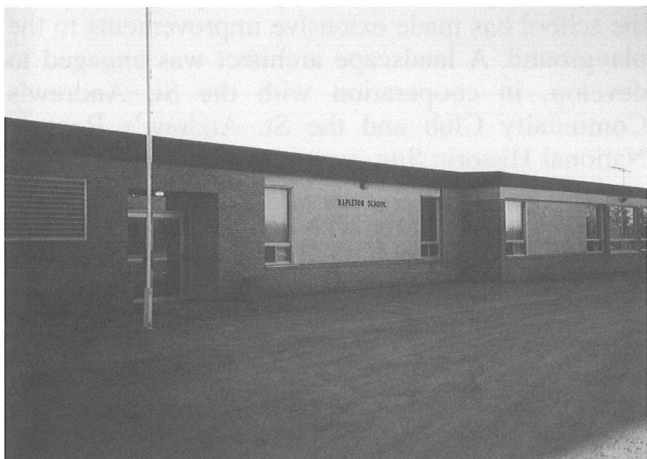
Lord Selkirk Comprehensive has earned a proud record of achievements. These include many firsts in educational programs which range from private aviation licenses to credit for study and travel. The "who's-who" of notables for academic and sports achievements are too many to list here. It is a tribute to the community that supported this institution and the fine teachers and administrators that Lord Selkirk remains a dynamic and moving force in the continuing growth and development of the community.



The Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive School, 1971 – 2000.

## Mapleton School Staff List 1998-1999

Principal	Barry Kuly
Kindergarten	Betty Rowbotham
Grade 1	Carmen Rohne
Grade 2	Linda Wilson/Jeri Orr
Grade 3	Sharon Moolchan
Grade 4	Jill Cooper
Grade 5	Kerri Boch
Grade 6	Brad Smith/Jerri Orr
Resource	Michelle Rostek
Music	Lori Hildebrand
Caretaker	Bob Hirst
Cleaner	Brenda Stephanson
Secretary	Holly Goodbrandson
Library/T.A.	Tricia Geurts
T.A.	Lorraine Stevens
T.A.	Lynn Hooker
T.A.	Amberly Bresoline
T.A.	Hilary Downing



Mapleton School on Calder Road, 1999.

### St. Andrew's School: Recent Developments by Terry Dann, Principal

Having been first established in 1829, St. Andrew's School is the oldest school in Western Canada. The school's modern configuration began in 1965 when the current east wing was constructed as a new, self-contained school building. This building contained ten classrooms, a small gymnasium and office space.

The late 60's and early 70's was a time of rapidly expanding school populations. To accommodate the new students, an extension was built to the school in 1974. This extension formed the west wing of the combined structure. The west wing contained eleven classrooms, a stage area off the new and much larger gym and various ancillary spaces. The old gym was converted into a library and multipurpose area.

The mid to late 70's saw St. Andrew's School's population reach its peak of about 520 students. At that time the school offered kindergarten to grade 9 and was operating beyond comfortable capacity. In 1979 the new Lockport School opened and St. Andrew's grades 7-9 students transferred to the new school. The reduced population brought a measure of relief to the overcrowding problem.

The population of the school continued to grow in the early 1980's reaching a peak of just over 500 students in 1988. By this time, however, the baby boom was over and new kindergarten registration numbers began to decline. At the same time the sluggish Manitoba economy resulted in a slowdown in new housing construction and the St. Andrew's School population experienced a decline. The number of students reached a low of about 470 in 1994.

The mid to late 90's has seen a return to a growing school population. New kindergarten registrations have never returned to the numbers experienced during the baby boom years, but they have stabilized around a lower number. The population growth is the result of two factors. New, younger, families are buying the homes of people whose children have grown up, and agricultural land is being developed for new housing. The low property and school tax environment has been a major attraction for families with school age children.

