

Mr. Howard Thompson was born in Teeswater, near Georgian Bay, Set. 27, 1890. He began teaching school at the age of 22.

In 1917 he came to Fort Erie, teaching at the Phipp St. School, then moving to the Wintemute Continuation School when it was built.

In 1925 he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Queens, and when the High School was completed in 1928, Mr. Thompson became Principal and remained in that position till his retirement in 1954.

Mr. Thompson was instrumental in having Brock University built in the Niagara District and had promoted it in the area for a number of years, by personal contact and by written reports. During his life time he wrote many booklets, such as : " A Half Century Of Education in Fort Erie" : " The Golden Anniversary of the Central Ave. United Church." : also having wrote a lengthy history of the Lion's Club.

Mr. Thompson was a Charter member of the Lions Club and entered fully in all their activities, the Carnivals the Minstral Shows and he spearheaded the Club's Sandfly Removal Project.

He was a member of the Central Ave. United Church. He married Elizabeth Hesiox and had one son Ross.

In 1955 he entered politics and was elected Mayor<sup>1955</sup>, serving one year. Along with E. W. Tyrrill he worked to have the County build the Central Ave Bridge, and was able to see its completion.

In 1961 Mr. Thompson was elected Superintendant of the Bertie High School Board.

After a lengthy illness Mr. Thompson died May 1972 and was buried in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens, Niagara Falls Ont.