

Attachment-2 Historical Documents

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

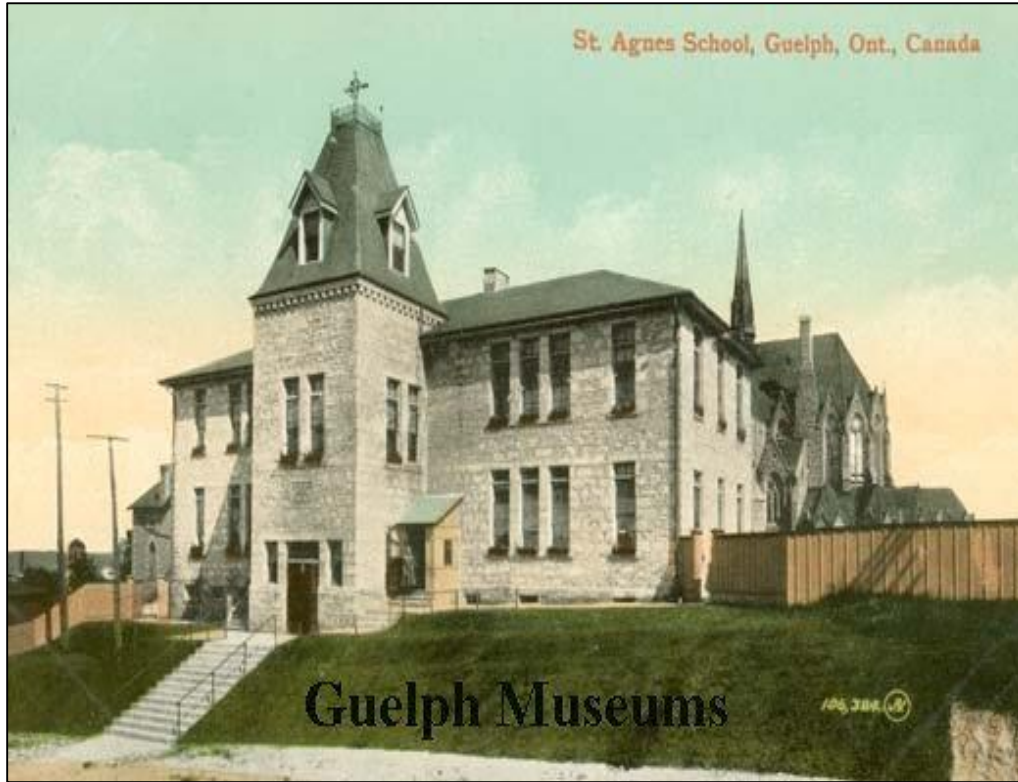


Figure 2: Fire Insurance Plan 1878. Source: Guelph Civic Museum.



