

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAN'T TAKE IN MORE PUPILS

New Premises Will Have to Be Secured or Pupils Refused Admission

TEACHERS' SALARIES

To Be Left to Incoming Board—Teachers Apply for Board of Reference

There is an overcrowded condition in the public schools of this city, and parents may be asked to keep back beginners until the fall of 1921. Superintendent White of the public schools has stated that the situation as now existing is an alarming one, and that the enrolment in the schools today is the highest in the history of the city. The primary rooms in some of the schools are over-crowded, and he stated there are only two courses to pursue, either refuse to take beginners or open new rooms. The School Board may decide to open the old Fire Hall on the corner of Eleventh Street and McTavish Avenue to accommodate some of the overflow.

In his report on school attendance Mr. White stated that the enrolment is the highest and the attendance the best of the year. The total enrolment is 2,821. In speaking of the overcrowding at some of the schools he said the primary rooms in the King George school are especially over-crowded. The opening of a new room there to accommodate new pupils is the only remedy and this will partly relieve the congestion and accommodate all new pupils that may come in January. In the Alexandra school the situation is different. There is no proper class room available, and Mr. White stated that he did not like using part of the Assembly Hall in the Winter for two reasons. The class is so far away in case of fire, and the Assembly hall is used so much for recreation in the winter. "At the same time there are some objections to refusing to take pupils," said the Superintendent.

May Fix Up Old Fire Hall
Discussing the overcrowding in the schools, Chairman Conell of the School Board asked Mr. White if it would be advisable to ask the parents to keep back beginners until the fall of 1921.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN CLUB TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY

Owing to it being impossible to secure the dining room of the Prince Edward hotel on Friday evening, the night of the Teak Chapter card party and dance in the hotel, the annual meeting of the Canadian Club will be held Thursday night at 6.15 in the Prince Edward Hotel, Rupert C. Lodge, the newly appointed Professor of Philosophy at Manitoba College, will be the special speaker on this occasion. His subject will be "Twentieth Century Ideals." The meeting will open with a luncheon and during the evening the election of officers for 1921 will take place and the reports for the past year will be submitted.

RAILWAY BOARD WILL CONTINUE INQUIRY RE RATES

Following Meeting in March, Tour to Be Made of Canadian Cities

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Following a sitting of the Board of Railway Commissioners at Ottawa, to be held some time in March, the Board will proceed with a general inquiry into the railway rates throughout Canada. This was decided at a conference this morning between the Board, representatives of the railways and other parties interested in the inquiry. The itinerary of the meetings will be decided at the general meeting in March but in the meantime the railways must furnish to interested parties any information bearing on the matter of railway rates which may be desired. Although not definitely decided, it was suggested that the Board open its Western sittings at Vancouver early in April, the Western sittings to be followed by sittings in the Maritime Provinces.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE IS NOT PRACTICABLE

Will Not Be Considered as a Means of Relieving Unemployment

It is impractical to consider the establishment and operation of unemployment insurance in Canada, was the opinion expressed by Senator Robertson, Minister of Labour, this morning. The minister explained that a system of such insurance must be based on funds obtained by the assessment of employers and employees and a Government grant.

EARLY MORNING FIRE IN WINNIPEG

Four Business Places Damaged—Hotel Guests Make Quick Exit

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Early morning a fire which threatened several business places on Main Street opposite the City Hall, with destruction, caused damage variously estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Four business places, including Manitoba and City hotels, suffered. The fire which started in an adjacent to the City Hotel, quickly spread to that building and damaged the premises, and before the fire was brought under control the Manitoba Hotel, next to the City Hotel, was also badly damaged by smoke waves. Both hotels were well filled with guests who made a hurried exit in scanty clothing. Street cars were disrupted in all sections of the city owing to a break in the line opposite the fire.

