

MR MAYOR, PAS/PRES TOM WILLIAMSON, OUR LADIES, ARTISTS, + OLD BOYS.

9 October 93 Dinner + Reunion

Thanks you Past Pres Tom Williamson for your year as Pres of this very unique Assoc which is now in its 81st year.

Back in 1979, I joined the Ex-Com Committee when Geoff Armstrong was the Pres and in 1980, I was appointed Asst/Sec and acted in that capacity until 1992 when I was elevated to the position of Secy owing to the declining health and unfortunate death of our esteemed Secy Edwin J. Thompson who had been the Secy of this Assoc for more than 7 years.

On behalf of myself + the Assoc, I would like to thank Betty Thompson + Peter + wife Renai, who are still very much behind the scenes, for their goodwill and assistance to this Assoc; they are the ones who had printed + mailed out all the notices, and I am grateful that they were still able to continue with this part of the Secy's work.

To the members of both Committees, I say thanks for a job well done, particularly the Ex-Com Committee since I have been Secy.

To our outgoing President Tom Williamson, again I say thanks for the job you did during your term as President, you didn't miss a meeting, some of the nights weren't real kind as regards the weather when travelling; you did have great support from your Ex-Com Committee which was greatly appreciated and I will do my best to maintain the Assoc's high standards and traditions.

Would you believe that my very first schooldays were spent at the infamous Faraday school under Mr Tom Trabb the Head teacher, in the early 1930's. I afterwards attended the Maldon + Clewton B.A. schools advancing to the Castlemeane Technical school.

I have had a fairly long association with schools in the area on various committees; serving with the South school as Secy for more than 9 years and the Ex-Com High School as President of the Advisory Council for more than 3 years.

I am a retired Public Servant, Ex-Capt of the O/Buck O/Brigade having served for more than 40 years with that Brigade, and am currently a member of the Ex-Com O/B and the recipient of the coveted Queens Medal and National Medal.

To the Ladies our (OLD GIRLS) thanks for the splendid work you have done for this Reunion, the time spent in preparation, the Decor and presentation of the Tables is more than appreciated, we do humbly say thanks for your untiring participation and loyal dedication.

To the Artists who gave of their talents tonight, I on behalf of all present and the Association generally say a big thank you, to the stewards for their caring and untiring efforts tonight making sure refreshments were amply furnished, the clearing up of the Tables well done old boys.

At this time it would appear that next year there will be less schools to visit according to media reports, a sad era in the life of this Association, however we will maintain the tradition of visiting all existing schools as we have in the past. To the new old boys, I hope you have enjoyed your re-union + will come again; we need your support. WILL YE NO COME BACK AGAIN