

# Granted \$300.

## The City Council Aids the East- ern Ontario Fire Sufferers.

### A Unanimous Vote—2,000 People Homeless.

The city council held a special meeting last night to consider the question of aiding the Russell and Prescott county fire sufferers. Mayor Little announced that he had received a telegram the previous night, signed by Mayor Bingham, of Ottawa, W. C. Edwards, M.P., and Isadore Proulx, M.P., in which they stated that the fire had ravaged 200 square miles of Russell and Prescott counties, rendering 2,000 people homeless and in want. A strong central committee had been formed in Ottawa to dispense assistance, which was being met by the city.

Ald. Farnell moved that the mayor be authorized to give \$300 to the relief committee and to issue a resolution to the citizens stating the facts, and announcing that the city treasurer would receive and forward any sums handed him for the purpose. Ald. O'Meara favored the motion, particularly as the distress was in their own country. Ald. Farnell said the city had granted aid for sufferers in other countries, and the present distress being in their own province, appealed more forcibly to their charity.

Ald. Taylor also spoke in favor of the motion. He had never heard of a taxpayer grumble about such expenditures. The motion carried unanimously. There were present: Mayor Little and aldermen Taylor, Rumball, Douglas, O'Meara, Stevely, Cooper, Hunt, Turner, Drenay, Bennett, Watkins, Farnell and Gerry.

## Another School.

### A Two-Room Frame On. Recommended for the North End.

Mr. Fred Bryant recommended as Principal of the Colborne Street School—London West.

Pupils' fees.

No. 1 committee of the board of education, at its regular meeting last night, discussed the advisability of a change in the teaching staff of the Colborne street school, where Miss Coyne, who has been a faithful servant of the board for 34 years, occupies the position of principal.

Trustee Logan was not in favor of any change at present.

Dr. English moved that a gentleman principal's appointment be recommended to the board, to take effect on Jan. 1, 1898. This carried.

Dr. Wilson then moved that Mr. Bryant be appointed, and that all the teachers in the Colborne street school, from senior fourth to junior second inclusive, be reduced one grade, salaries to remain the same. This also carried.

Trustee Macpherson wanted to know if the appointment of a principal and the reduction in the grade would not displace one teacher.

The inspector pointed out that when the change took place two teachers would be required for the new Colborne street school, and that Miss Sutton could then take Miss Sutton's place at St. George's school, Miss Sutton to be transferred to the new school, and one of the two teachers. This met with the full approval of the committee.

The question of the new principal's salary was taken up, much against the wish of some members of the board.

Mr. Logan moved that since the appointment had been made, \$800 be paid to the school for the month of 1898.

Mr. Greenies moved that a fee of \$700, and the question went to a vote, and Mr. Logan's motion carried.

Mr. Macpherson—What was the extent of the salaries?

No one seemed to know, and Miss Cannon was asked to explain.

The young lady admitted being two minutes late for four mornings, getting to school thirteen minutes to nine instead of fifteen minutes to nine. She was sorry she could offer no other excuse than that of living too near the school. She thought teachers who lived too near were more liable to be one or two minutes late than those who lived further away.

The committee took a humorous view of this, and asked Miss Cannon to be punctual in future, which she promised to do.

Dr. Treadwell spoke for Miss Thacker, who was also charged with being two minutes late.

The committee decided not to charge a fee for pupils attending the Collegiate, who were under the guardianship of the following gentlemen: Alan McLean, Col. Robert Lewis, Rev. W. J. Clark, Alf. A. Booker, and John Campbell.

Mr. Richard Bayly appeared before the committee in reference to the fees of the London West pupils, who are

at present attending the Collegiate, as the village was now practically part of the city.

Mr. Greenies and Mr. Macpherson thought there was no reason for such a move, and that London West pupils were as much non-residents of the city as the pupils in any other portion of the county.

It was decided to collect the fees for September and October, and after that to consider pupils from London West as resident ones.

The matter of Rev. Mr. Harris' children was an exceptional case, as he was transferred to London West after having paid for school privileges, and after Dec. 20 he would again be a citizen. The fees in his case were remitted.

Dr. Wilson and Inspector Carson had nothing new to report about the question of securing the mission on Richmond street north, which is under the supervision of Rev. Mr. Daniel, for public school purposes.

Dr. Wilson thought that as the board owned a good lot near the Aged People's Home, it would be just as economical to build a new school.

A motion passed recommending the board to erect a two-room frame school on the vacant lot.

Miss Rose Heburn's application to be placed on the substitute staff was referred to the inspector, and on motion the committee decided to recommend the placing of Miss Leggett and Miss Piewes on the list of substitute teachers.