OAK LAKE SHORTHORN CLUB

At a recent meeting of the horn breeders of the Oak Lake and Short-horn Club, organized, the following officers were elected: President, George Oak Lake; Secretary-Treasurer, Forrest, Oak Lake; Director, English, Harding, Gordon, To view, J. McManus, Alex. Leask, Lenore, John McNeil, Forrest, W. Holland and Hamilton, all of Oak Lake. Mr. J. son, of the Dominion Short-horn Club, and Mr. John Strain, Pope, Man., Secretary of the Short-horn Club, were present dressed the meeting.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS, 1921

Approves Plan Which Ald. Coleman is to Present to City Council

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Resolution to Be Forwarded Asking Provincial Government to Adopt Policy

There was a small attendance at the meeting held under the auspices of the Children's Aid Society of Brandon to consider the provision of a shelter. When President Kenneth Campbell called the meeting to order in the Council Chamber at the City Hall Monday night there were not more than 25 persons present. Those who did turn out manifested great interest and the discussion lasted till after eleven o'clock. Two resolutions were approved and the executive elected for the coming year. The report by a special committee was read.

D. S. Hamilton, Superintendent of Neglected Children, explained that his department assisted in the formation of the Children's Aid Society, of which there are three in the province, and took up cases regarding neglected children when specially requested to do so. Regarding the policy which may be adopted by the province, in dealing with a work that has recently aroused considerable public interest, he was unable to make any statement. Mrs. S. E. Clement told of the efforts that have been made towards bettering conditions and the proposals that have been made to the Government by the Child Welfare and other commissions.

Everybody present was united on the need for a children's shelter in Brandon and a long discussion followed submission by Alderman Coleman of the proposal that is to be laid before the City Council for the establishment of a shelter here. Under the plan outlined the city is expected to pay the rent for premises to be acquired, the Kivianians supply furnishings, and the Salvation Army staff. A plan to maintain the shelter was also suggested.

of dealing with the problem of the unemployed is impractical. It would take at least \$1,000,000 to establish and operate a system of unemployment insurance in Canada, was the opinion expressed by Senator Robertson, Minister of Labour, this morning.

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***** BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL NOT MODIFY THE EMBARGO ON CANADIAN CATTLE *****

London, Dec. 14.—The British Government has not the slightest intention of modifying the embargo on Canadian cattle, the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture announced in Commons yesterday in answering questions on the subject.

ENGLAND AWAITS RESULT OF PROBE OF CORK FIRES

Military Commission is Expected to Complete Thorough Investigation Today

INCENDIARY BOMBS

Which Are Said to Have Spread Conflagration Are Not Supplied Police

London, Dec. 14.—Investigation by a military commission, headed by Major General Strickland, commander of the military forces in Ireland, of the fires which swept the city of Cork on Saturday night and Sunday, was expected to be completed today. The Commission's finding is awaited with keen interest by the people of London today. Rival elements have been doing their utmost to fix blame on the auxiliary police or the Irish extremists, respectively. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, speaking in the House last night, asserted that the auxiliary police did not start the fires, and pointed out that they were not equipped with incendiary bombs, which, news dispatches assert, were used to spread the flames in Cork. The prospects of a truce in Ireland appear to have been blasted by the more recent events in that island, declared Sir Hamar, so far as representatives of English people and representatives of Irish are concerned.

NO REBATE ON TAXES

Wednesday is the last day on which a rebate will be offered to ratepayers for the prompt payment of taxes. A three per cent rebate is the inducement held out to the ratepayers if they pay this year's taxes before Wednesday at five o'clock and it is expected that a large number of citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity. After Wednesday, no rebate will be offered on taxes paid and after January 1st a charge of three quarters of one per cent per month will be made on all unpaid taxes.

Tax payments this year have just about constituted a record as far as prompt payment is concerned. According to figures given some time ago, the taxes collected this year show Brandon to be in a very healthy financial condition, and there is every prospect of a new collection figure for current taxes being made this year.

The directors for the Brandon Children's Aid Society for 1921 are as follows: Mrs. H. L. MacNeil, Mrs. S. E. Clement, Mrs. A. J. Jeffery, Mrs. S. R. Smith, Mrs. E. J. Barclay, Mrs. A. Reid, Mrs. A. Munroe, Miss L. Winter, Rev. H. A. Anderson, Rev. J. George Miller, Rev. Father Walsh, Rev. A. E. Smith, Adjutant Tuttle, K. Campbell, who has been presiding officer of the Society for some time, but declined to act as chairman next year; J. F. Kilgus, J. L. Alderman, A. Shawan, Alderman H. D. Farnore, John Inglis, J. S. Whitcomb, A. White, H. Carter, D. Shultz and H. C. L. Broadhurst.

