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DEBENTURES OF LARGE AMOUNTS ON FOUR ACRES OF LAND.

Startling Reports of City Surveyor and Park Commissioner Will be Investigated—Police and Licenses—Premature Proposal—Island Properties and Grenadier Pond Approaches—How Civic Funds Stand.

The Property Committee met yesterday afternoon, Present Ald. Burns, Chairman Sheppard, Dunn, Spence, R. H. Graham, Rowe, Small, Saunders and Jolliffe.

The Ferguson estate was reported by the City Solicitor as insolvent and the committee instructed him to take steps to forfeit the lease of the Island lot now held by the estate.

The City Solicitor reported that the John Fisken estate had offered to surrender the lease of the property on the corner of Front and Frederick-streets. Mr. Caswell stated that the estate had found it an unprofitable piece of property and they were anxious for the city to take it off their hands. It was agreed that the City Solicitor be instructed to accept the surrender, provided it is made without cost to the city, and that the city does not forego any claim against the Fisken estate for money due up to the present.

F. N. Gooch appeared before the committee and preferred a claim of $500 for filling done by him on the Island lot leased from the city. The committee decided to grant Mr. Gooch a renewal of the lease for 21 years at 70 cents per foot and to insert a clause specifying that in case of non-renewal of the lease at the end of that term, Mr. Gooch shall be allowed $300 for filling already done, but nothing for future filling.

The committee decided to offer the Hanlan houses on the Island for lease by tender for the present year only.

A bylaw was approved, repealing the clause of bylaw 2443 which provides that all property which the city offers for sale or lease must be offered by public auction.

A Premature Proposal.

The City Treasurer wrote asking the committee to have a bylaw introduced in the council transferring the control of the License Department to the Police Commissioners, and to confirm a scale of fees.

Ald. Spence objected that the council had not yet decided to put the control of the license department under the police, and he thought the Treasurer's proposal was premature. The committee agreed with Ald. Spence and will confine their bylaw to confirming the scale of fees.

After a prolonged discussion the committee instructed the City Solicitor to proceed at once to secure possession of the Heber lot on the Island. If the Heber estate furnishes satisfactory guarantees of payment in the meantime proceedings to be stayed.

The Western Canada Loan Company was given the necessary permission to foreclose a mortgage on the buildings erected on the lot adjoining the Town Hall, Yorkville, leased from the city by the Thom estate.

The City Engineer reported that the cost of a brick pavement on Front-street, between Front and Jarvis-streets, would be $4340.

Ald. Small secured the appointment of a sub-committee to visit the sandbar east of Shields' Cut and report upon the advisability of putting it in the market for lease at once. This proposal will, if adopted, reverse Ald. Lamb's policy to reserve the property for park purposes.

The question of amending the bread bylaw was taken up, but owing to the absence of some of the members, the matter was laid over. From a report submitted, it appeared that the general opinion of bakers and grocers is in favor of making the sizes of loaves either 1-2 and 3 pounds, or 1, 2 and 4 pounds.

About Our Parks and Gardens.

The Parks and Gardens Committee met yesterday afternoon, Ald. Hallam in the chair.

The committee declined to entertain the application for a portion of High Park to be set aside for playing golf.

It was decided to grant the Public School Board and the Lakeside Home 100 and 50 trees respectively to plant around their buildings.

Mrs. Chapman wrote offering the city a right of way around the shores of Grenadier Lake and the ravine at the north end of same for the construction of a drive connecting with the present drives in High Park, the city in return to give the right to the sole use of their portion of Grenadier lake excepting about one half, which is to be retained for the use of the citizens for skating purposes. Mrs. Chapman also agreed to keep the snow scraped off the city portion of the ice. The committee will make an inspection of the locality.

The Park Commissioner will report upon the cost of constructing a bicycle track at Centre Island. He will also, in conjunction with Ald. Preston and Rowe, report upon the cost of improving the property recently acquired from Mr. R. W. Prittie for park purposes.

The lessee of the Ferris wheel privileges at the Island Park offered $100 for the concession for this year. He will pay the same amount as last year, $200, or compete for it by tender. Peter Crowden obtained permission to establish an air gun range at the Island Park.

