

## Attachment 2 – Historic Images and Documents



Figure 1: 1913 Colourized Postcard of St Agnes School, Guelph Civic Museum, 1986.18.55

ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

BLOCK No. PAGE  
ITEM.

LOCATION Cork-street west, south side, SE corner Dublin  
St. Agnes School

ARCHITECT -

CONTRACTOR -

ORIGINAL OWNER Guelph Separate School Board

ORIGINAL USE Girls separate school, elementary.

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1883, enlarged 1908

BUILDING MATERIAL local limestone

SIGNIFICANCE Priority #1. Landmark. Good structure. Design is  
compatible with Church behind it.



PHOTO DATE: 3-7-74

Figure 2: Couling Report, photograph from 1974

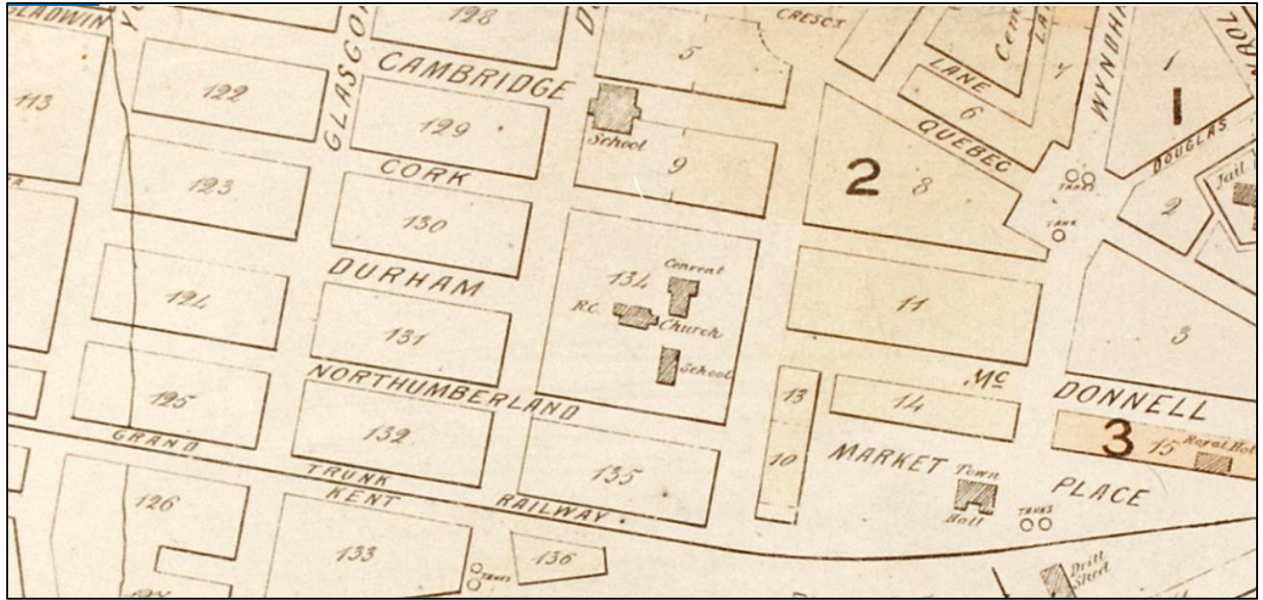


Figure 3: Fire Insurance Plan 1878

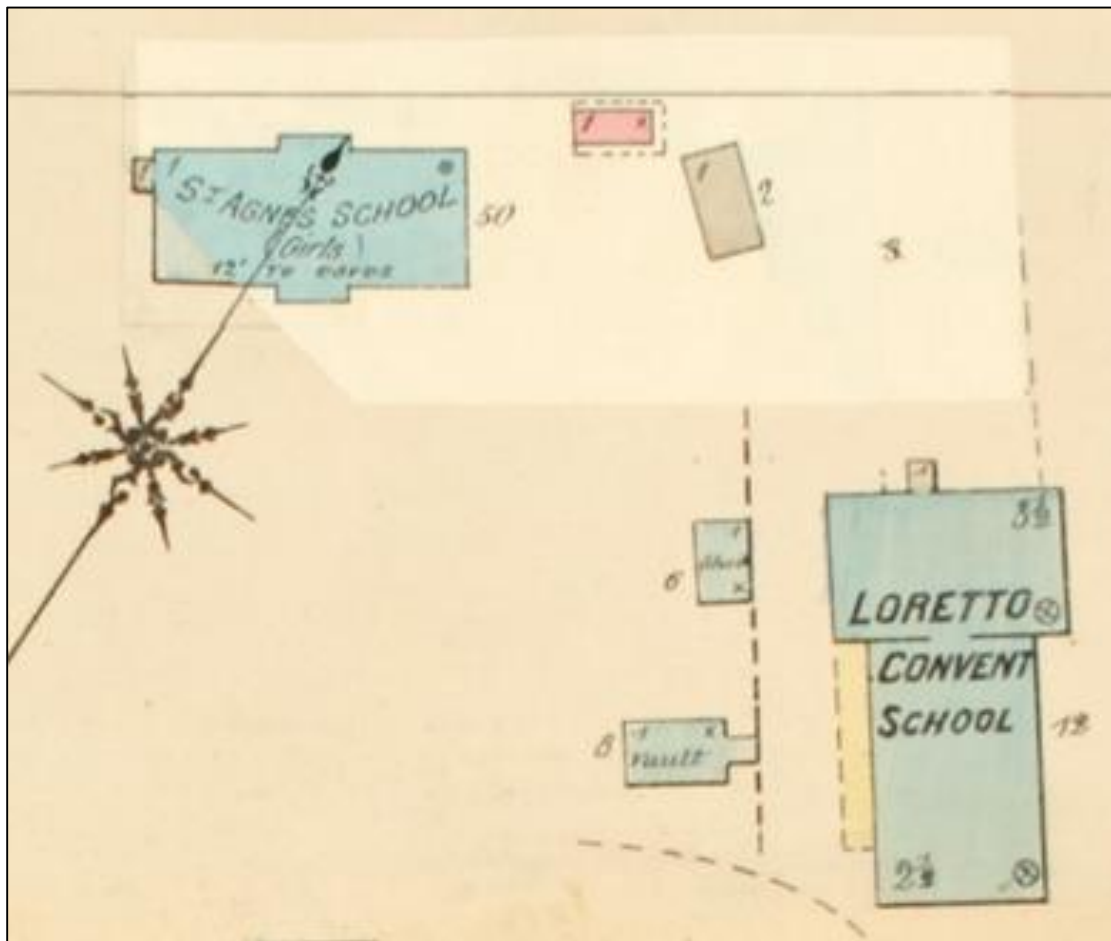


Figure 4: Fire Insurance Plan 1881, rev. 1892

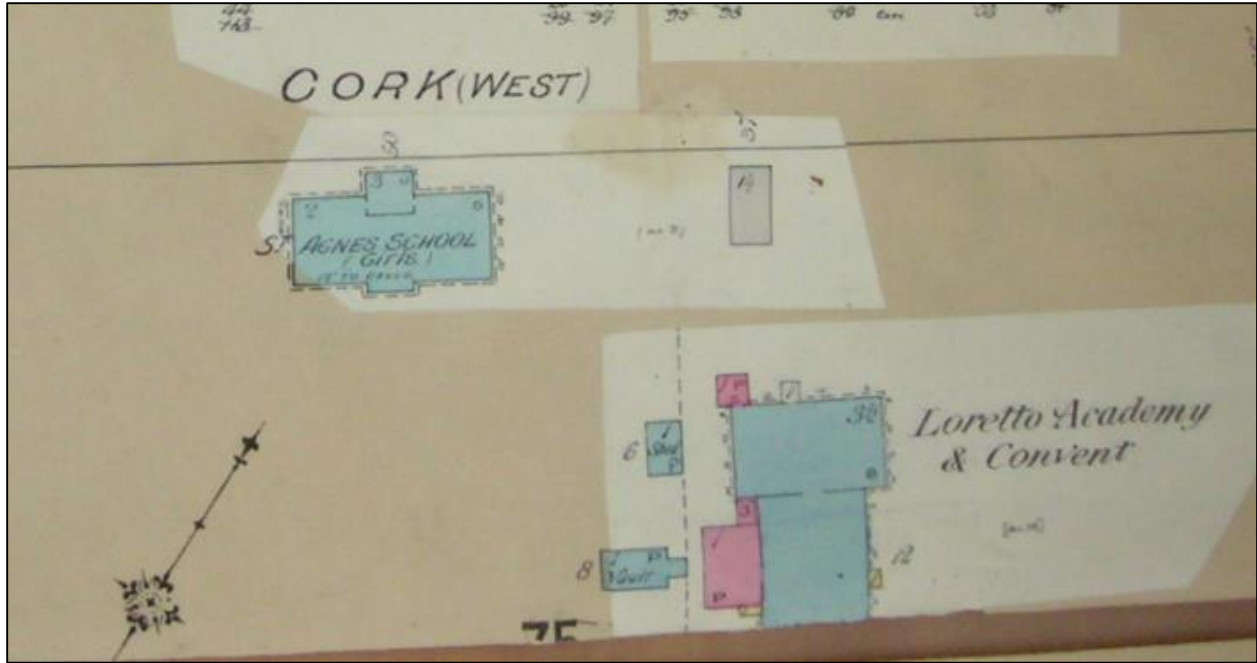


Figure 5: Fire Insurance Plan, 1897, rev. 1907

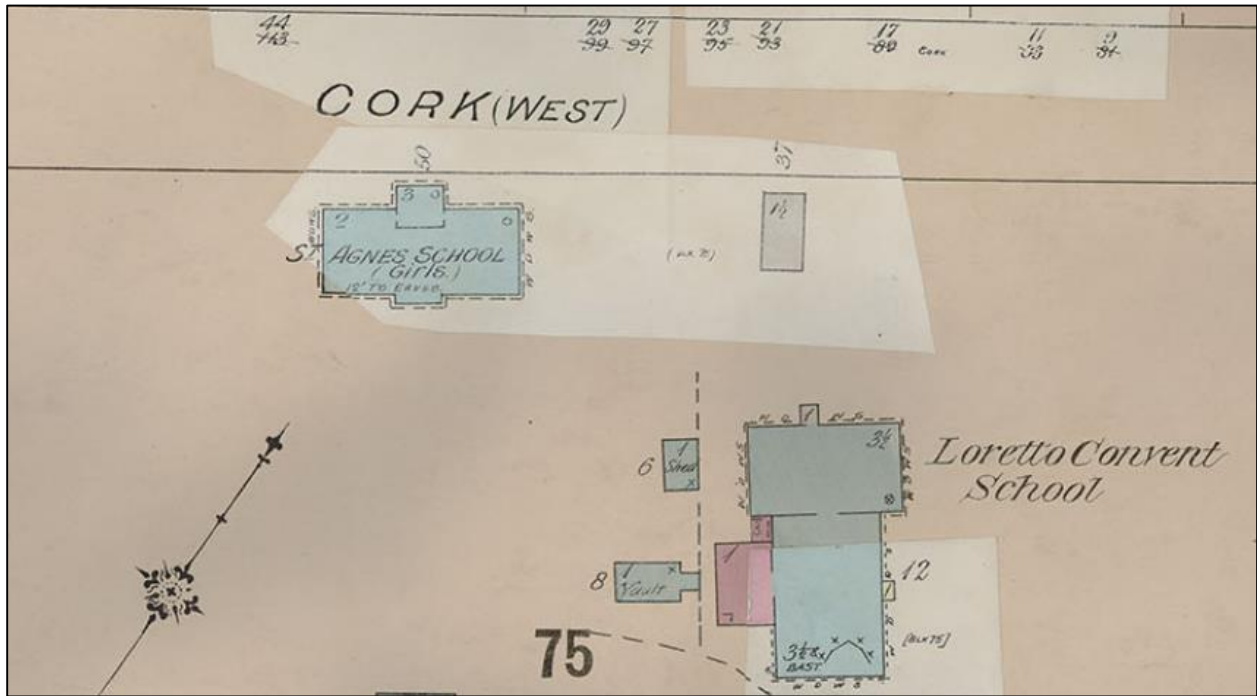


Figure 6: Fire Insurance Plan 1897, rev. 1911

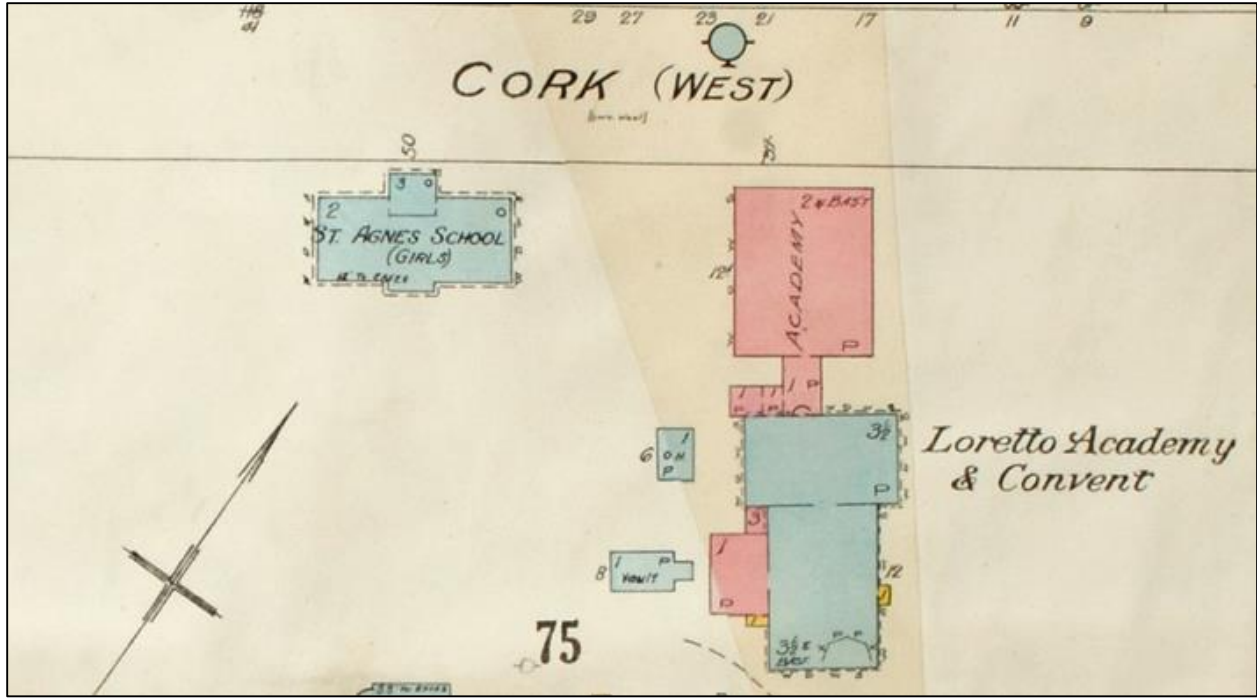


Figure 7: Fire Insurance Plan, 1922, rev. 1929

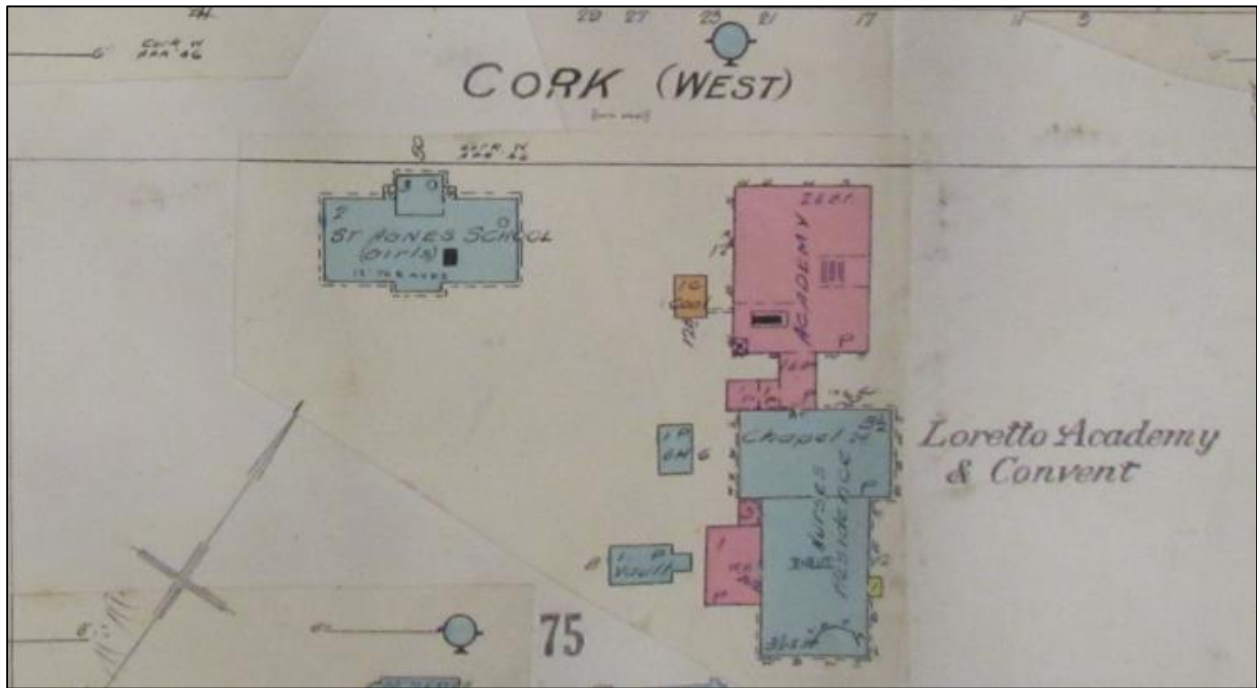


Figure 8: Fire Insurance Plan, 1946

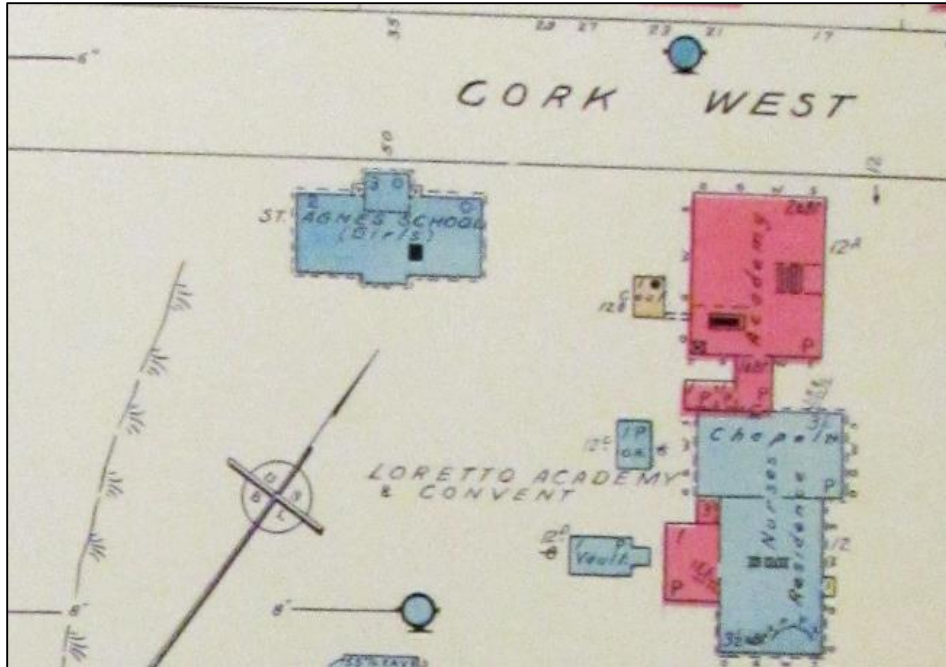


Figure 9: Fire Insurance Plan, 1960



