

Bigger Grant From County Wanted Also a Technical School for London

Chairman Graham of Board of
Education Reads Inaugural
Address.

Trustee C. M. R. Graham was elected chairman of the board of education at its inaugural meeting over Trustee Westervelt by a vote of 5 to 4. Trustee Teasdale refrained from voting.

Trustee Westervelt was chosen chairman of No. 1 committee, Trustee MacRobert was chosen chairman of No. 2 committee and Trustee Granger was placed in charge of the audit committee. Considerable other business was transacted. The vote was by ballot.

On the arrival of all the members of the board, Secretary McElheran called for the election of a chairman.

Two Nominations.

Trustees Weekes nominated Trustee Westervelt. He pointed out the splendid record of Mr. Westervelt, and declared that he should, by right of priority, experience and ability, be chairman of the board. He also pointed out that if politics were to be the necessary qualification, Trustee Westervelt would not be chosen, but in this instance politics should be left in abeyance.

Trustee McCormick nominated Trustee Graham.

The vote was then put, and Mr. Graham was elected by 5 to 4.

Inaugural Address.

The newly-elected chairman was escorted to the chair by Trustee McCormick, and began his inaugural address.

After thanking the board for the high honor done him, he referred to the different matters to come up before the board during the coming year.

Increased accommodation is needed badly at the Quebec street and Lorne avenue schools. He advised No. 2 committee to take up the matter of enlarging Lorne avenue school immediately.

He recommended the fitting up of the assembly-room of St. George's school.

Chairman Graham also spoke of the unsanitary condition of several of the schools of the city, and suggested that this matter be given attention to immediately.

Manual Training.

Manual training in the public schools was also dealt with. He suggested that a room be set apart in the Princess avenue school for this purpose, another room in Lorne avenue school for the scholars of the east end, and a room in Simcoe street school for the pupils of the southern part of the city.

He recommended that immediate steps be taken to get a technical school for London. This matter should be brought to a conclusion this year. London needed such a school, and now was the time to get it.

The county grant to the Collegiate was too small at present, and he advised the board to get in touch with the county authorities and see if the grant could not be increased.

Chairman Graham also opposed county children being admitted to the public schools. The townships of Westminster and London should provide accommodation for the scholars under its control, or else pay the city a proportionate share for educating them.

Teach Manners.

The manners of the children of the city were bad, and he recommended that the teachers teach the boys better manners and deportment.

The Collegiate was badly ventilated, and this should be remedied. There was need of more room there, but if a technical school was obtained, this condition would be remedied.

He suggested that a committee wait upon the Ontario Government this session for the purpose of getting the Government grant to the city schools increased.

Printed in Minutes.

On motion of Trustees Weekes and Fitzgerald, the address was ordered printed in the minutes, and the different matters suggested in the address be referred to the different committees.

On motion of Trustees MacRobert and McCormick, Mr. T. G. Meredith, K.C., was reappointed solicitor of the board.

Mr. Harry Merritt was reappointed sergeant-at-arms.

Trustees MacRobert, Fitzgerald and McCormick were chosen a committee to strike the working committees of the year, and their choice was as follows:

The Committees.

No. 1 Committee—Trustees Westervelt, chairman; Trustees Teasdale, Tillmann and Fitzgerald.

No. 2 Committee—Trustees MacRobert, chairman; Trustees Weekes, Granger, Hamilton and McCormick.

Audit Committee—Trustee Granger, chairman, and Trustee Fitzgerald.

Representatives Chosen.

On motion of Trustee Teasdale and Trustee MacRobert, Mr. W. H. Winnett was reappointed to the library board.

On motion of Trustees McCormick and Fitzgerald, Chairman Graham and Trustee MacRobert were chosen representatives to the Western Fair board.

Some amusement was caused by

Trustee Westervelt when the reappointment of Trustee MacRobert to the Western Fair board was made.

"How many meetings did Trustee MacRobert attend last year?" asked Trustee Westervelt.

"As many as I was notified to attend," answered Trustee MacRobert. "I never received any notification of meetings and did not attend any."

Objects to School.

A letter was received from Rev. A. J. Vining asking for the privilege of sending his son to Princess avenue school, instead of to Talbot street school. He pointed out that owing to the bad ventilation of the latter school his son's health was very bad, and he asked that he be transferred. He made the request on the advice of his physician.

Trustee Teasdale asked if the physician mentioned had visited the room complained of. He thought that in future, complaints were to be made, the physician making the charge should visit the room complained of.

Pupil Very Ill.