Mr. A. L. Wilson secured the use of the Pavilion for three nights at a rental of $20 per night for the purpose of delivering lectures on the Municipal Law.

Exhibition Grounds and Properties.

The City Surveyor presented a report in reference to the Exhibition grounds and properties. From the report it appears that in 1858, 33 1-2 acres of land lying south of the Asylum grounds, 25.38 acres being on the north side of King-street and the remainder on the south side of the street, which was not then opened out, was granted to the city for the purposes of the Agricultural Show. The Northern Railway was extended across this property and in 1879 the Crown granted a plot of land 7.04 acres in extent to the city in exchange for the same quantity lying south of the Northern Railway. In the same year the city sold to the Massey Manufacturing Co. and the Toronto Bridge Co. the property upon which the Massey factory and the bridge works now stand. When the allowance for the street was taken out of the original grant and the portions above named had been sold there were 25.38 acres of the original grant left in the possession of the city, which were subsequently exchanged with the Ontario Government for property on Dufferin and King-streets, which was stated in the deed as containing 20.28 acres, but which from the plan prepared at the time appeared to contain only 19.81 acres.

The proceeds of the land sold by the city were diverted to the Exhibition purposes, and owing to the loss of acreage in the exchange of land with the Ontario Government only 9.26 acres remained for Exhibition purposes. Of this 7.37 acres were sold to John Abell & Co., leaving only 1.89 acres now available for Exhibition purposes.

After some dispute between Ald. Leslie, chairman of the Exhibition Committee, and the chairman as to which committee had charge of this matter, Ald. Hallam announced that he would not give it up to the Exhibition Committee, and Ald. Leslie retorted that his brother chairman had neglected this matter for years, only taking it up after he found that the Exhibition Committee was probing the matter.

It was decided to refer the report and plan to the City Surveyor, Solicitor and Park Commissioner.

The Commissioner's Report.

Park Commissioner Chambers has also prepared a report on the matter, for submission to the Exhibition Committee. He reports that of the original grant, the revenue of 20 acres only was to be applied to Exhibition purposes, the remainder being devoted to the Walks and Gardens Fund. Of the 20 acres set apart for exhibition purposes, the revenues or proceeds of 15.56 acres have been already applied to Exhibition purposes, leaving the proceeds of 4.44 acres still available. In 1887 the city issued debentures amounting to $28,000 for new buildings at the Exhibition grounds, which amount was to be recouped when the remaining lands are sold. In 1892 further debentures to the amount of $150,000 were issued for Exhibition purposes, making a total of $178,000, which the city has provided on the security of 4.44 acres of land on Dufferin and King-streets.

How Civic Funds Stand.

The City Auditors, in their annual report for 1895, call attention to the illegality of the action of the High School Board in expending $1995 of the amount appropriated for maintenance purposes upon new buildings. The net debenture debt of the city, inclusive of $4,524,543 of local improvement, and $899,616 of street railway debentures, amounts to $17,174,885.

Voting on the debenture bylaws takes place on Saturday; $70,000 is asked for to lay a new six-foot steel pipe in the lake, to replace the existing wooden one, which the City Engineer reports to be defective. For the city's share of the new overhead traffic bridge on York-street, from Front-street south, the sum of $56,000 is required.

To Mend Their Ways.

The Trinidad Asphalt Company has been given seven days within which to repair the pavement on King-street. The Constructing and Paving Company have informed the City Engineer that they will start their plant at once, and repair the pavements which they have guaranteed.

The City Engineer will start work on grading the Rosedale Ravine-drive on Monday.

The council meet at 1 p.m. to-day and will immediately proceed to the funeral of the late Col. Fred C. Denison. They will afterwards return to the City Hall and take up the consideration of the new rules of procedure.

POLTROONS.

An Eloquent and Instructive Lecture by Rev. J. E. Lanceley.