Figure 10: Cooper map, 1877



Figure 11: 1856 Plan- showing erased plans for Catholic Hill

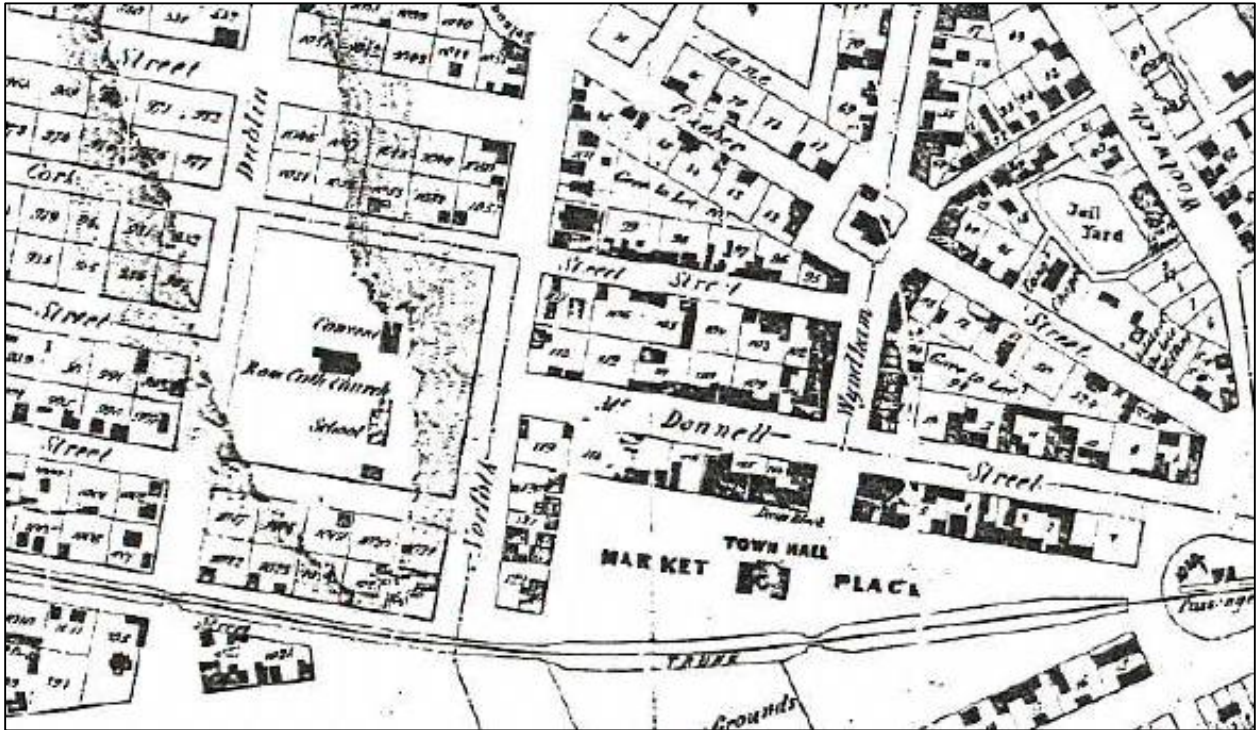


Figure 12: 1862 Plan- Church, convent and rectory are present



Figure 13: Bird's eye view of downtown, 1872

TO EXTEND  
*Plans for Enlargement of Separate School.*

A committee of the Separate School Board of Education are meeting this afternoon to consider the plans prepared for the increasing of the accommodation at the Girls' school.

The plans submitted are to build an additional storey over the whole building of stone, which would almost double the accommodation.

At present there are four small rooms, while under the new arrangement there would be five large ones. The whole building would be re-arranged and refitted throughout. The stairways would of course reduce the ground floor space.

Figure 14: Guelph Mercury, January 1908, p.1



*Guelph - Church of our Lady*  
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**In Memoriam**

Anniversaries of deceased Knights  
 For the month of April.

- Dr. Frank Walsh
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- Wm. C. Goetz
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May their souls rest in Peace.

The rosary is recited by Guelph Knights of Columbus at the home of a newly deceased Brother, or a very close relative of a Knight, on the evening immediately preceding the funeral service.

**The Schools on the Hill**  
 by J. E. Phelan

With the thought that a story could be written about the schools named St. Stanislaus, St. Agnes and Loretto, I have made an effort to get some information from old records on the Royal City.

Loretto Convent was founded on June 10th, 1856, with Rev. Mother Berchmans Lalor as Superior of the House, three nuns and one lay teacher. Within three years Loretto Community had increased to thirteen and the boarding school enrolment showed forty seven pupils.