Trustee Westervelt pointed out that he knew something of the case in question. He knew the boy and knew the circumstances. The boy was not very strong, but had been attending Talbot street school. He became very ill, and was under the doctor's care for some time. When he recovered he was sent back to the school, and was taken ill again. The physician in charge declared that it was owing to the bad sanitary condition of the school, and advised Mr. Vining not to send the boy back to school. The physician in question was a reputable man, and knew his business. Mr. Westervelt declared that the school needed looking after. He was informed that the teacher in charge of the room complained of by Mr. Vining was at present in the hospital. Whether it was from this cause or not, he did not know, but he did know that where there was so much smoke there must be some fire. He thought that the request of Mr. Vining should be granted.

The matter was referred to No. 2, with power.

Principal McCutcheon's Report.

The monthly report of Principal McCutcheon was read. It showed that there were 761 students on the roll with an average attendance of 659. He referred to the crowding in the commercial department. He advised the purchase of new typewriters for commercial department. Principal McCutcheon also advised the granting of certificates to pupils who were not going to take teachers' and matriculation certificates, as an incentive to study.

Mr. McVicar was temporarily in charge of the upper assembly room.

Inspector Edwards.

Inspector Edwards reported that there were 5,729 children attending the public schools at present. He recommended that a medical inspection of the pupils of the public schools be instituted. He also recommended a grant for school decorations such as pictures, busts, etc. On behalf of the Public School Society he invited the members of the board of education and their wives to attend a demonstration of kindergarten methods in the city hall on Saturday night next. Miss Hoffer, of Columbia University, New York, will be in charge.

Broughdale Children.

A deputation appeared before the board from Broughdale, asking that the board allow the children of that section to attend the Richmond street school for one month longer until arrangements could be made with the township council for the accommodation of the children.

On motion of Trustees Weekes and Westervelt, this was granted, provided there was room enough to accommodate them.

There was considerable objection to this. Trustee MacRobert pointed out that there were from 150 to 200 children along the outskirts of the city, whom the city was educating free. He did not think it fair to make the city pay for the education of these children. He admitted it was a hardship to have a number of little children out of school, but this sort of thing had to stop. He would be in favor of allowing them to attend this school for a month until further arrangements could be made.

Bad Ventilation.

Trustee Teasdale called attention to the bad ventilation of four rooms in the St. George's school. There were four rooms built there by Architect Matthews which were a disgrace to the city. There was practically no ventilation at all. He thought that the chairman, MacRobert, of No. 2 committee, should take a good practical man and investigate the conditions of this school at once. Mr. MacRobert promised to do so.

Revise Rules.

On motion of Trustees MacRobert and Weekes, the following committee was appointed to revise the rules of the board of education—Trustees Westervelt, MacRobert, Granger, Fitzgerald and Weekes.

Trustee Fitzgerald moved that No. 1 committee be empowered to treat with the county council at its next session regarding the increase in the county grant to schools.

Those present were: Chairman Graham, Trustees MacRobert, McCormick, Granger, Fitzgerald, Teasdale, Tillmann, Hamilton, Weekes, Westervelt and Secretary McElheran.

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Child Was Born on the Delayed
Liner Mount Royal Christmas
Eve.

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event as a happy omen and had the child christened "Josef Royal." Strangely enough, their trust in the omen seemed justified, for the same evening some one's stair was washed overboard from the bridge deck, and swept back to the main deck by the next sea, while on Christmas morning the machinery was repaired. The captain and crew, and especially the engineering staff, bear traces of an exceptionally trying time.

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SUNSET LIMITED WRECKED

Easterners Killed and Injured in California Train Smashup.

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 10.—Southbound train No. 10, the Sunset Express, on the Southern Pacific Railroad, was wrecked last night at Rucker, 25 miles below here. Mrs. A. P. Boyd and her little son of Portland, Oregon, were killed. An unknown tramp stealing a ride on the brakebeams was also killed. Twelve injured have been taken to a hospital. William Ferguson, of Lawrence, Mass., was badly crushed, and may die. Six coaches left the track. One was rolled into the

county road and passengers in this were the most seriously hurt. A wrecking train, carrying physicians and nurses, was made up here, and dispatched to the scene, as was a passenger train, to which the uninjured passengers of the wrecked train were transferred. The train is made up of San Francisco, and its terminal is New Orleans. The cause of the wreck is not known.

The Queen of Roumania is ardently pursuing her philanthropic idea, which first took practical shape last year, of collecting the blind of her country in one city, which her majesty has given the name of Vatra Luminoasa.

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