The Rev. J. E. Lanceley of Brampton lectured in McCaul-street Methodist Church last evening on "Poltroons, Ancient and Modern." The Rev. A. B. Chambers, LL.B., the pastor, occupied the chair, and felicitously introduced the lecturer. The Rev. Mr. Lanceley began by tracing the derivation of the term "Poltroons," and showed that it originated with the ancients and signified the meanest kind of a coward. He instanced the cases of men who cut off their thumbs in order to avoid military service and showed that the term poltroons applied to them. With characteristic eloquence he discoursed in an original and unique way on the use of the thumb in all the great works of art and literature, and pointed out how it distinguished man as above the other orders of animal creation. Coming down to modern poltroons he instanced the lazy specimens of humanity who would feign sickness in order to sponge on the useful workers; the tramp, who became a nuisance in the community; the young man who was too indolent to improve his talents for fear he would be called upon to contribute to the enjoyment of others; the man who would gather knowledge and shut himself up from his fellows, just for the sake of being unlike other men, etc. He dealt blows at Colenso, Renan and others who had sought to shake the foundations of eternal truth, and believed Thomas Carlyle marred his later years by his seclusion. It was a profoundly thoughtful lecture, and in delivery was marked by the choicest language and illustration. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer.

A Busy Store

Is the establishment of McCarthy & Co., 208 Queen-street east, these bright spring days. They cater to the best trade of the East End, and are fast becoming recognized as the up-to-date tailoring store of that district, and as an evidence of how their efforts are being appreciated their store presents a businesslike appearance at any hour with customers selecting from their varied stock materials suitable for spring wear. They have an immense variety of woolens desirable for suitings, pantings, overcoats, vestings, etc. They make up their goods equal to any of the down-town trades, and the East End public can rely on getting the best goods in the latest styles at figures consistent with first-class workmanship and A 1 trimmings. They will interest you if you call at 208 Queen-street east.

Dyspepsia or Indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of headache. Parmalee's Vegetable Pills, taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief, and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont., writes: "Parmalee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock."

Mrs. Gordon's Concert.

Mrs. D. L. Gordon has prepared a fine program for her concert in St. George's Hall, Elm-street, on Tuesday evening next, when she will be assisted by Mr. Mercier, the popular young tenor, and Mr. John Bayley's Orchestra. Mrs. Gordon has made an extensive tour in Ontario, and press notices have invariably been flattering. The Orillia Times said her concert was "Without doubt the most artistic and thoroughly enjoyable entertainment of the season. Mrs. Gordon was repeatedly encored."

Mrs. D. Says: "For years I have been nervous and weakly. I took one dollar's worth of Miller's Compound Iron Pills, and am now quite well and

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CITY.

SPUR RAILWAY LINE TO BE BUILT, COSTING $200,000.

Five Hundred Men Will Start the Work—To be Completed in Two Months—Interesting Real Estate Suit Dismissed—Steamboat Company Preparing for Navigation—Bryan Doyle's Funeral.

Hamilton, April 16.—(Special.)—The most interesting case that has been heard at the Non-jury sittings, was on yesterday afternoon and this morning. It was a suit by Henry Campion Burlton, a young Englishman, against David A. and Mrs. Fletcher, T. D. J. Farmer, barrister, and Martin & Morphy, real estate dealers, for $3000 damages, for alleged conspiracy to defraud him of his property. The plaintiff alleged that he placed a 20-acre fruit farm in Saltfleet in the hands of Martin & Morphy for sale, and they conspired to defraud him; that Farmer suggested to Fletcher that he place his property on Ferrie-street in the same firm's hands, and an exchange was arranged. The plaintiff alleged that the Fletcher property was represented to him to be worth $3800, and mortgaged for $1800, and that each of the four houses rented for $348 annually; also that the mortgage would be extended for two years. After the deal the tenants left the houses, and the mortgagees refused to extend the mortgage. The fruit farm was subsequently sold. The mortgagees of the Fletcher property pressed for foreclosure, and the plaintiff, being financially embarrassed, deeded the property back to Fletcher, in trust, expecting to receive the proceeds of the sale, less the mortgage. But he received nothing, and deducting off the mortgage from the farm, he is just $2000 in the hole. Judge MacMahon dismissed the action without costs.

An Expensive Piece of Work.

On Saturday Engineer Wingate of the T., H. & B., will have a map of the spur, connecting the Grand Trunk with the T., H. & B., prepared for the inspection of Engineer Peterson of the T., H. & B. The spur will be about one and three-quarters miles long, but it will cost over $200,000 to build it, as there will be big cuttings and fillings, and a bridge about 200 feet long will have to be built over the Desjardins Canal. Work will start about May 1, and with 500 men employed it will be finished in about two months, as the railway companies expect to have C.P.R. trains running through the city by the middle of July. The Welland end of the T., H. & B. will be ballasted and finished up by May 24.