Figure 3: Fire Insurance Plan 1881, revised in 1892. Source: Guelph Civic Museum

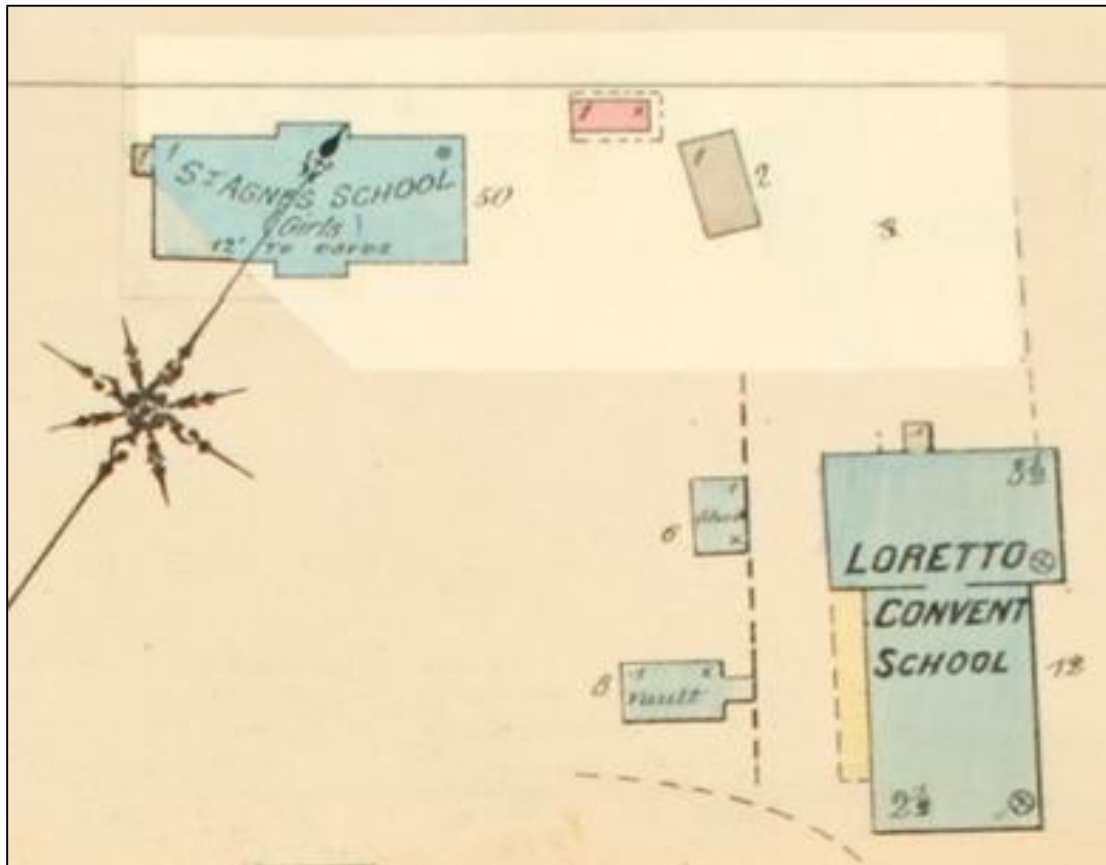
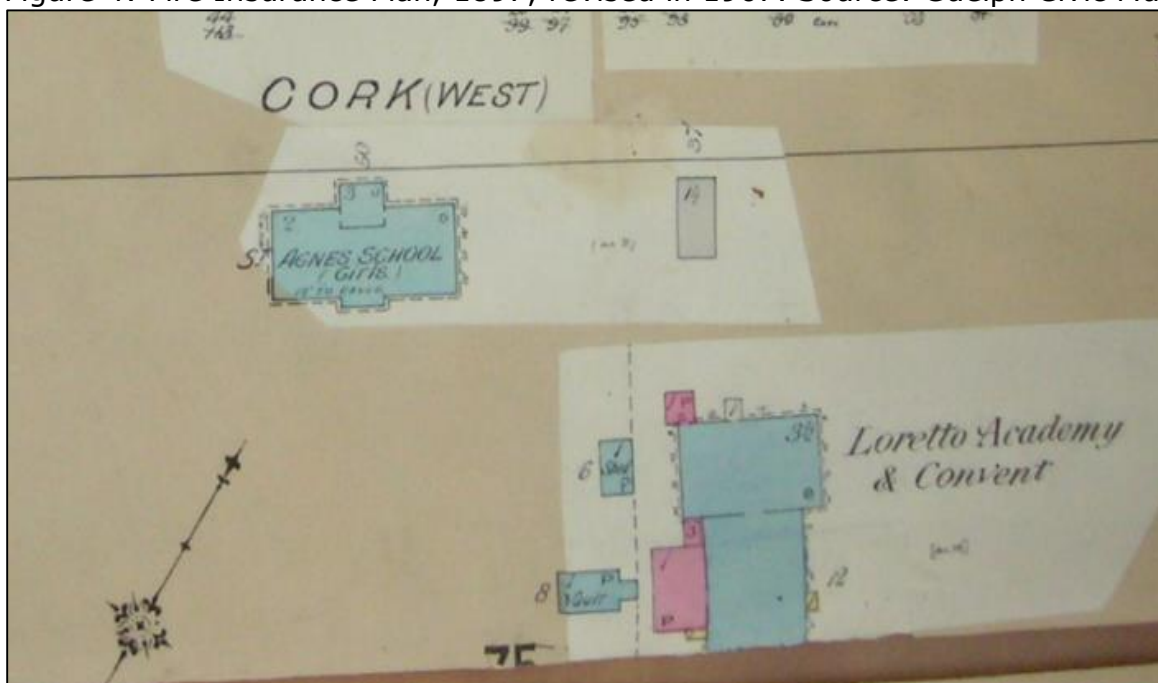