Discussion resulted in the withdrawal of the suggestion that a deputation be sent and a resolution along these lines will be forwarded to the Government.

After some discussion the resolution following was adopted. "That this meeting of the citizens of Brandon, interested in child welfare and called under the auspices of the Children's Aid Society, would welcome any reasonable proposal looking to the providing and placing at the service of the Children's Aid Society a Children's shelter and that the officers of the Children's Aid Society confer with the City Council on the question at the earliest opportunity. Under present conditions this meeting would approve co-operation with the Salvation Army in the conduct of the proposed shelter, reserving to the Society in the future any action it may deem necessary in fulfillment of its functions."

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BAN ON WHEAT IMPORTS MIGHT BE DISASTROUS

Wall Street Journal Says Such Action Would Cost U. S. Fine Business

BUY CANADIAN WHEAT

And Throw it Into Ocean Would Be Better Plan, Paper Declares

New York, Dec. 14.—Discussing the proposed tariff on Canadian wheat, the Wall Street Journal today says: "This is a time when farmers should fervently pray to be delivered from their legislative friends. Schemes to help them in Congress are multiplying as rapidly as the natural farm pests. One of the most menacing is a proposal to shut out imports of Canadian wheat."

In analyzing the trade between the two countries, the Journal says that Canada this year sold the United States \$489,000,000 worth of goods, a small portion being wheat, but purchased goods to the value of \$841,000,000, so by the year's end Canada will owe us nearly half a billion dollars. "A customer who buys twice as much as he sells should be preserved. A tariff bar against any one commodity which Canada sends here to help pay its bills would, in effect, be notice that 'We will deal with you for cash only.' That means the loss of our second best customer. Better by far to purchase every bushel of Canada's wheat and throw it into the ocean than to commit such folly."

BRANDON JOINS SELECT CIRCLE OF CANADIAN CITIES

Which Have Complete Symphony Orchestras—Aims to Develop Taste for Pure Music

There are only four, of at the most five, cities in the entire Dominion which possess a complete symphony orchestra, and to these must now be added the City of Brandon. The Brandon Symphony Orchestra has a complete

instrument and a most enthusiastic and experienced conductor. So far there have been four meetings of the organization, and from the second rehearsal the membership has practically been complete, except for violins, for whom there is no limit as there is for wood wind, brass and bass. At present there are sixteen violins, but the conductor wants twenty-four if at all possible.

The Brandon Symphony Orchestra aims to develop a taste for pure music in the city of Brandon, foster worthy music pupils by prize competitions, and to hold annually a musical festival along the lines of the ancient Welsh Eisteddfod. The officers of the Brandon Symphony Association are: President, Dr. C. P. Templeton, Vice-President, T. Van Someren; Secretary, Mr. W. T. Reed; Assistant-Music Director, Business Manager—Mr. V. B. De la Roche; Executive, R. C. Macdonald; Chairman, V. B. Delaport; Honorary Members, Esq. Mrs. T. Jones; Mr. W. T. Reed.

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KING CONSTANTINE STATES HE WILL NOT ABDICATE THE THRONE OF GREECE

Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—Former King Constantine of Greece, has personally declared he would not abdicate the throne. Professor Georges Street, his confidential adviser, last week denied reports that Constantine might abdicate in favor of Crown Prince George, but Monday's utterance by Constantine was his first direct statement on the subject. "I will not abdicate and never had any such intention," said Constantine in his farewell interview with the correspondents preliminary to his departure for Venice Tuesday, en route to Athens.

FORMER BRANDON WOMAN ADDRESSES CALGARY COUNCIL

Mrs. Mildred Cunningham, Western Director of Training for Settlement Board

Brandon people will be interested in the report of an address delivered before the members of the executive of the Local Council of Women in Calgary, by Mrs. Mildred Cunningham, Western Director of Training for the Soldier Settlement board. Mrs. Cunningham is very well known in this city and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McKee, Eighteenth Street. The report of her address which appeared in the Calgary Herald states that Mrs. Cunningham explained the plan for holding short courses for the benefit of the wives of soldier-settlers of the district along the lines of those held last year in Saskatchewan. Part of the report follows:

Mrs. Cunningham said that the co-operation of the Local Council in this effort was earnestly desired, and she felt that the opportunity to make their English sisters, who were struggling with the problem of life in a new country under rather trying conditions, feel that the women of this province were interested in them enough to plan the means of helping them solve this problem, was one which should appeal to an organization representative of so many women.