Bryan Doyle's Funeral.

The funeral of Bryan Doyle took place this morning from his late residence, Mary-street, to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The pallbearers were Sergt. McKenzie, P.C. Ford and P.C. Gibbs of the police force, and John Brick, Charles Shields and Thomas Hanrahan of the C.M.B.A. Rev. Father Mahony conducted the services.

Hamilton Boats Starting.

The Hamilton Steamboat Company is getting its boats in shape for the coming season. The Mazeppa, recently refitted, was launched to-day. The Macassa has been renovated, and will go to the dry dock at Port Dalhousie on Monday, and will commence her regular trips on Wednesday. The Modjeska is being overhauled.

Plenty of Work in Store.

The Finance Committee next week will consider the collection of school taxes separately; the establishment of a cattle market; the establishment of an industrial home for boys, and the application of the Hamilton Street Railway Co. for better terms.

Other Improvements Needed.

Mayor Tuckett, Chief Smith and Judge Jelfs returned from Buffalo, where they inspected the patrol box system. Judge Jelfs thinks if changes towards centralising the police system were made, the patrol box system would prove beneficial.

The Smith Investigation.

The Hospital Committee met tonight. In connection with the Smith investigation, the committee decided that Smith's dismissal from the hospital was justified, and there was nothing to show that there were any bad results from his removal, and also that his death might have occurred had he not been removed. A draft bylaw providing for the management of the hospital by a board of governors, was submitted and approved of. It provided that the board should consist of the Mayor, the chairman of the Finance Committee and five citizens, to hold office at the will of the council; that it should submit a monthly statement of expenditure to the Finance Committee, and, in brief, should control the institution, thus taking its government from the sphere of aldermanic control.

General Notes.

The induction of Rev. A. MacWilliams to the pastorate of the Wentworth Presbyterian Church took place to-night. Rev. John Young had charge of the ceremony, Rev. Dr. Fletcher preached to the minister, and Rev. J. G. Shearer addressed the congregation.

The new ambulance, which will be in use next week, was inspected to-day and found satisfactory. It has rubber tires and all modern conveniences.

St. Alphonsus Club.

The many friends of the St. Alphonsus Club will be glad to learn that the minstrel entertainment which has been such a successful feature of each year's program will again be given next Monday and Tuesday nights, the 20th and 21st instant, in the hall on McCaul-street. Every attention has been paid to the rehearsals, and the performance will be quite up to all former productions of the kind.

Steamer Lakeside

The steamer Lakeside leaves Yonge-street wharf, east side, at 3.30 p.m. daily, for Port Dalhousie, connecting with G.T.R. for St. Catharines, all points on the Welland Division, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and all points east. For further information apply to D. Milloy & Co., agents. ed

Personal.

Mr. Wm. Hutchinson, president of the Ottawa Central Fair, is at the Queen's.

The Bishop of Toronto is in Montreal attending the sessions of the House of Bishops.

Mr. R. H. Kleinschmidt, a prominent citizen of Helena, Montana, is at the Queen's Hotel.

Mr. H. Montague Allan and party of Montreal will arrive in town this morning to take in the Horse Show.

Mr. Barron, formerly of the Toronto Incandescent Company, now of Brantford Electric Railway, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mackay of Montreal are at the Queen's. Mr. E. L. Goold of Brantford is at the Queen's.

Rev. Mr. Langford of Orangeville, who is regarded as the coming president of Toronto Conference, is in the city.

Mr. George Gooderham has gone to British Columbia to join his son-in-law, Mr. T. G. Blackstock, in inspecting his recently purchased silver mines.

The Toronto passengers sailing on the Etruria this week are: Mrs. F. C. Jarvis, Miss Stevenson, Mrs. Jephcott and child and the Misses Heath.

Rev. H. Cocks, a Baptist minister, well known in Ontario, latterly pastor in the Eastern States, died at the residence of W. R. Shearer at Villa Nova.