Figure 4: Fire Insurance Plan, 1897, revised in 1907. Source: Guelph Civic Museum



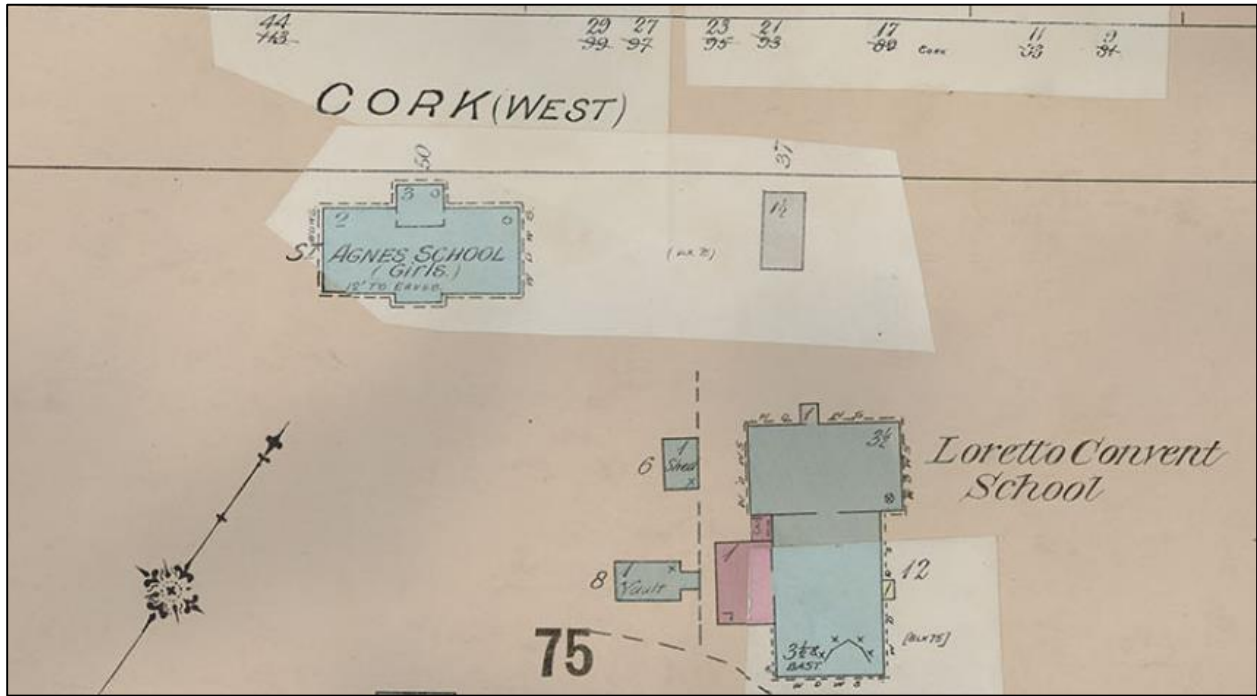
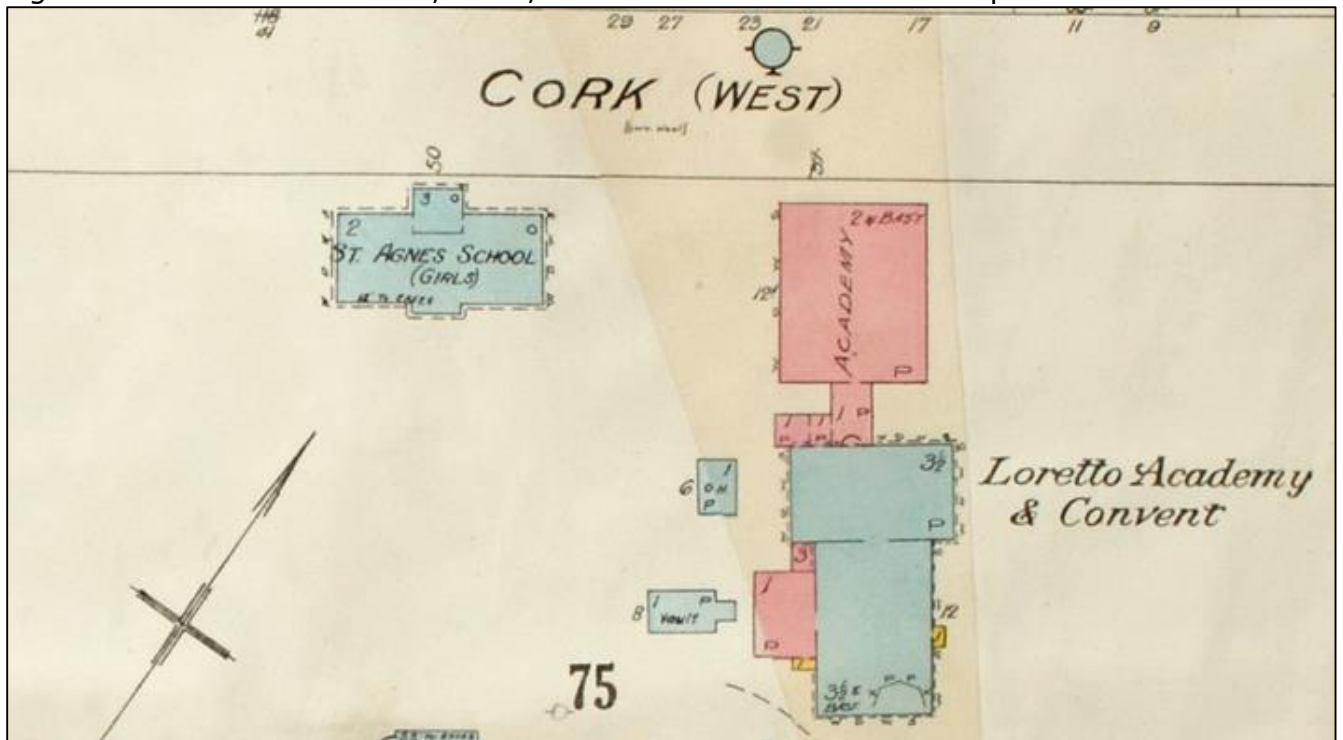