The Community at Guelph prospered from the beginning. Besides having wise and experienced Superiors in charge it also had the powerful support of Father Y. Holzer, S.J., who was instrumental in bringing the Loretto teachers to Guelph. The Convent staff was strengthened by some of the early pupils having the desire to become members of the Institute, among the first of these to enter being Sr. M. Patricia O'Dea, Sr. M. Regis Harris and Sr. M. Dosthina Gibney. It soon became an important school for girls. The boarders lived at the Convent during their years of training and made of it their second home. Many families in the town and in the country, some of them not of the Catholic faith, were eager to send their daughters to Loretto to be educated.

As time passed and conditions changed the number of boarders grew less and eventually the Academy became for the most part a day school but the Sisters had already taken on the task of teaching in the schools of St. Stanislaus and St. Agnes and later on they served in the two schools in the new parish of the Sacred Heart. In this noble effort they have kept high in Guelph for ninety three years the tradition of Loretto as a teaching Order.

In this long period of time there must have been many ups and downs in the life of the Convent school, and who knows—perhaps as the pendulum swings a few more times the old building will be replaced by a modern school with accommodation for many boarders, the old prestige will be restored and at the gate on Norfolk Street will appear a brass plate reading—Loretto Academy for Young Ladies—Founded 1856.

From the book, The Life and Letters of Rev. M. Teresa Dease, we learn that a praiseworthy feature of the Mission in the early days was the opening of a night school by Father Plaunt when classes were formed in the Convent to teach the catechism to the poor who were unable to attend during

the day and to whom the acquisition of a little knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic proved an extra inducement. Rev. Mother Teresa Dease, Foundress of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin in America, on one of her visits to Guelph was greatly pleased to see sixty or seventy children of all denominations gathered in the evening for instructions. It would appear that these night classes, at the time of her visit, were being taught gratuitously by Miss McElderry assisted by Mrs. Kelly and Miss Williams, all three being former pupils of Loretto.

A write up in the Canadian Freeman of 1859 about the old Loretto Convent on Bathurst Street, Toronto, gave some of the rules and regulations for the boarders and no doubt these requirements were the very same for the Convent at Guelph. It is interesting to read the list of clothing to be provided by the new pupils beginning life at the school.

**Uniform for Summer—**

- One light blue dress.
- One white muslin dress.
- Three lilac muslin dresses.
- Coarse straw bonnet trimmed with blue.
- Three lilac muslin sun bonnets.
- One black silk cape.

**Uniform for Winter**

- Two dark blue cashmere dresses.
- One black velvet bonnet trimmed with dark blue.
- One black mantella.
- Two black aprons.

Surely there are some in Guelph and vicinity who will be able to visualize their grandmamas or great-grandmamas taking their fresh air exercises on the terraces at Loretto decked out in their lilac muslin sun bonnets and black silk capes or in winter, under the supervision of the Sister, stepping out in black velvet bonnet and mantella.

To all past students of the school—you young ladies recently graduated, now taking your places in the business and social life, you mothers of young children with household cares and worries, you grandmothers looking back over a long life—it should be your pride to remember that for a few years in your youth you were under the refining influence of the Ladies of Loretto.

Passing over a generation or two in the history of the school. Father F. W. Doyle, S.J., of revered memory, was Rector at the Church of Our Lady for about twenty years—1915 to 1935, and was also Superintendent of all the schools on the hill. There is a story told by the Sisters that on a visit to the

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Figure 15: "The Schools on the Hill," The Knight, 1948, p. 1

## Education Well-Served In Guelph With Five Schools

The first separate schools in Guelph were erected in 1854. These were given the titles of St. Stanislaus and St. Agnes, the former for use as a separate building for boys, the latter for girls. At the present time, these two schools are combined into a unit in the parish of the Church of Our Lady. St. Agnes School houses the lower grades for boys and



**REV. J. A. O'REILLY, J.C.D.**, pastor of Church of Our Lady, Guelph and one of the priest-superintendents of the Guelph Separate Schools. Dr. O'Reilly has been pastor of the above parish since 1931 and has played a major role in the planning and erection of St. Joseph's School.

girls; St. Stanislaus school is used for boys and girls of the upper grades of primary school.

With the growth of the city and the accompanying increase in Catholic population after World War I, it was found necessary to build another school in what is now Sacred Heart Parish. This school erected in 1924 was called St. Patrick's School. Growth in this parish was so rapid that an additional building was constructed in 1932. The two school buildings are combined into a unit and now go by the name of Sacred Heart Separate School.

### OPEN FOUR ROOMS

The total school accommodation for elementary grades in this city including St. Joseph's School is now 1,175. The Sisters of Loretto have been teaching in all the separate schools in Guelph since 1856. The new school temporarily will operate only four of the six rooms. Three Sisters and one lay teacher will instruct the classes.