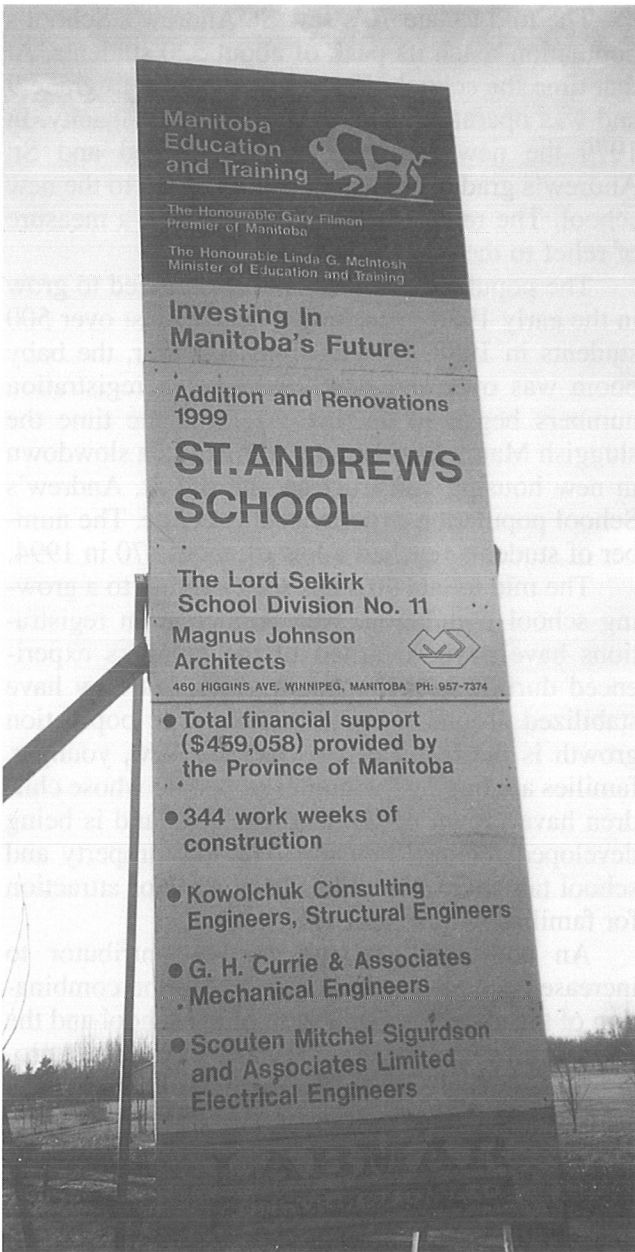
An additional, though minor contributor to increased school population has been the combination of the excellent reputation of the school and the provincial government's "Schools of Choice" program. Parents are no longer restricted to their local schools. They may, as long as they take responsibility for transportation, register their children at the school of their choice, as long as certain conditions are met.

Together, these factors have resulted in enrollment projections which suggest that St. Andrew's School will exceed its previous highest population by the year 2003, when we expect enrollment to exceed 520 students.

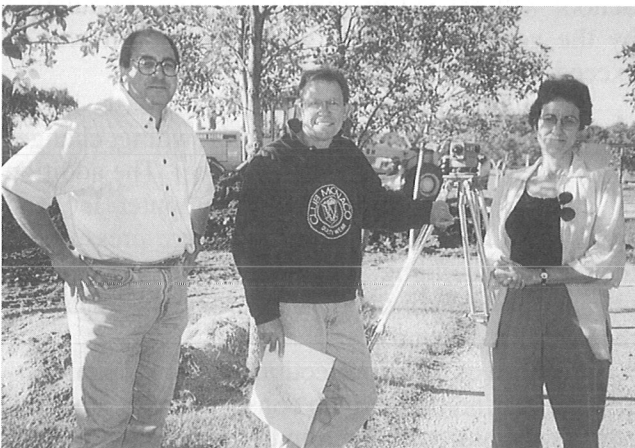
Although student population increase is the largest factor contributing to overcrowding, changes in school programs also have an effect. The addition of a large, Internet connected computer lab and areas for individual teaching put more pressure on the existing building. A school that could house a given population in the 60's would be inadequate in the 90's and beyond.

Because of these projections the provincial government has authorized the construction of a permanent, two classroom addition to the school. The new addition will be built as an extension on the south end of the west wing. In addition to a new, 1000





St. Andrews School additions and renovations, 1999.



Landscape architect – Jeff Frank, archeologist – Marianne Tisdale, principal – Terry Dann, – during drainage plan work.

square foot kindergarten room, the new space will contain a resource area for grades 4-6 students. It will have a resource teacher's office, a small group teaching area and will house our relocated computer-assisted instruction lab. The kindergarten addition will transform our kindergarten program. The new classroom will be connected to the existing kindergarten classroom by an ante-room for dressing and storing outdoor clothing. The combined area will have its own entrance exclusively for kindergarten children and their parents. Outside will be a new kindergarten play area with new play equipment. A new and very attractive pitched roof was added to part of the west wing in 1998. Manitoba schools have traditionally been built with flat roofs. Although cheaper, flat roofs insulate poorly and are prone to leaking with age. St. Andrew's is the first school to be refitted with a pitched roof.

The new addition will have a matching roof and plans are to eventually replace all of the existing flat roof with a pitched roof. Over the past three years the school has made extensive improvements to the playground. A landscape architect was engaged to develop, in cooperation with the St. Andrew's Community Club and the St. Andrew's Rectory National Historic Site, a master plan for site development. Once agreed upon, the master plan called for development of the area in four phases:

- drainage control
- tree planting
- naturalization
- recreational development.



R.M. of St. Andrews equipment and operators working on the drainage plan.

With the assistance of a major grant from Environment Canada a significant start on the first three stages has been made. Drainage is vastly improved, more than 2000 trees have been planted, a 3000 square foot Tall Grass Prairie restoration is 1/2 complete and the aforementioned kindergarten play area will be built in the fall of 1999.