Figure 6: Fire Insurance Plan, 1922, revised in 1929. Source: Guelph Civic Museum



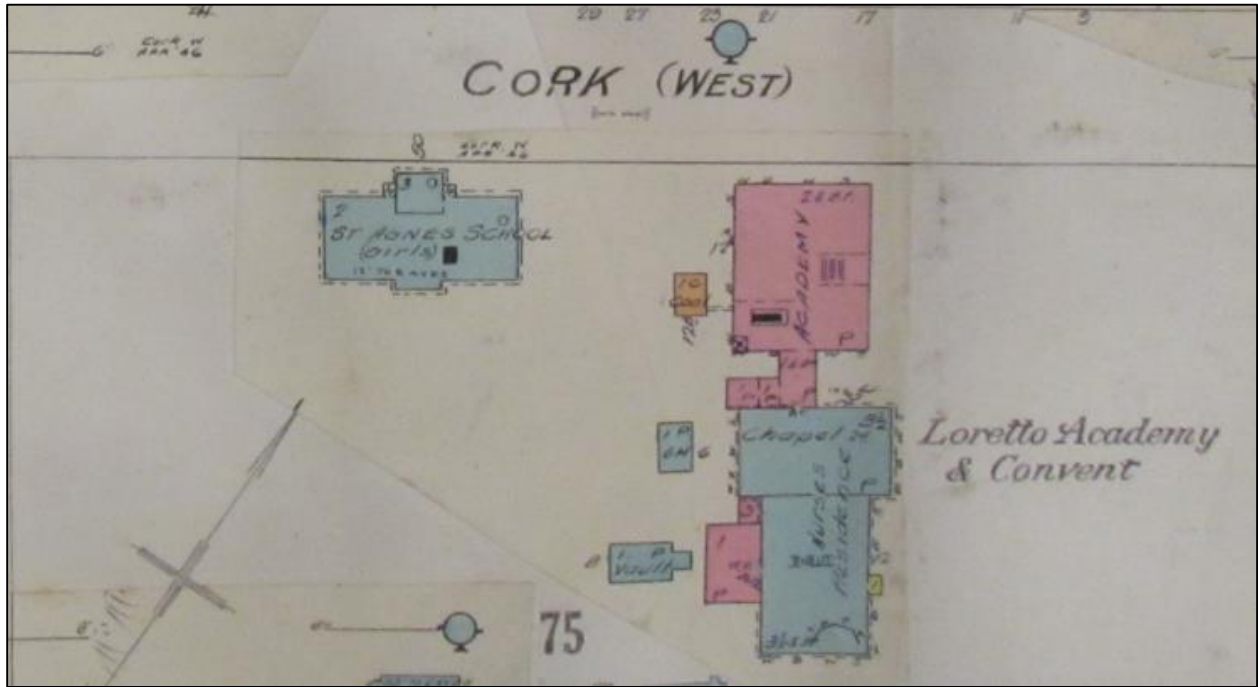


Figure 8: Fire Insurance Plan, 1960. Source: Guelph Civic Museum