St. Joseph's School is located in a section of Church of Our Lady Parish. The Sisters of Loretto also conduct an Academy providing High School studies for girls. One hundred and seventy-five girls received their secondary education here. Tentative plans are being formulated for the erection of a High School for boys. A fund has been established for this purpose and within a few years this venture will be a reality.

**MAKE A DATE TO MEET  
CHRIST AT THE EUCHARIS-  
TIC CONGRESS, MARYHILL,  
JUNE 20.**

Figure 16" Education Well Served in Guelph with Five Schools," The Canadian Register, June 16, 1951, p. 1.

# The Second Annual Schoolchildren's Festival

Presented by

The Children of St. Stanislaus' and St. Agnes' Schools

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY Evenings, MAY 7th, 8th

at 8.15 sharp

## PROGRAMME

1. **OPENING CHORUS**:—Roméo Bordignon, James Flack, Cyril Farrell, Billie Peplow, George Boloys, Lloyd Zinger, Douglas Howitt, Billie Harcourt, Clarence Hanson, Victorino Bordignon, James Harrington, Dick Egan, Jacob Brohman, George Martin, Michael Campagnaro, Frank Beitz, Roger Benzey, Lloyd Schmitt, Pat Kloepfer, Billy Kay, Elie Cozzarin, George Heffernan, Anselmo Bordignon, James Martin, Joe Heeg, Earl Reinhart, Gordon Doll, William Carter.
2. **SPRITES' DANCE**:—Josephine Shields, Margaret Howitt, Marie McKinty, Margaret Hogan, Evelyn McCann, Alberta Brohman, Ross Steffler, Pauline Sawyer, Marjorie McKee.
3. **THE POSEY MAIDS AND GARDENERS**:—Betty Belle, Sera Campagnola, Annie DiCarlo, Nancy Goetz, Joan Heffernan, Mary Martin, Dolores Meyer, Marion Porter, Linda Tonaguzzo, Rosie Uram, Marie Wilson, Betty Zinger, Cecil Bot, Patrick Conroy, James Costigan, Frank Dawes, Danny Doyle, Stanley Goetz, Ronald Hall, Thomas McKenna, Gregory Merlihan, Billy O'Gorman, Anthony Priano, Thomas Quinn.
4. **"TOY SHOP"**

**DOLLS**:—Geraldine Schmitt, Patricia Conroy, Shirley Toner, Beatrice Melancon, Rose Steffler, Mary P. Hurley, Betty Hurley, Mary Weiler, Evelyn Lussler, Colleen O'Brien.

**WOODEN SOLDIERS**:—G. Huck, D. Kloepfer, B. McGee, E. Schmitt, J. O'Gorman, J. Mooney, W. Campbell, C. Fletcher, D. Dennis, Jas. O'Brien, John O'Brien, L. Sartor, F. McCloskey, J. McKee, K. Prior, J. Peacock, H. Sheedy.

**SINGERS**:—H. Bot, L. McCann, B. McCann, M. Zinger, C. Tonaguzzo, M. Dawes, V. Embro, M. Quinn, D. Tantarini, E. Campagnaro, B. Goetz, A. Brohman.
5. **"ALICE IN WONDERLAND"**

Mad Hatter, Richard Goldin; Dormouse, Gerald McCann; March Hare, Lawrence Barrett; The Cat, Anthony DiCarlo; Mock Turtle, Jack Wellhauer; Tweedle Dee, Charles Burzio; Tweedle Dum, Anthony Kalaman; Humpty Dumpty, Stephen Neenan; King of Hearts, Joseph Bordignon; Queen of Hearts, Dorothy Smith.

**SINGERS**:—C. Toner, Mary Conroy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, I. Hursey, P. Rowland, E. Coone, M. Kloepfer, M. Snyder, L. McDermott, R. McCloskey, A. Bennett, B. Cremen, C. Tonaguzzo, E. Brohman, D. Lazzari, A. Bostin, R. Walsh, E. Saunders, M. Fox, R. Henry.
6. **"SPRING TIME" DANCE**:—Julia Carter, Marion Toner, Charmian Toner, Evelyn Goetz, E. Saunders, C. Carey, C. Beitz, J. Brohman, M. LePard, C. McGibbon.
7. **"BERNADETTE OF LOURDES"**. Commemorating the 75th anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions.

Muriel Goetz, Rita Fitzpatrick, Edith Embro, Laura Embro, Kathleen Corbett, Patricia Corrigan, Katherine Hanlon, Evelyn Snyder, Margaret DiCarlo, Barbara Lawlor, Norman Snyder, Peter O'Gorman, Bobby Wilson, Marcelle O'Brien, Eddy Brohman, John Callahan, Jack Schmitt, Wilfred Pitton, Walter Burns, Alex. Snyder, Grant Howitt, Cleo Heimler, Shirley Walsh, Kenneth Howard, James Beaudry, James Hohensadel, George Beaudry, Angela Bordignon, Virginia Treute.
8. **"SAILORS' HORN PIPE"**:—M. Willis, E. Coone, R. McCloskey, L. McDermott, B. Cremen, J. O'Brien.
9. **"OUR FESTIVE DAY" SONG**:—The same cast as in the "OPENING CHORUS".
10. **OPERA**

**"MIDSUMMER EVE"**

SCENE I. "A DARK FOREST".

