

CREICH MINUTES MAY 1873 – DEC 1888

Creich Larachan Public School No 2,261

Minute Sutherland Combination Poorhouse

14.10.1873

It was agreed that Mr William F MacDonald, teacher at Migdale to be temporarily appointed teacher at Spinningdale with the salary at the rate of £75 a year to commence from Monday 20th Oct 1873.

Architect for the new (LARACHAN) SCHOOL – Mr Alex Ross, Inverness

It being stated Messrs John Clark and A.S. Black as two of the managers of the Free Church Schools that the use of the school house at Spinningdale would be readily given to the School Board until proposed new school completed.

19.11.1873

“Willing to grant a site at the upper side of the road and at either end of the old arable land at Larachan not exceeding 2 acres for a perpetual rental of £1pr annum on the following conditions. The first that the site shall revert to the proprietor should be same cease to be used for a public school.”

9.12.1873

“The Board approved selection of school books made buy their teachers:

- Collins Series of Reading Books for first 4 standards
- Nelson’s Series for Nos V and VI.
- Collins Practical Grammar of English Language.
- Nelson’s Royal Primer Wall Cards.”

“The proposed school at Larachan would be ‘The Larachan Public School.’”

Chairman Sidney Hodwen.

5.5.1874

Claim for salaries:

William MacDonald, Teacher, Spinningdale Public School – salary 20.10.1873 –

5.5.1874 - £42 . 6s

Allowance for fuel and clearing - £3.00

John MacDonald – Salary as monitor in Spinningdale School - £5 . 4s

13.10.1874 – Reference to MR CATTLEY of Whiteface School.

8.12.1874

James Sutherland, Labourer, Spinningdale, explained that he was unable due to poverty to pay school fees. Parents were to apply to the Parochial Board for payment of the school fees.

4.12.1876

The Board agreed to pay W Duncan Ross, teacher, Whiteface, an allowance at the rate of £18 a year for teaching at the school until the new school be erected.

8.5.1877

½ year salary: Wm F Macdonald, Spinningdale - £37 . 10s

Mrs Macdonald, Sewing Mistress - £2, 10s

Angus Ross – Compulsory officer - £2 . 3s . 2d

Duncan Ross – Whiteface School - £8.

26.7.1877

The Clerk submitted correspondence from William F MacDonald, teacher of Spinningdale Public School requesting that this Board should make application to the Scotch Education for a pension to him in consideration of his inability from age and infirmity to continue to teach and school efficiently.

15.10.1877

ADVERTISE FOR TEACHER FOR LARACHAN:

£60 salary ½ government grant/½ school fees

£5 for sewing mistress

12.11.1877

Applications for Larachan post:

Donald MacDonald – Stirling

Charles Henderson – Dundee

John McKay – Sheffield

John White – Kirkaldy

John Sutherland – Thurso

A Kierlson – Forss

Joseph Allan – Edinburgh

Robert Duff – Girvan

W J McLintoch – Moffat

James Bayne

D S Kennedy – Strathaven

William McKay – Invershin

BOARD appointed Mr D M MacDonald

New school to open 15.1.1878

30.12.1880

The Clerk submitted a latter from Thomas Mackay RHESTOCHACH complaining of the difficulties he laboured under in sending his children to school in consequence of their being no bridge across the River Evelix in the vicinity of his residence and therefore requesting a contribution from the Board towards the expenses of erecting a wooden bridge over the river. The Board agreed to contribute the sum of 35s for the approved purpose.

LARACHAN 1896 – 1911 CREICH LARACHAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Commenced 3rd July 1896

Average No on Roll – 33.

Average weekly attendance – 27 (79.8%)

23.10.1896 – Potato lifting is still militating against attendance.

25.12. – Ordinary work during the week but nothing special to record.

1st Jan 1897 – School closed for holidays – New Year – from Wednesday till Monday.

16.2. 97 – Last day of MR D CAMPBELL – (Off to South Africa)

(DUNCAN CAMPBELL)

15.8.04 – School examined in Religious Knowledge (Vor Campbell)

7.4.05 – Numbers 40 – 42

21.6.07 - Chairman of School Board MR J.F. HARDIE

31.7.08 – The question of introducing a good water supply is clamant.

Miss BROWN (teacher of Junior division terminates engagement.

25.9.08 – New Teacher MISS MUNRO ex PT Lairg Public School.

1.2.1910 – Mr and Mrs Hardie, Clashmore attended at the school this forenoon and handed a pair of overshoes (the gift of Mrs Carnegie) to each of the scholars.

19.5.11 – Roll 46 (98.2%)

...”but home lessons, as I have already recorded so often are entirely neglected.

The parents seem quite indifferent.”

18.3.10 – Rev W Ritchie, CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD

4.12.14 Miss Elsie Fraser (teacher) Sleastery Side School took up duties as assistant on Wednesday.

2.4.15 – MISS ELSIE FRASER resumed duties at Sleastery on the 1st inst. And MISS JOHAN BETHUNE, BONAR BRIDGE has taken up duties here as assistant.

24.12.15 – School closed until January 4th for Christmas vacation.

4.1.16 – Reopened school today only 2 children present.

7.4.16 – Headmaster resumed duty on Wednesday 5th. Number on roll 28.

17.6.21 – Rev W CAMERON, INVERNESS, examined the pupils in Religious Knowledge on Tuesday afternoon.

30.9.21 – 31 Roll.

(New Default Officer – Angus McKay (1922).

“LARACHAN PUBLIC SCHOOL”

1925 – Roll 22.

22.12.27 – Today the headmaster retires under the age limit, after a service of 45 years and 18 days as a Headmaster in the parish of CREICH.

13.1.28 – MISS MACRAE, Stoer, took up duty as infant mistress.

20.1.28 – I took up duty in this school as headmistress on the 16th inst. CHRISTINE POLSON.

11.5.28 – Roll 29.