The steamship which sails from New York for London on Saturday will have the following Toronto people on board: Mr. P. L. Maule, Mrs. H. L. Maule, Miss Maude and Miss Jessie Henderson.

The Bank of British North America has opened a branch at Rossland, B.C., W. T. Oliver of Vancouver being appointed manager. George Kidd, accountant of the branch in Toronto, will take the position vacated by Mr. Oliver.

ON STAGE AND PLATFORM

Current and Coming Attractions at the Local Play Houses and Concert Halls.

Lovers of the realistic and thrilling in the drama will be given a treat at the Toronto Opera House next week, when the comedy drama, "Lost in New York," will be presented in all its magnificence. The play, notwithstanding the title, is not a blood and thunder melo-drama, full of murders, fires and hair-raising escapades, but is a charming picture of life as it is to-day in New York. The feature of the drama is the water scene, which is one of the greatest ever put on the stage. In one act the entire stage is converted into a river of flowing water, upon which may be seen a full-rigged yacht, rowboats, ferries, and a steamboat that crosses and re-crosses the stage under a full head of steam, and carries a score of passengers. The special scenery is from the brush of New York's leading artist, Mr. Arthur Voegtler, of the Madison-square Theatre, and the following scenes are said to be very elaborate: The East River by Moonlight, Gramercy-square, showing the home of the late Samuel J. Tilden; Randall's Island Insane Asylum; Madison-square Garden illuminated; and New York Harbor at Night. An excellent cast and many new specialties are produced.

Only One Theatre Open.

The Toronto Opera House will be the only regular theatre open to-night, when "Down in Dixie" will be repeated. Southern plantation and homestead life is most interestingly illustrated in this play. The pickaninny band, the Cracker Quartette and the Carolina Banjo and Mandolin Club are most popular accessories to the production. The clever darky boys, besides playing their musical instruments, appear in plantation sports and an effective Zouave drill. There will be a matinee to-morrow.

Yaw Concert To-Night.

The following will be the program of the Yaw concert which takes place in the Massey Hall to-night: Polonaise in E flat, Rubinstein, Miss Lay; Villanelle, Dell Acqua, Miss Yaw; Ballade and Polonaise, Vieuxtemps, Mr. Dick; Ah forse e lui (from Traviata, Verdi, Miss Yaw; a. Etincelles (Sparks), Moszkowski, b. Dedication, Schumann-Liszt, Miss Lay; Scherzo Fantastique, Bazzini, Mr. Dick; Birds of the Springtime, Randegger (especially arranged by the composer for Miss Yaw), Miss Yaw; Caprice de Concert, Musin, Mr. Dick; Selected, Miss Yaw.

The Crystal a Cool Resort.

The Crystal Theatre, the coolest place of amusement in the city, was a welcome resort yesterday for many hundreds, who found the sun's rays too exacting for comfort. The Kerslake pig show in the Curio Hall, and an up-to-date vaudeville entertainment in the theatre furnished the entertainment. To-day will be ladies' day, and to-morrow the school children will have their usual weekly innings. Next week in the Curio Hall will be seen the "Black Diamond," the man with the biggest mouth in the world.

Innes' Band Concerts.

The sale of seats for the Innes' band concerts which take place on Monday and Tuesday in the Massey Hall opens to-morrow morning.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.

Cruelty to animals cost John Sweeney $2 yesterday.

Yesterday a peddler named La Frame was kicked by a horse at the Halfway House and badly hurt.

The wife of murderer Michael J. Brennan was yesterday admitted to Grace Hospital in the last stages of consumption.

Thieves entered the residence of Thomas Sanderson, 9 College-street, and stole about $13 and some jewelry.

Cases of theft against Robert Compton, Sarah Whitehead and Mary Harrison were yesterday adjourned for a week.

A number of the members of the Liberal-Conservative Club will attend the funeral of the late Col. Denison to-day.

For having a filthy yard at 140 Richmond-street west, Elias Fox, a butcher, yesterday was fined $5 and costs or 14 days.

Rev. Dr. Hart, Methodist missionary in China, is at Vancouver, on his way to Toronto. Rev. Mr. Crummy, missionary to Japan, is also on his way to this city.

The warm weather has had a good effect in thinning out the Italian colony in the Ward, many of them who are laborers having left the city to get work.