SCENE II. "THE FAIRY QUEEN AND HER COURT".

SCENE III. "THE FAIRIES' CHORUS".

FAIRY QUEEN	Margaret Willis.
DOROTHY "SEEKING THE FAIRIES"	Mary Heffernan.
HERALD	Gordon Doll.
FLOWER GIRLS	Yvonne Dickson, Mary Schmitt.
PAGES	Albert Peplow, Gerald Toner.
SPIRIT OF THE DAWN	Sheila Kirby.
LITTLE GREEN ELVES	Barbara Goetz, Eileen Lussler, Mary Pat Hurley, Lillian McCann, Sheila Corbett, Marion Zinger, Geraldine Schmitt, Patricia Conroy, Shirley Toner, Betty Hurley, Lovette Barry, Hilda Bott.

THE FLOWER FAIRIES:—Julia Carter, Dorothy Drummond, Mary O'Gorman, Rita Sweeney, Mary Doyle, Evelyn Fitzpatrick, Margaret

Figure 17: Second Annual Schoolchildren's Festival, 1933

### Death of Ald. John Hall.

The announcement in the obituary column of the death of Ald. John Hall will be read with feelings of sorrow by a great many citizens of Guelph. His demise was sudden and unexpected by the majority of his acquaintance, it being only two or three days ago that a reference was made in these columns to his illness. Though suffering from a bad cold for some time previously it was only on Saturday, the 13th inst., that he was compelled to take to bed, inflammation of the lungs having set in by that time. The attack was a severe one, and from the first he sank gradually, with the exception of yesterday, when he rallied somewhat, but again relapsed and passed away near noon to-day. The deceased gentleman was born in the city of Hamilton in 1839, and came with his family to Guelph about 1862, working at his trade of carpenter and builder. During the oil fever at Petrolia and Oil Springs he went thither and engaged in contracting, being much sought after on account of the energy and ability he displayed in pushing through his contracts. Returning to Guelph he commenced business as an architect, which profession he was engaged in till stricken down by the illness which has resulted in his death. Among many buildings which give evidence of his ability and taste in designing the most prominent are the factory of Messrs. W. Bell & Co., the splendid block of the Guelph Baking Co. the Towell block, the new county building and the beautiful residence of Messrs. T. Gowdy and J. W. Lyon. He married in 1865 the second daughter of the late Geo. Sunly. The deceased has filled various important positions both in the Council and the School Board and was Chairman of Finance for the Council and Chairman of the Committee on Sites and Buildings for the School Board at the time of his decease. His death will cause a vacancy in the representation of St. John's Ward, and a new election will have to be held there. He was a member of Royal Lodge of United Workmen, and the members of that Order in the city, as well as the members of the City Council and Board of Education will probably attend the funeral in a body. At the time of his death Mr. Hall was forty-five years of age, and he leaves a wife and four children to mourn his death.

Figure 18: Obituary of John Hall Junior, Guelph Daily Mercury, 22 February 1886, p. 1)

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## REGULAR MEETING.

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### Separate School Board Will Re-model St. Agnes School.

The Separate School Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday night, President McElderry in the chair. The only absentee was Mr. J.C. Keleher who is out of the city.

#### FINANCE REPORT.

The Finance Committee reported recommending the payment of accounts; H. Harper, \$1.05; T. J. Day, \$23.59; J. M. Dooley, \$1.50; J. N. Bond & Co., \$1.00; J. Hughes, \$3.85; R. Stewart, \$1.95.

#### WILL ALTER ST. AGNES SCHOOL.

Chairman Ryan of the property committee submitted a plan for the proposed alterations in St. Agnes school which was approved of by the Board. The work was authorized to be commenced during the holidays.

#### A GOOD AVERAGE.

Father Kenny local superintendent read a report of the attendance for April.

Form I—Number on roll, boys 66, girls 75, total 141. Average attendance 118.

Form II—Boys 66, girls 42—108, average 100.

Form III—Boys 40, girls 36—76, average 68.

Form IV—Boys 20, girls 24—50, average 45

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Figure 19: "Separate School Board Will Re-model St. Agnes School," Guelph Advocate, Vol. III, No. 117 (May 4, 1898)

## CHURCH AND SCHOOLS.

Girls' Separate School, Cork street  
—addition of one story and tower; all  
of Guelph stone. Sam Rundle, stone  
and brick; V. E. Shepherd, carpenter;  
J. J. Mahoney, plastering; Dennis &  
Bennett, painting; Stevenson & Mal-  
colm, plumbing; Guelph Stove Co.  
galvanized iron and heating and ven-  
tilation. W. A. Mahoney, architect.

Figure 20: Building Operations, The Weekly Mercury, Thursday September 17, 1908, p. 1