

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 13

UNION GROVE

LOT 20 - CONCESSION 6

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA

Inspected: September 28, 1955.

By: M. Weeks & G. Dowker

Built  
1913.

General Construction

Exterior: One storey and basement brick building with brick entrance porch, both with metal clad roof. The basement is built entirely of stone. Brick chimney has been built direct from ground, not rodded.

Interior: The basement has a concrete floor exposed stone walls and an open joist ceiling. The basement houses an oil fired hot air furnace, one oil storage tank and two frame enclosed septic tanks. The stairway to the first floor is enclosed in frame. The first floor has a hardwood floor, frame wainscoting and metal veneer walls and a metal veneer ceiling. One blackboard. Two childrens' toilets have been recently installed.

Heating

One hot air furnace, oil fired, located in basement.

Water Supply

Water is obtained for fire protection from farm house located approximately 200' away.

Exposures

None.

Lighting

Hydro with B. X. and lomex cabling.

Attendance

At present time, 20 children.

Recommendation

See General Comments and Recommendations at beginning of report.

Valuation

School

Replacement Cost New	\$16,720
Actual Cash Value	\$14,212

Outhouse

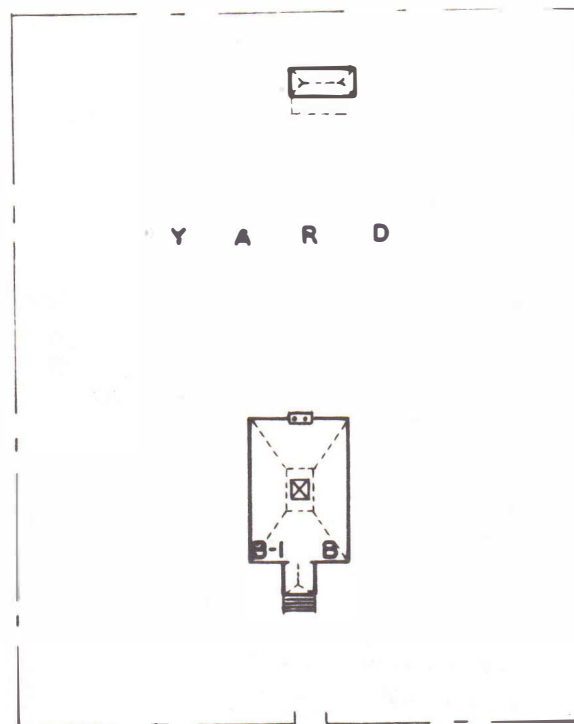
Replacement Cost New	\$ 398
Actual Cash Value	\$ 319





1913





6TH CONCESSION ROAD

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In the early days, Ontario was dotted with schools built within walking distance of pupils. The school on Concession 5 was built in 1840, old and cold. The Inspector said that because this site was low land, a new site must be chosen, either on James Mosher's corner or on the Concession 6 where most of the children lived.

A large settlement had grown up there, called "Slab Street". Nearly all of the farmers made their livelihood by market gardening, with a market nearby at Brockville. They roofed their houses with slabs from the nearby sawmill.

The higher-taxed farmers on the Concession 5, wanted the school built on the corner, but a vote, taken for the purpose, decided the site should be on Concession 6/ They were proud of their new school, and glad to discard the name "Slab Street". Union Grove, it became, as was their nearby church. However, the name often comes up among oldtimers, even today. There was a Cedar Grove Church (Standard) on the Concession 5, named because of a row of cedar trees along the road.

MR. DAVID MATTHIE was a trustee at that time. MR. FREEMAN TANNEY was secretary for many years.

UNION GROVE

Concession 6 Lot 20

Union Grove School, situated on Concession 6, Augusta Township, was built during the summer of 1913. Trustees in charge were AMOS COVILLE, JOHN TANNEY and JOHN ASNOE. JOHN CONNELL and FREEMAN TANNEY acted as overseers and secretary-treasurer of the building finances. The cost of materials and labour \$3000.

The old school on the Concession 5, two miles east of Algonquin, was a stone structure, built in 1840's. This was condemned, and much controversy raged between ratepayers of concessions 5 and 6 concerning the site for the new school. A vote was finally taken, and it was built on the Concession 6 site. Land was purchased from WILLIAM BISHOP for the purpose.

In 1960 the school was closed, due to lack of pupils, and the growing system of amalgamating small schools into larger units. The children were taken by bus to Maynard Public School, and the building sold to JACK COVILLE, SR.

TEACHERS who have served here include:

1913	-----May Bishop (Mrs. Oscar Carson).....	\$240	
	Isa Boyle .....	450	
1914	-----P. B. Seymour .....	300	
1915	-----Miss Warren (6 months) .....	300	
	Miss Boyle .....	400	
1916	-----Sadie Burns .....	355	
1916-18	-----Miss Maley .....	425	
	.....	535	
	.....	586	
1919	-----Miss Taft .....	274	
	Stewart Chapman .....	117	
1920	-----Clifford Johnson .....	58.50	
	Alto Smail .....	169.76	
	Dorothy Chapman .....	120.88	(27 days)
	Edith Flood .....	765.45	(to June 1921)
1921	-----Dorothy Chapman .....	351	
1922	-----Lillian Hough .....	526.50	
	Ida Hanna .....	877.50	
1923	-----Miss B. M. Aldrich .....	\$975.	

1924 -	-----Miss Ruby Bass .....	\$975	
1925	-----Mrs. Horton Tanney .....	780	
1926-28	-----Elsie Fox .....	780	
		877.50	
		926.25	
1929-30	-----Gwen Dawson.....	780	
		877.50	
1931-32	-----Freda Johnson .....	780	
1933-41	-----Mrs. Elsie F. McLean .....	486.25	(nee Fox)
1941-43	-----Mrs. Ruby Bass /.....	900.	
1943	-----Mrs. Ina Reynolds (nee Hess)...		
1960	-----Mrs. John Burns		

School closed.

Improvements to building - 1926 - a furnace was installed in the basement.  
 1932 - interior redecorated  
 1937 - electric lighting installed.  
 1924 - A course in Agriculture introduced  
 1932 - Household Schience was taught

DISTINGUISHED PUPILS, listed by Mrs. Burns -

JOSEPH NORTON BISHOP, M. D.	Mary Edna Bishop (Carson) school t eacher
Dwight Stanley Bishop, M. D.	Lillian Margaret Bishop (Stubbins) teacher
Margaret Augusta Bishop, Reg. N.	Norma Bass Bishop (Rooke) teacher
Kathleen Hornibrooke (Connell) Reg. N.	
Sarah Connell (Kennedy) Reg. N.	Gordon Mylks, M. D.
William Samuel Connell, M. D.	Leonard Mylks, M. D.
Mary Helen Joynt, elementary school teacher	
Ella Laura Viola Barton (O'Rourke) Reg. N.	
Merrill Matthie, chiropractor	

School was sold for conversion to residence to JACK COVILLE, SR., 1960.