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visiting friends in London for the past five weeks, is home again.
Two rinks of the Lucknow Curling Club went to Wingham last night to play a friendly match with two rinks of that town, and succeeded in defeating their Wingham "brithers" by two

A curling match was played here yesterday morning between two rinks from the north and two from the south side of the town. It was an easy victory for the south side by 17 shots. Mr. Alex. Cameron, who has been visiting his mother here for about three months, has returned to his home in Juneau, Alaska.

THE KENT CASE. A Report That Several Similar Cases Will Soon be Made Public.

OTTAWA, March 23.-There seems to be very little doubt that several new cases of recovery from those terrible diseases, diabetes and Bright's disease, in this locality through the means of Dodd's Kidney Pills will very shortly find their way into the columns of the newspapers, and will almost rival in interest to the public the now celebrated case of Mr. G. H. Kent, who has made such a wonderful recovery from the latter disease by using the admirable and efficacious remedy above mentioned. It is said that several persons who have received the greatest benefit from its use are meditating making public the details of their cure, in order that the thousands of their fellow-creatures who are suffering from the same complaints may be enabled to participate in the great blessings conferred, and may find an easy and inexpensive road to health and strength.

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Trustee Griffin's Free Text Book Scheme Falls Flat.

Proposal to Establish Public School Commercial Forms.

An Interesting Session of Number One Committee of the Board of Education.

No. 1 committee of the Board of Education dealt with two very important questions yesterday afternoon, deciding against free text books and recommending the establishment of a commercial or fifth form in connecton with the public schools. Trustee Sanders was in the chair, and Trustees Murphy, Jeffery, Dr. Campbell, Hunt, Griffin, Craig and Wilkins and Inspector Carson, Principal Merchant and Secretary

McElheran were also present. Mr. Griffin was not ready to go on with the business, claiming that the meeting had been "sprung." Finally he went ahead and read the following letter from W. F. Chapman, inspector of Toronto public schools:

FREE BOOKS IN TORONTO. "Our free text book system came into operation in September, 1892. It was introduced at a comparatively small cost, inasmuch as the board decided to make the change gradually, and requested pupils to continue to use their own books if they had them. The new books were supplied to new pupils and to those who were promoted. The total cost of the text books supplied during the last term of 1892 was \$4,380 28. In 1893 the board gave all supplies required in school free. During 1893 the expenditure for text books was \$6,927 23, and for blank books, business forms, copy books, slates, drawing books, etc., was \$10,334 09. The registered attendance for that year, exclusive of kindergartens, was 28,687. In reckoning the cost per pupil for text books, it would be fairer to deduct say \$5,000 from this number, as we supply no books to junior First Book pupils; we do, however, supply these pupils with slates, pencils,

"In 1894 the cost for text books has been about \$2,800 for blank books, business forms, copy books, slates, drawing books, etc., about \$8,300. Our registered attendance for the year is not yet completed, but on Oct. 1 we had an increase of 1,078 as compared with the same date of 1893. There are a few books that the board does not supply, such as Physics and Botany, to the highest classes, as these subjects may be considered extras; neither is a costly book like the geography supplied, but a cheaper book of maps, the intention being to use the saving thus effected in supplying supplementary reading in history and geo-

graphy.
"The board also provides free supplies for the night school pupils. The cost of these is included in the amounts I have named, as separate are not kept.'

IN BOSTON, MASS. From a newspaper clipping it was Boston for the past seven years has been: (a) In primary schools, 23 cents per pupil; (b) in grammar schools, \$1 12 per pupil. It was pointed out that it would be necessary to purchase for those pupils only who are promoted to a higher class, if parents consented to allow their children to use the books already in hand. When text books have once been supplied, it will be necessary to buy books in future only for the increased attendance from year to year. In seven years less than one-quarter of

the books were lost or worn out. Mr. Griffin went on to dispute the assertion of Inspector Carson that it would cost a lump sum of \$4,500 to make the change. "We can get those books for \$1,000," said he. This would be done by making the change gradually, and omitting the costly geography as is done in Toronto. They could get a discount of 30 per cent on the cost, and if other towns fell into line they might obtain legislation on the matter.

"I was figuring on supplying the geography," explained Mr. Carson. you don't supply the geography it would make \$1,000 difference in the

Mr. Griffin-A great many children don't go to school now because they cannot get books. Mr. Murphy-Well, there is a law providing for that contingency new.

