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WEST KENT TEACHERS' ASSN.

Instructive And Interesting Sessions Held In The Central School

VALUABLE ADDRESSES

The afternoon session of the Teachers' Convention was largely attended, and several very instructive and thoughtful addresses were delivered.

Miss A. B. Angus, of the Central School staff, was the first to be called upon, and gave an excellent paper on "Methodizing Mechanical Arithmetic."

Mr. D. S. McPherson also gave an interesting address on the same subject, after which a discussion by the teachers was given.

Next came the lesson on Grammar, with a class, by Prof. J. J. Tilley, Director of Teachers' Institute. Mr. Tilley brought in a class of young students and taught an excellent lesson on Analysis. He made very favorable comments on the attention and discipline and mental attitude of the class toward their teacher, saying that it was a credit to the school and Mr. Plewes.

J. Dearness, M. A., of the London Normal School, again addressed the audience. His subject for discussion was, "Distinction Between Nature Study and Elementary Science." He said: Nature study will make the learner strong. He gets the fresh air and required exercise when out making a study of plants, trees, etc. It fills the mind with knowledge, and the child is made the investigator.

He spoke of sense knowledge and symbol knowledge. The sense knowledge is the knowledge a child learns around home, etc., and the symbolic knowledge is what he learns at school. He spoke very much in favor of the sense knowledge, saying that the child should have much more than he gets. He showed the points in the study of nature which helps the child in such a way. The child gets to see and study for himself, and experience is the world's greatest teacher.

By means of a synopsis he showed how nature study should be studied. Nature study is the progressive training to the action of a child's own environment. The child learns to discover knowledge for himself. He also stated that nature study was not a new study, but a new name, and said that the study of nature was taught before we were born. The results from the study are, information derived, memory exercised, power to enjoy knowledge of general principles and good training in inductive reasoning.

A discussion among the teachers was then held, and a vote of thanks tendered Mr. Dearness for his two valuable and instructive lessons. Mr. Dearness expressed his thanks and said that he was glad to be present to meet the new teachers, also for the excellent papers he had heard, and said that he was well repaid for his trip.

The President, Mr. W. C. Dainty, dismissed the meeting. The convention is being continued to-day.

The teachers of the Central and McKeough Schools gave a very enjoyable evening to the delegates of the Teachers' Convention, and several of the city people, last night at the McKeough School.

The program was an excellent one and consisted mostly of songs. The following popular singers took part: Miss Potter, Miss Carter, Miss McGeorge, Miss Schwemler, Miss Parker, and Mr. McAlpine. Mr. Gordon gave an excellent selection on his violin, and Mr. Collins also won the hearty applause of the audience by his cornet solo.

Mr. D. S. Paterson occupied the chair very ably.

Next came a guessing contest; the prize, a box of bonbons, being won by Miss Parker.

A lunch was served, after which a program of waltzes and two-steps was peacefully indulged in. A special dance by Mr. Al. Woods was given, which won the good will and heartiest applause of the audience.

Mr. John R. Smith was present and played during the evening in his usual excellent style.

All went away feeling much pleased with the entertainment they had received.

SIR WILFRID WILL NOW GO

Premier Announces He Will Attend Colonial Conference

BOURASSA ON WARPATH

Ottawa, March 28.—The fact that Hon. James Bryce occupied a seat upon the floor of the House gave additional interest to a discussion upon the coming colonial conference, and the general questions that group about imperialism and the upbuilding of the Empire.

The Premier distinctly intimated that he would attend the conference. An echo from yesterday was a notice by Mr. Bourassa that on Thursday, April 4, he would move that Mr. Fowler be compelled to make his charges good or withdraw them.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier preferred next Wednesday.

Mr. Bourassa desired a vote. The House on Wednesday adjourns automatically at six. The motion might be "talked out."

Sir Wilfrid assured him that hereafter the House would sit in the forenoon and on Wednesday evenings.

Mr. Monk (Conservative, Quebec) called the attention of the House to the refusal of C. H. Beddoe of the Interior Department to answer certain questions before the committee of agriculture and colonization, respecting the membership of the North Atlantic Trading Co. He gave notice that on April 4 he would file and discuss a formal motion on this subject.

Mr. Beddoe was the auditor who visited Amsterdam last summer and satisfied himself that the company had expended the sums required under its contract.

Mr. Emerson stated that the G. T. P. had placed an order with all the car factories of Canada for their full capacity, i.e., 5,000 a year, and they were being delivered before the road was built, as the G. T. P. would require 20,000 cars for its business. Meanwhile the G. T. P. is using the cars and paying the usual per diem.

Mr. Oliver read the famous interview with W. T. R. Preston, published in The London Daily Express. It seems to be harmless enough and the Government sees no necessity for any action, although it does contain the statement that South Africa can support a larger population than can the country between Winnipeg and the Rocky Mountains.

Not Significant. Sir Wilfrid Laurier denied that any negotiations were pending between Canada and the United States or that Ambassador Bryce's visit to Ottawa was significant.

"No doubt Mr. Bryce may refer to Canada in his despatches to the Foreign Office," said the Premier, "but I have no access to that correspondence."

"Has there been any correspondence with the Government?" asked R. L. Borden.