Surrogate proceedings took place in these estates yesterday: Thomas Wright, late steward General Hospital, $3400; John R. Hill, $7642; Robert Allan Smith, $2220.

Magistrate Kingsford, in the case of young James Sutherland, the lad who stole the candles from Venn's store on Yonge-street, let the boy go on suspended sentence.

James Clancy, 58 Manning-avenue, was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, suffering from a fractured leg, which he sustained owing to a fall from his house a couple of days ago.

James Fairbank, for aggravated assault on little Lillie Cohen on Wednesday night, was yesterday remanded till the 20th without bail, as the child was unable to appear.

The Trades and Labor Council will wait on the Police Commissioners to ask that the control of livery drivers' licenses be under the board, as it is claimed that stable employes work too long hours.

James Hornshaw was a visitor at the Horse Show last night, so was Detective Cuddy, who thought Hornshaw would be better away from the crowd, so he ran him in to No. 2 Police Station. The prisoner gave his address as 47 Mussion-avenue.

William Saulter, 32 years of age, and living at 102 Hayter-street, was arrested last night for beating his wife. He has been before the Magistrate several time before for the offence, but has escaped punishment owing to his wife's pleading that he be forgiven.

James Ayres went to the General Hospital yesterday, suffering from a dislocation of the shoulder, which was easily reduced. He sustained the injury while jumping into a wagon. This is the fourteenth time that Ayres has had the shoulder dislocated.

His Excellency the Governor-General purchased two Dayton wheels yesterday from the city warerooms of Messrs. J. & J. Taylor, 8 King-street west. This wheel is fast becoming the most aristocratic of wheels, and the firm are kept very busy supplying the demand.

Judge Morgan yesterday handed out judgment in Knight v. Shoebotham, a suit for illegal distress, which was tried at the last County Court. He has awarded the plaintiff, Mrs. Alice Knight, $37 damages and costs.

If Owen McGinty of Beverly township, near Dundas, does not show up in the Division Court as a witness in a suit against the Massey-Harris Co. he will have to go to jail for contempt. He has been subpoenaed twice.

George A. Rolling, charged with stealing bicycle parts from the Massey-Harris Co., was remanded for a week. When his house was searched seven new revolvers were found, and the police want to know where he got them.

Strong clothing does not need strong talk to sell it. Oak Hall has the strongest made children's clothing in Toronto, and there are good reasons for it. It is better to look at our boys' two fifty and three dollar suits than to wish you had. When you look you will see the reason in good strong cloth and good strong sewing.

On account of some proposed changes in the mode of appointing associate examiners to read the answers of the candidates at the High School leaving and University examinations, the Joint Board will not make these appointments until about the first week in June.

In the windows of the Canadian Carpet Co., 91 King-street east, there is on view an oil painting which for naturalness is remarkably good. The coloring, drawing and expression are of a high standard. Mr. W. A. Sherwood has gone a good way in the direction of high art in this painting.

Major R. M. J. Reed of Philadelphia, Grand Commander of the Knights of St. John and Malta, will arrive in the city this afternoon. In the evening he will be banqueted by the commanders and past commanders of the city encampments.

RODEN'S RADICAL REFORM

PREVENT PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS' VANDALISM.

Successful Night Scholars Get Their Medals—Must Have a Q.C.—Haggling About Ten Dollars for Kindergarten Rent—Schools for Polling Purposes—Positions for Extra Teachers.

The Public School Board held its weekly meeting last evening. Mr. W. W. Hodgson in the chair. The only members absent were Drs. Buck and Awde.

At an early stage of the meeting the medals awarded to the boy and girl taking the highest number of marks at the Night school examinations were presented by the donor, Mr. Noel Marshall, to Anna Bailey, Winchester-street School, and Charles Riley, Bathurst-street School, amid the applause of the members.

Major W. C. Macdonald, honorable secretary of the Toronto Garrison Military Tournament, which is to be held in the Drill Hall on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of June, wrote asking that the school children be given a half holiday on Wednesday, June 3, in order to enable them to attend the matinee performance.

Trustee Roden gave notice that he intends moving that a portion of the hours of teaching each week be devoted to educating the pupils in the preservation from destruction of property, fences, windows, boulevards, etc. Trustee Kent wants six of the permanent teachers appointed to fill the places of teachers temporarily absent from their classes.