In subsequent discussion it came out that it would cost \$2,000 for drawing and copy books alone; that it already cost the city \$600 yearly for pens, paper (foolscap) and ink, and that there were now 5,143 pupils on the roll. Mr. Hunt pointed out that a man

having several children would have an undue advantage and more in return for his taxes than a man without chil-

'We cannot help that," explained Mr "They should have had children." commented the chairman. "Then they

would get the same advantage." DR. CAMPBELL SPEAKS OUT. "I am opposed to it on every ground upon which the question presents itself," said Dr. J. B. Campbell. "First of all it is unsanitary to hand around books, passing them from one to the other, which will be done if free text books are introduced. It will be more expensive upon the whole. There will be annoyance and disturbance among the pupils over the books, and the innovation would have a bad influence upon

the character of the children you are educating. It is not encouraging to thrift and economy. The poorer classes of people, who are unfortunately so-(They want the world now, to use a common expression)-they will get the books free and will be careless and tear them on purpose to get new ones. As for submitting the matter to a vote of the people, that will make it worse than ever. If you brought forward a bylaw to clothe the people free it would carry. The whole how! comes from people who don't pay taxes at all, and who would like to make the taxpayers supply everything. We have Mr. Marks calling upon the board. They have waited upon the City Council and the Aldermen, and every aspirant for any municipal office. Let us see what they are doing. We find the leader of the organization does not pay taxes. He does not pay rent. He is of no use to the city. They stand out like scare-crows to intimidate everybody, and aldermen in office are weak-kneed enough to give way to them in that sort of thing. Its

a species of intimidation. I don't believe it at all. I am decidedly opposed to it regardless of what anybody else may think about it." Trustee Griffin then put his motion into the following form: "That the com-mittee recommend that free text

books be supplied to pupils in the pub-In reply to a question he designated the following books which would be supplied free in the meaning or his motion:

Arithmetic, grammar, history and reading books. On the division Mr. Griffin stood alone

and the scheme dropped.

tion of Trustee Hunt's proposition to establish a fifth or commercial form in connection with the public schools. In speaking to the motion Mr. Hunt admitted that the Department of Education recommended that fifth forms be established only where high schools do not exist, but stated that the Department was about to reconsider that law. He dwelt on the loss of time to which a pupil in search of a practical business educaton was subjected in being obliged to take up high school work and briefly outlined his scheme, which was to have the head master at one public school coaching pupils bent only on the fifth form and commercial work, and to have the head master in a neighboring pub-lic school devote his energies solely to training pupils anxious to enter a broader field of knowledge in high school work. Mr. Hunt compared the cost of education per pupil in the high school and the public schools, much to the disadvantage of the rormer, but Principal Merchant came to his school's rescue with the assertion that fourth form pupils cost as much per capita as collegiate pupils. He admitted, how-ever, that the cost of education in the

ower public school forms was less. MR. GRIFFIN'S AMENDMENT. Trustee Griffin moved in amendment that a separate room be established and a separate teacher employed for commercial work.

Trustee Campbell said that he did not think that either of the proposals would be in accord with the curriculum laid down by the Education Act, on the adherence to which depended the Government grant. It was not legal to establish any form contrary to the act, although he agreed that a form on a commercial basis was what the people were clamoring for.
Inspector Carson explained why the

fifth form that the board once before established proved to be a tailure. In the first place pupils were admitted who were not qualified to take the work -pupils who failed in such a vital subject as arithmetic. It was a "mongrel" form, as it were, and there the teacher had not been a first-class educationist. A fifth form, he thought, would be advantageous, but he would have the entrants thoroughly up in the required subjects. If a pupil failed in some of the ornamental subjects at the high school entrance examination and had a good percentage in such subjects as arithmetic and writing, he thought that he should be entitled to a position in the commercial form.
THIS MOTION CARRIED.

Trustee Jeffery proposed an amend-ment that took the fancy of the committee. In effect it provided for the retention of the requisite subjects of the curriculum (and incidentally the Government grant), but asked that less time be spent on subjects unnecessary for business life, and that much more time be given to spelling, bookkeeping, commercial geography, writing and arithmetic.

Principal Merchant-Everybody wants an education in six months for nothing. Education is a growth, and you can't prop a boy up with a lever in six Trustee Jeffery-The temptation to

pass to the high school is an injury to pupils.

Trustee Campbell-I believe that the honor of passing into the high school would be of more good to the pupils than any six months' term in a fifth

Mr. Hunt withdrew his motion in favor of Mr. Jeffery's, and Mr. Griffin did likewise. On reconsideration, however, the latter decided to let his go to the vote, and Mr. Jeffery's motion carried. The working of the plan is identical with the scheme proposed by Mr. Hunt, with different teaching in alternate schools Of course this is only a recommenda-

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