

# 100 YEARS AGO

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The Dornoch Higher Grade School has been condemned by the Department's Inspector. The reasons given for condemning the school are varied, but the principal may be summed up as follows: - 1. There is only one room in the whole school fit for teaching children in. 2. The sanitary conditions are not good. 3. There are several passages in the school which must be taken away. 4. The playground is very unsuitable.

The question of a new school for Dornoch is one which has agitated the minds of the board for some time.

The present buildings were all very well in the old days, but with the new system of education, which partakes more of the nature of a practical apprenticeship to a set trade or profession, buildings in accordance with the methods used, are required, and these are not to be found in the present Dornoch buildings.

There is a proposal to establish a cookery, laundry and arts department and this will also necessitate new buildings.

The department, while cheerfully condemning the old buildings and practically ordering the board to erect new school accommodation, blissfully ignore the heavy burden likely to be imposed on the ratepayers.