Will Have Professional Help.

Quite a breeze was raised by an amendment to the report of the Finance Committee which was offered by Mr. S. W. Burns that Christopher Robinson, Q.C., be retained by the board in the appeal against the verdict obtained by the representatives of the late Mr. Rogers against the board. Mr. Douglas, chairman of the committee, made a strong effort to compel the solicitor of the board either to do the work himself or else show cause why counsel should be retained. The amendment, however, carried.

Taken on Trial.

The School Management Committee recommended that the following holders of second-class certificates be appointed on trial for six months to the following schools: Mr. J. Bryce in Victoria-street School, Miss S. Smart to Givens-street, and Miss A. Reid to Park School. Trustee S. W. Burns enquired why it was necessary to employ additional lady teachers while there were on the pay rolls some six or seven teachers who are as yet unassigned to any school.

Chairman McPherson replied that these ladies were especially qualified for the special positions to which they were appointed. The report was adopted.

Carped at the Expense.

The discussion of the proposal to pay the Board of Managers of the College-street Presbyterian Church $40 per month rent for the Lecture Hall of the church for a kindergarten class occupied some 45 minutes. The bone of contention was the amount to be paid for rent. Dr. Noble suggested that instead of hiring extra rooms the inspector should arrange both morning and evening classes for the kindergarten schools, thus accommodating double the number of pupils now attending each kindergarten.

The report was amended by cutting down the amount to be paid for rent to $30, which the chairman intimated in tones of regret would block the whole matter.

Trustee C. A. B. Brown gave notice that he would move that the School Board give the City Council the use of the Public schools for municipal elections.

TORONTO'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Detailed Statement Showing the Attendance and Expenditure for Past Year.

Inspectors Hughes and Chapman report 28,938 as the total registered attendance for 1895, not including the kindergarten classes, which have 4616 registered. The average daily attendance in all the schools was 23,129, in the kindergarten classes 3917, an increase of 302 over 1894. Average monthly registered number was 26,238, an increase of 302 over 1894. There were 499 teachers and 107 kindergartens not including special teachers.

Three new kindergarten classes were opened during the year, making 40 in all, which cost during the year for salaries and supplies $29,763. The cost of free text books amounted to $4917, and of general supplies $6209.

The total expenditure of the schools for the year amounted to $414,532. Of this $329,591 was paid for salaries of teachers, officers and caretakers. Over $57,600 was expended in new buildings. The city contributed $371,518. The Government grants amounted to over $22,000. Night schools cost $4703. Fuel for the schools and offices amounted to $20,584. The schools to which new rooms were added were Dewson, Fern-avenue, Givens, Morse, Palmerston, Queen Victoria and Rosedale. Repairs, alterations and improvements to the various schools cost $17,768. The 20 rented rooms cost $4496. The board has 49 buildings. The value of the school property is estimated at $1,536,808, the buildings being worth $960,503, school sites $523,393, and school furniture $52,912.

Mr. Vokes Scores a Victory.

A nice point of law was decided yesterday by Judge Street in the case of Stephenson v. Vokes. Mr. Miles Vokes, who is the president, and one of the directors of the Toronto Lock Company (Limited), and who was elected for a year, was removed by an alleged majority of the shareholders of the company from the position of director. Mr. Vokes considered that he could not be removed from that position, having been elected for a year, and Mr. T. H. Stephenson and Mr. Charles Mulvey brought an action in the High Court to have it declared that Mr. Vokes was properly removed from the directorship. Judge Street has given judgment in favor of Mr. Vokes, with costs of the injunction proceedings, holding that Mr. Vokes could not be removed before the expiration of the year for which he was elected.

Paul Wickson's Picture.

Paul Wickson's celebrated picture, "Stolen," is on view all this week at Roberts' Art Gallery, 79 King-street west. "Stolen" is said by art connoisseurs to be one of the finest pieces of animal painting that have ever been exhibited in this country and to be well worthy of a place in the leading art galleries in Europe. The subject is a thoroughly Canadian one, from the brush of a Canadian, who has done probably more than any other artist in America to reproduce on canvas in the most natural manner possible that noble animal the horse.

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