The speaker stated that the program as outlined called for a week's course in such subjects as would enable the wife of the soldier-farmer to plan her home life and farm activities to get the best results and make her surroundings more interesting and congenial. It was hoped these courses might be held in such centres as Edmonton, Calgary, Grande Prairie, East River and Lethbridge. Calgary's date would be the week beginning January 14, and the plans would include the holding of about 325 women over the week end and during the days when the lectures would be given and breakfast would have to be provided.

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In closing her brief address Mrs. Cunningham called attention to the fact that Alberta has the largest number of soldier-settlers of any province in the Dominion, there being something like 5,500 of them. The S. S. B. has secured the co-operation of Dr. T. J. and the department of public health in the preparation of the program, for these courses, and all that is needed is the promise of the organized women of the city, through the Local Council, to accept the hospitality for those who come to Calgary to take advantage of the training offered.

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BRANDON FIRM HAS BIG DRESSED POULTRY BUSINESS

Receives an Average of a Thousand Live Birds Each Day

BRANDON A CENTRE

\$30,000 Worth of Poultry Being Shipped to Western Points

Outside markets will tap the Brandon district for about \$30,000 worth of turkeys and chickens for the Christmas and New Year's trade. As a poultry centre Brandon is second to none, and this city is now supplying the market demands of Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. It was authoritatively stated this morning that over 50,000 pounds of turkeys and 30,000 pounds of chickens will be shipped from Brandon to Vancouver and Victoria within the next week. Few people in Brandon realize the importance of this city as a poultry centre. A visit to the Tungalund Creamery Company, one of the largest poultry distributors in the West, reveals the fact that an average of 1,000 birds is being received daily. These birds are either turkeys or chickens. They are received from all points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and come to the city in large crates. They are killed and dressed here, and then shipped to outside markets.

The largest number received in one day by the Tungalund Creamery Company was 500 turkeys and 3,000 chickens. That Brandon farmers contribute largely to this market is shown by the fact that one farmer brought in one load of turkeys last week that netted him exactly \$250 for the sleigh load. Over 1,000 turkeys were received from Brandon farmers last week and Mr. Tungalund the manager of the local concern states that he never saw the turkeys so large or so plentiful as this season. He confidently expects that altogether Brandon merchants and concerns will receive from November 1st to January 1st about 10,000 turkeys and 20,000 chickens from the Brandon district alone. This estimate does not include the number of birds which

are shipped from outside points outside of this district.

The work of killing and dressing the poultry received here is one that requires a good deal of skill especially when the birds are received in such large quantities. Mr. Tungalund stated this morning that one of their expert men can kill and partly dress 400 chickens a day. This man is paid according to the number he kills and his pay cheque for last week amounted to over \$100. As the work of killing and dressing turkeys requires more attention, the men draw higher wages for this labor. Four women assist the expert fowl killer, completing the dressing of the turkeys and chickens for the market.

SHOTS FIRED IN BELGIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Brussels, Dec. 9.—Three shots from a revolver were fired in the direction of the President's tribune in the Chamber of Deputies by a spectator in the public gallery. Just as the Chamber was adjourning last evening. "I have been four years a prisoner in Germany and have not obtained justice since my return," the man shouted.

No one is reported to have been hurt except a few deputies and spectators who were bruised in the scramble to leave the Chamber.

CASE OF JOHN DOUGHTY REMANDED ANOTHER WEEK

Toronto, Dec. 14.—As expected, remand for another week without bail was granted in the police court in the case of John Doughty, charged with the theft of bonds and conspiracy to kidnap in connection with the disappearance more than a year ago of Ambrose Small, millionaire theatre man. It is understood that counsel for Doughty will shortly make application in the supreme court of Ontario for bail for Doughty.

WHITEHEAD RATEPAYERS TO PRESENT PETITION FOR WEIGH SCALES AT KEMNAY

At a well attended meeting of the ratepayers of