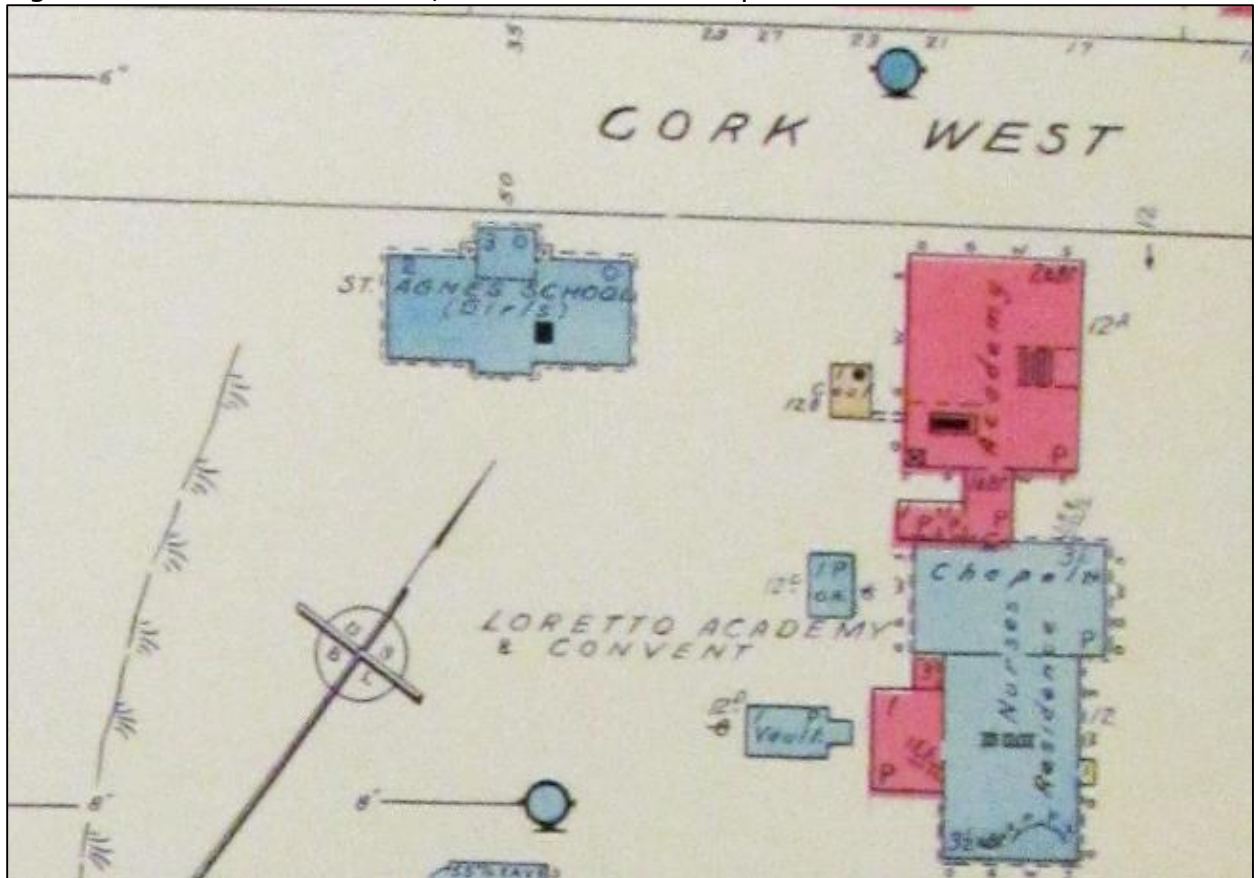




Figure 10: 1856 Plan.



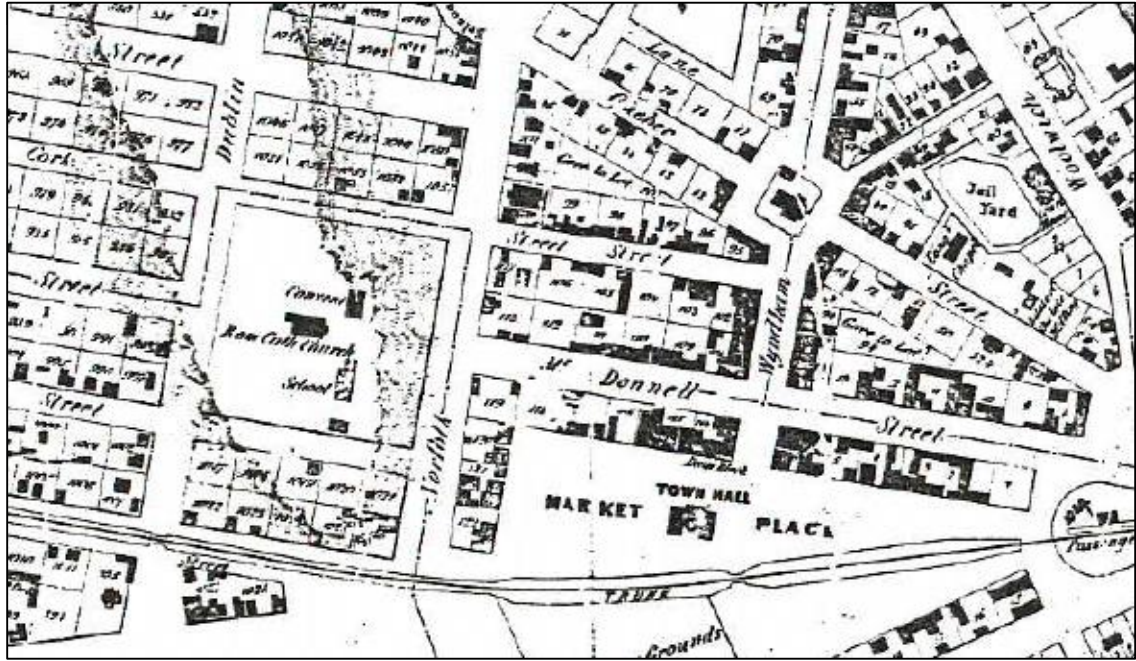


Figure 12: Bird's eye view of downtown, 1872.