"No," said the Premier, in reply. Colonial Conference.

On the motion to go into supply R. L. Borden brought up the subject of the colonial conference. Mr. Borden criticized the policy of the Government in failing to make a single suggestion to the conference, while important questions for discussion were submitted by all the other colonies. There was the question, for instance, of preferential trade, as to which the Canadian delegates had introduced resolutions at the conference of 1903.

The next resolution, as proposed by Australia, has reference to the Panama Canal, in which Canada, too, had an interest. Another suggestion was with regard to British immigration, which the Australian Government thought should be directed to British possessions. Canada had paid too much attention to immigration from the continent of Europe.

Mr. Borden thought Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have given this expression to his opinion on the proposal of New Zealand that the making of reciprocal trade treaties by the colonies should be freed from the embarrassment of

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CHILD LABOR IN SHOPS

Committee Recommends Fourteen Years of Age As Limit

STARTLING STATISTICS

Toronto, March 28.—Mr. Thos. Crawford (West Toronto) was chosen at yesterday's session of the Legislature as Speaker for the House for the balance of the session, and will henceforth don the robes, hat and gloves of that functionary. Hon. Mr. Whitney, who submitted the resolution for his appointment, assured the House that the news from the Speaker's bedside was not encouraging.

Hon. Nelson Monteth presented the report of the special committee appointed to consider the question of child labor, and it was ordered on his motion to provide for the printing and distribution of the report. It recommends the uniform age for shops, factories and the truancy act of 14 years. The report will probably be followed by legislation on the lines of the report.

Speaking of the report Mr. T. H. Preston (Brant) directed attention to the serious statistics it recorded. They showed the total enrollment of children under 14 years of age in the Province to be 327,000, while the average attendance was only 232,000. Of the 350 municipalities whence the report of the truancy officers were obligatory under the statute only 75 had reported. He (Mr. Preston) hoped the report would have the early consideration of the House.

Mr. E. Dunlop (North Renfrew) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Ontario Insurance Act. In a brief address Mr. Dunlop set forth the advantages of his measure, which provided that on the expiration of a policy the company is required to keep it in force by borrowing against the cash surrender value of the policy. The bill found endorsement from Hon. Mr. Graham, the Opposition leader, and Col. Hugh Clark and on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Foy got its reading, and was sent on to the legal committee.

Hon. Dr. Pyne presented a measure "to amend the Department of Education." This bill, the Minister of Education explained, was designed simply to give the department power to disburse the increased grant to the rural schools which is provided for this year in the estimates.

Hon. Col. Matheson made an important announcement relative to what is known as "the Soo loan." The Government guarantee for the \$1,000,000 still outstanding falls due on Monday, April 1st. Owing to the condition of the money market the Canadian Improvement Company had been unable to carry out the sale or arrangement which had been planned to relieve the Government. Accordingly they had been granted a six months extension, the parties who signed the bonds all consenting to renewal of the loan.

Rules Amended. On motion of the Prime Minister the rules of the Legislative Assembly were amended as follows:—

1. By adding at the end of rule 53 the following words:—"If the application is for authority to issue debentures to a municipal corporation, the notice shall set out the particulars of the municipality's existing debenture debt and the reasons for requiring a further issue of debentures."

2. By inserting after the word "bill" in the second line of rule 61 the following words:—"or a bill providing for the consolidation of a floating debt or for the consolidation or renewal of debentures (other than local improvement debentures) of a municipal corporation."

3. By adding the following as rule 61a:—

61a. Every private bill, in so far as it provides for the consolidation of a floating debt or for the consolidation or renewal of debentures (other than local improvement debentures) of a municipal corporation, when the bill has been read a first time, shall without special reference stand referred to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for their report; and a copy of such bill and of the petition on which the same is founded shall be forthwith transmitted by the clerk of the House to the board in order that the board may, after an enquiry into

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THAW GETS FIRST PEEP

At The Commissioners Who Will Decide His Fate

PRIVATE CONFERENCE

New York, March 28.—After the Thaw jury was excused yesterday until next Monday morning and the members of the lunacy commission selected Tuesday by Justice Fitzgerald to enquire into Thaw's present state of mind had been sworn in, it was suddenly announced that ex-Supreme Court Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, chairman of the commission, had resigned.

In a letter to Justice Fitzgerald, Mr. O'Brien explained that he was forced by the condition of his health and his professional engagements to decline to serve.

Justice Fitzgerald made a new order, appointing David McClure, a member of ex-Police Commissioner McAdoo's advisory committee of citizens, to fill the vacancy.

Mr. McClure met the other members of this commission yesterday afternoon and was elected chairman. He stated that the first session will be held to-day at 2 o'clock in the courtroom where the trial has been in progress. The enquiry in general will be open, although there will be executive sessions from time to time.

After Justice Fitzgerald administered the oath of office, Thaw was brought into court and found all the members of his family there.

He looks exceedingly well, and smiled a greeting to his mother, his wife and his sisters and brothers. He then turned to where the three commissioners sat and gazed fixedly at them for several minutes.

Justice Fitzgerald, in discharging the jury until next Monday, warned them to be careful not to discuss the case in any way nor to read any newspaper accounts of what is taking place.

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