The members present were: Trustees Dr. Treadwell (chairman), Dr. English, Y. Wilson, Joseph Johnston, Macpherson, Greenies, Bridle, Logan, Principal Merchant and Inspector Carson.

## Thorndale Fair.

### The Attendance Spoiled by Miserable Weather.

#### Though Exhibits Were Up to the Usual Mark—The List of Winners.

The rain came down just in time to spoil the usual good attendance at the Thorndale Fair yesterday afternoon, though it did not affect the number of entries, which were about equal with those of last season. The directors have consolation in knowing that, while the rain militated against the exhibition, it will vastly benefit the farmers through the whole country.

There was but a small display in the building. Butter was almost out of sight, only three crock being shown, but a good display of bread was made. Grain of good sample and fruit in fair variety were on exhibition. Fancy work was fairly good for the day. Foots shown were fine specimens. In cattle, sheep, swine and horses there was a large display, exceeding in an occasional class, the specimens being very good. Foots were a slim show.

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# Western Ontario.

## A Little Boy Follows His Dog Into the Sauble and Is Drowned.

### Four Cars of Eggs Shipped From One Fergus House in a Week.

#### Farm Sales—Death's Inroads Among the Pioneers of the West.

Petrol's tax rate is 31 mills on the dollar.

Oil Springs council has struck the rate for 1897 at 20 mills.

The assessment rate of Ayr this year will be 15.50 mills.

The population of Windsor is 11,915, an increase over last year of 323.

Thrashing is the order of the day at Augustus. Crops are better than was expected.

The drought has so far prevented the Essex county farmers from doing any fall plowing.

Samuel Neilly, a miser bachelor, 50 years of age, living about three miles southeast of Rodney, was found dead in his house by neighbors.

Prof. Patton, of the O. A. C. Guelph, who was feared to have met with an accident while out fishing at Preslaw on Monday, has returned home safe and sound.

It is estimated that the increased valuations of property in Ingersoll this year will amount to \$22,000. There has been an increase of 127 in population in that town.

A Ridgeway correspondent writes: Col. Barclay sold the Joseph Whitely property to the Gillard Brothers for \$400.

Mr. Time is looking up the colonel has sold four farms this month for good prices.

Wallaceburg is filling up fast, and a population must soon stop increasing unless more buildings are provided.

There is no more than one vacant house in town and only one store—Wallaceburg Herald.

During the three months ending Sept. 14 there were 61 convictions before the justices of the peace in Lambton. Six of these were made by Forest J. Fox, who is 55 in fines over to the town treasurer.

Mr. D. F. Moore, of South Dorchester, a day or two ago received a telegram from his son, Edward, of Grope, Dakota, stating that his daughter Hazel had died. The remains will be buried here.

Four cars of eggs containing 100,000 eggs, were shipped from the Fergus depot during the past week.

One car went to Vancouver, B. C., another to Glasgow, Scotland, and two cars to Liverpool, England.

Mr. Joseph Peterson, of the North-ern Hotel, Sarnia, has decided to sink a shaft on his hotel property to test the water level of the lake.

He is successful in finding a sufficient supply of gas he will use for heating and lighting purposes.

The contract has been let to Wm. Johnson, the driller who put down the shaft on Union street.

Rev. Wm. Bevan, former incumbent of St. John's Church, Leamington, has resigned his present charge at Leamington.

He is going to Hamilton, where he will remain (at his own request) without a charge, in order to visit his mother.

The death of a relative in England the reverend gentleman is now in receipt of a letter of condolence.

The statement that the late W. S. Hopkins, of St. Clair, carried insurance on his life to the amount of \$50,000, is denied.

His papers showed that all policies lapsed some time ago. It is now known that he carried no insurance.

At 30 in 40 he was squandered a fortune of \$100,000. He died without a dollar—Sarnia Observer.

As a consequence of the long drought many wells around Embro are dry, and persons may see carrying drinking water great distances.

A greater need was felt among the clergy housekeepers. To meet the emergency an enterprising youth of ten years has secured a wagon, a couple of barrels, and a sedate horse, and supplies river water at ten cents a barrel.

On Wednesday, at the residence of Mr. J. P. Martyn, brother of the late Mr. Martyn, the wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Baker, Sarnia.

A large gathering assembled at the home of Mr. Chas. McLaren, Highgate, Wednesday, to witness the marriage of his daughter, Mary, to Rev. Mr. McVitt, of Merlin.

The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Frankie McLaren, and the bridesmaids were Miss Irene McLaren, niece of the bride, and Miss Mary McLaren, Rev. T. T. George performed the ceremony.

The resignation of his Honor Judge Woods last week, had been placed in the hands of the Minister of Justice, together with an application for a retiring allowance.

The minister is now receiving the consideration of the department. It is expected that the resignation will be granted.

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