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Anniversaries of deceased Knights
For the month of April.

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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. Dosthia 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 1889 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: "Education Well Served in Guelph with Five Schools," The Canadian

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.**

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**:—Ramos Bordignon, James Flick, Cyril Farrell, Billie Peplow, George Boloys, Lloyd Zinger, Douglas Hewitt, Billie Harcourt, Clarence Hanson, Victorino Bordignon, James Harrington, Dick Egan, Jacob Brohman, George Martin, Michael Campagnaro, Frank Beitz, Roger Beneyer, Lloyd Schmitt, Pat Kloepfer, Billy Kay, Elie Cozzarin, George Heffernan, Anselmo Bordignon, James Martin, Joe Heeg, Earl Beinhart, Gordon Doll, William Carter.
2. **SPRITES' DANCE**:—Josephine Shields, Margaret Howitt, Marie McKinty, Margaret Hogan, Evelyn McCann, Alberta Brohman, Rose Steffler, Pauline Sawyer, Marjorie McKeon.
3. **THE POSEY MAIDS AND GARDENERS**:—Betty Belle, Sera Campagnola, Annie DiCarlo, Nancy Goetz, Joan Heffernan, Mary Martin, Dolores Meyer, Marion Porter, Linda Tonaguzzo, Rozie 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 Tener, Beatrice Melanson, Rose Steffler, Mary P. Hurley, Betty Hurley, Mary Weiler, Evelyn Lassiter, 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. McKoon, E. Prior, J. Pascock, 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 Wellhanser; Tweedle Dee, Charles Burns; Tweedle Dum, Anthony Kalaman; Humpty Dumpty, Stephen Neenan; King of Hearts, Joseph Bordignon; Queen of Hearts, Dorothy Smith.

SINGERS:—C. Tener, Mary Conroy, J. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, I. Hurley, F. Rowland, E. Coone, M. Kloepfer, M. Snyder, L. McDermott, R. McCloskey, A. Bennett, B. Cremmen, C. Tonaguzzo, B. Brohman, D. Lazzari, A. Bonin, R. Walsh, E. Saunders, M. Fox, B. Henry.
6. **"SPRING TIME" DANCE**:—Julia Carter, Marion Tener, Charmian Tener, 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 Hewitt, Cleo Heimler, Shirley Walsh, Kenneth Howard, James Beaudry, James Hohenadel, George Beaudry, Angela Bordignon, Virginia Trento.
8. **"SAILORS' HORN PIPE"**:—M. Willis, E. Coone, B. McCloskey, L. McDermott, B. Cremmen, 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 Tener.
SPIRIT OF THE DAWN	Sheila Kirby.
LITTLE GREEN ELVES	Barbara Goetz, Eileen Lassiter, Mary Pat Hurley, Lillian McCann, Sheila Corbett, Marion Zinger, Geraldine Schmitt, Patricia Conroy, Shirley Tener, Betty Hurley, Lovetta Barry, Hilda Bott.

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

Figure 3: "Separate School Board Will Re-model St. Agnes School," Guelph Advocate, Vol. III, No. 117. May 4th, 1898.

REGULAR MEETING.

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. M. Bond & Co., \$1.00; J. Hughes, \$3.85; R. Stewart, \$1.95.

WILL ALTER ST. ANGES 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 26, girls 24—50, average 45

Figure 19: Building Operations from The Weekly Mercury. Thursday, September 17th 1908. Page 1.

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.
gasvanized iron and heating and ven-
tilation. W. A. Mahoney, architect.

Figure 20: "Plans for Enlargement" from Guelph Mercury, January 1908, Page 1.

TO EXTEND

**Plans for Enlarge-
ment 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.