

MANY MATTERS DISCUSSED BY THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Nurses' Report on Health of Children is Not Encouraging—Cases of Defective Vision and Teeth—Big Grist of Business Taken Up.

The regular meeting of the Public School board last evening was of more than ordinary interest. The report of Nurse Macpherson giving the result of her inspection of pupils for the month came in for considerable consideration and discussion. It was shown that she had discovered 33 pupils with defective vision; 75 with teeth that needed immediate attention, and 21 suffering from nose and throat troubles to say nothing of a number of lesser troubles. Dr. Ashton reported on the matter of the Cadet movement among the boys of the schools. It was shown that there were several qualified male instructors on the staff. There are six companies either organized or in course of organization and it was decided to appoint Mr. Thomas Bingle as quartermaster of the corps. Mr. Cutcliffe reported that the plans for the new school would be ready for the board's approval early next week and tenders called for.

These present were: Dr. Ballachee, chairman pro tem.; Trustees David Lyle, I. D. Scruton, J. H. Clement, M. E. B. Cutcliffe, Arthur Coulbeck and Dr. Ashton.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and a number of communications referred to their respective committees.

Teachers Ask Increase.

The request of the Teachers' Association for an increase of the maximum salary and a rearrangement of the salary schedule was referred to the School Management committee.

It was decided to transfer the entrance class from Ryerson school to the Central school so as to relieve the overcrowded condition of the West Brantford school.

Nurse's Report.

Nurse Macpherson submitted her monthly report of inspection of pupils, which showed 53 with defective vision, 75 with faulty teeth and 21 with nose and throat afflictions together.

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with numerous other physical troubles which the nurse considered of sufficient importance to call attention to. She had personally visited 56 homes of children in connection therewith.

Dr. Balachee in speaking on the report said it should not be passed over without some action being taken. He presumed that the cases mentioned were all new ones. It was his opinion that numerous cases mentioned should be looked after, and if the parents were not interested enough or unable to pay for the medical attention needed some way should be devised for having it done.

It transpired that some little time ago, a philanthropic citizen had donated \$100 for just such purposes as this, but it had been used up long ago. It also transpired that Dr. Bell had been quite liberal with his services in this connection as had also been inspector Kilmer.

The system in vogue is for the nurse to send a notification through the child to the parents, calling attention to the defects. Trustee Coulbeck suggested that the Nurse also give the teacher a list of the pupils who needed attention and that it be their duty to see that the card reached the parents and an answer received. This suggestion was thought to be a good one and was adopted.

Dr. Ballachee and Mr. Bunnell will go to Toronto in a few days to get ideas as to how the teeth of the children there are looked after, before a room is fitted up in the Central school for that purpose.

Inspector's Report.

School	Enroll.	Av. Att.	P. C.
Central	730	678.7	92.9
Alexandra	536	513.0	97.5
Victoria	381	346.6	91.0
King Edward	579	540.4	93.4
Ryerson	286	265.0	93.0
Dufferin	386	355.0	92.9
Kindergartens	288	268.7	93.1
Central	46	40.0	86.8
Alexandra	64	55.5	86.6
Victoria	40	31.0	77.5
King Edward	60	46.2	75.7
Ryerson	39	31.4	80.5
Dufferin	59	42.1	80.6
	308	246.2	82.9

154 at Grandview School

To this total must be added 154 city pupils who are being sent to Grandview school, making a total enrollment for the city of 3360 pupils. It was shown that the school population was increasing by three rooms each year.

Manual Training Report.

Inspector League submitted his report of conditions at the Manual Training School. To say the least it was decidedly flattering. The work of Instructor Styles was mentioned as "of a very high order." He suggested the purchasing of certain equipment.

At this stage a representative of the West Disinfecting Company was allowed to address the board with reference to the wares of his firm. He exhibited samples of paper towels, disinfectant cleaning liquid, etc., and answered many questions. He is to give a demonstration to-day of the value of his goods.

A "Roast" for Brantford.

Mr. Mackenzie of Toronto who addressed the board of the Penny Bank a few months ago, and who together with Mr. Hughes of Toronto addressed the Teachers' Association recently, sent a communication to the board re the establishment of Penny Banks.

He said the board were away behind the times in not having a Penny Bank system and in collecting school fees from the pupils. Called the system antiquated and alluded to the board living in mediaeval times. It was a pretty good "roast," or as one of the members called it "an insolent letter."

