

VILLAGE SCHOOL, 2064 MAIN STREET FORESTER'S FALLS

This school was also known as the S.S. No. 6 Ross School in Forester's Falls.

The first school was a one room log school and it was located at the back of the school lot, at or near the location of the present school building. It was built about 1871.

After a few years and owing to the increase in the number of pupils in the section, a larger school became necessary to accommodate the pupils and a two-story, two room school was built on the left side of the lot, near the street. The date of the building of this school was around 1888-1890. It was a frame construction, covered with brick, and it served the requirements of the section until the present school building was built in 1910.

A few years later the school was inadequate to accommodate the pupils and, as a result, the pupils from grades 1 to 6 were taught in the former Orange Hall which was located behind the present Orange Hall, which was built in 1935 and the former hall was dismantled and torn down about the same year.

However, in 1935 a wing was added to the north side of the school and the pupils who had been educated in the Orange Hall were transferred to the newly enlarged school. The lower room housed grade 7 and 8 pupils and it accommodated the Continuation School Pupils from First Form to Fourth Form (Grade 12). In 1948 the Continuation School pupils were transferred to Cobden and in 1951 the pupils from Grant Settlement School were bused to the Forester's Falls School.

In December 1953, a fire partially destroyed the school building. Early in January 1954, the decision was made to rebuild the school large enough to accommodate the No. 12 Ross pupils (Kerr Line). Some pupils from Townline Union School were added to the enrollment in 1965 and in 1968 some pupils from S.S. No. 9 Ross were added.

When the Renfrew County School Board was formed in 1972 the agitation began when the small rural area schools were closed and in 1970 the pupils from grades 7 and 8 were bused to Cobden. Finally, with much opposition on the part of the local population, the entire school population was transferred to Cobden and in 1977 the school was closed.

The school building has since been sold to private ownership and converted into apartments.