St. Andrews students in the Tall Grass Prairie restoration project.

Developing the playing fields on the west side of the school is the remaining major project that will be addressed in the coming years.

St. Andrew's School is well prepared and ready for the challenges of the new millennium.

## **St. Andrews School**

### **Staff List, 1998-1999**

Terry Dann, Principal

Diane Brandson, Vice-principal

#### **Kindergarten**

Gwen Payonk

Jean Koch

#### **Grade One**

Joan Dunlop

Betty Cook

Charlene Fox

Dawn McGillivray

#### **Grade Two**

Diane Graff-Bowen

Donna Johnson

Linda Posnick

#### **Grade Three**

Jan Begg

Irene Stevenson

Alyson Impey

Chantal Philippot

#### **Grade Four**

Janice Starodub

Christine Desrochers

Bev Rolston

#### **Grade Five**

Judy Maryniuk

Sandy Mulholland

Ed Kohut

#### **Grade Six**

Henry Kolada

Jane McGillawee

Russ Kopansky

#### **Music**

Barb Rieck

#### **Physical Education**

Don Stewart

Dolores Rebeck.

#### **Resource**

Rosemarie Klassen

#### **Computer**

Wendy Wood

#### **Library Clerk**

Mildred Bedard

#### **Teacher Assistants**

Darlene Craig

Donna David

Elsa Favel

Sylvia Gaba

Susan Huff

Gail Rosser

Lee Spicer

Florence Warwick

Carole Wiedemann

#### **Secretary**

Cheryl Kuly

#### **Clerk Typist**

Linda Skromeda

#### **Caretaker**

Tammy Bagnall

#### **Supervisor Custodian**

Jarrold Lewis

#### **Cleaners**

Jackie Fischer

Jean Senavich

## **St. Andrews School**

### **Grade 1 Classes, 1998 - 1999**

B. Cook, teacher

J. Dunlop, teacher

C. Fox, teacher

D. McGillivray, teacher

### **I like living in St. Andrews because...**

The town is friendly and I have 4 acres, and I have a big house, and I like the street name, and I like my neighbours. – Simon Agius

There are nice neighbours. My friends are nice to me. I have a big house. I like the Red River. I like my family. I like the Bay. – Tamara Beauchemin

I like Harry's Foods and my family. I like my friends and my clothes. I like my yard. – Jade Bragg

My friends like me and my best friend likes me too. – Tanika Born

There is R.C.M.P. – John Boundy

It is nice. There is nice flowers and nice trees and I have 4 friends that live on my Bay too. Beckie Bowe

It's a big garden. – Aaron Brisnik

I have the best friends and I can play baseball here. – Corbyn Burik

It is a good place. This is a great school. I like the Community Club. I like St. Andrews because they have great people. – Jenny Cheys

I have a big pool. – Matthew Cheys

I like the river. I will miss my friends. It is a beautiful country. – Brenden Collins

My friend lives by me. I go to his house. We played WWF Warzone. I won. The guy said he's on the rope, what's he going to do! I jumped on him. – Jamie Coupland

I like my friends and that we live close to a river and we can go fishing. My friends are Jame, David, Daniel and Quinn, Matt, Jesse and Sam. – Daryl Dierckens

I am making new friends. – Kara Famakinde

I can go to school. I like my house. – Anastasia Fast

I live close to my friend Michelle. – Michaela Finch

My neighbours are good to me. I have a big yard. – Becky Forlanski

We get to play in the gym. – David Foster

I have lots of friends. – Kelsey Grant

It is a nice place to live in. This area is in Canada. This place can be very cold and hot. – Josh Griffith-Parker

I like my friends and Canada is the best. – Allysa Hofer

Friends are nice and they are fun. – Brendan Hosfield

I love my family and I need food and I'm happy that I have it. I have friends. It is pretty. Jarret Janzen

I can work with Ms. Fox. – Brittany Johnston

It is pretty. Hi friends. – Jessica Johnston

I like the river and my neighbors. I like it because we live close to it. I like St. Andrews a lot. – Jacob Kalturnyk

There was wars long ago. – Sean Kormilo

In Thompson it was too loud because it was a city. – Olivia Anne Koroscil

I have a lots of friends. – Amy Kozak

Most of my friends are here and it is beautiful and my friends are nice and the river is beautiful. – Heather Krahn

We are friends me and David. – Adam Krasnesky

I build forts. I never stop. I never, I never, I never. – Nicholas Kupchik

Because it is pretty. Hi friends. – Vicky Kurtz

Out of St. Andrews there is danger. I like the Red River. – Jesse Lavoie

The air is better. – Jesse Leiss

I like fishing in the river. – Jeremiah Loutit

I like my house. – Jamie Marino

My house is big. – Quinn Martin

It is pretty. Hi friends! – Kayla Maryniuk

I like the birds singing. I like Canada because it is pretty. I like the sun because it's hot. I like my Earth because it is so pretty. – Samantha Matheson