The secretary has sent a reply "in kind" to the gentleman in question, and said that the board would be pleased to hear Mr. Hughes, as requested.

In response to a question from Trustee Scruton it was stated that the fees collected from pupils amounted to about \$2500 a year. Inspector Kilmer said the collecting of fees was optional. The board were compelled to supply a certain kind of books to the pupils on certain subjects, fees of no fees. The fees collected did not quite pay for the paper, scribbles, pencils, pen, ink etc. used. He said that were a change to be made at all he would favor fees being collected from the lower grades.

Cadet Movement.

Dr. Ashton gave a history of the Cadet movement in Brantford Public Schools. Cadets were supposed to be finished years and over and a company to be composed of at least 30 boys. The Militia Department gave a grant of \$1 per boy up to fifty, over that amount a graduated scale. This grant went to the instructors as pay for their services. At the present time there were seven duly qualified instructors in the city, Messrs. Joyce, Bingle, Rowe, White, Dixon, Gamble and Foster, on the staff. As

there were only six companies under organization, he suggested that Mr. Thomas Bingle, who had been exceptionally enthusiastic from the first in the movement, be made quartermaster of the corps, with a grant of \$50 from the board for his services, to begin Jan. 1, 1914.

During the discussion it transpired that Mr. Bingle had gone to considerable personal expense in the interests of the boys and was enthusiastic in the work. He had taken 35 boys to camp as requested by Captain Marshall of this district, and had made a good showing. The board heartily endorsed the recommendation and made the grant in appreciation of the good work done by Mr. Bingle.

Dr. Ashton also made a recommendation that one half hour be given each week to the cadets for drill, to be in addition to the time they always spent after hours. He suggested that those who did not belong to the cadets and the girls being given physical exercise during the space the cadets were drilling. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the school management committee to report upon.

Finance Committee.

Chairman Scruton of the Finance committee submitted a long list of accounts which were passed.

New School.

Chairman Cutcliffe of the Buildings and Grounds committee, stated that plans for the new school would be ready for the board's approval early next week. Tenders would then be called for.

Will Hold Entertainments.

Requests were received from Principals Parke and Rowe for permission to hold entertainments in their schools to secure funds for the Art League of their schools. The requests were granted subject to certain conditions being complied with.

Mr. Jordan Makes Request.

Mr. H. K. Jordan, who will arrive home from Europe shortly, made a request that he be allowed to train a chorus composed of pupils from Dufferin and Victoria pupils with a view to putting on a big concert in the future. The board would be under no financial obligation whatever. Half the proceeds of the concert would go to the Art League of the two schools mentioned and the other half to Mr. Jordan.

The trustees while they favored the idea thought it unwise to grant the request for various reasons.

Board then adjourned.

RATEPAYERS ARE UNANIMOUS.

WOODSTOCK, Nov. 6.—The ratepayers yesterday voted on the industrial by-law to loan \$12,000 to the Fort Wayne Oil Tank and Pump Company, and the result was the carrying of the by-law by a large majority. The total vote cast was 925. Of this total 862 votes were polled in favor of the by-law and only 63 against it. It required two thirds of the total vote polled, or 617, to carry the by-law. There was therefore a majority of 182 over the two-thirds required by law.

Fifty thousand dollars' profit for the city was realized at an auction sale of land expropriated by Montreal for a street extension and not required.

WILL PRINCE OF WALES WED PRINCESS TATIANA OF RUSSIA?



PRINCESS OLGA AND TATIANA ELDEST DAUGHTERS OF THE CZAR.

The Prince of Wales, heir to the throne of Great Britain, has fallen in love with the Princess Tatiana, according to reports in court circles.

Gossip has it that the young son of King George has been captivated by the beauty of the Princess, the second daughter of the Tsar, and regarded as one of the most beautiful girls in Europe.

It is known that King George and Queen Mary will visit St. Petersburg next Easter, and that the Prince will accompany them. The engagement, according to the reports, will be announced at that time.

Diplomats are certain that such an alliance would vastly strengthen the Anglo-Russian entente, none too popular in either country at the present time.

THE OWLS HAD A JOLLY TIME

The Nest in Brantford is Growing—An Evening's Entertainment.

How do you like your oysters, said Joe.

Raw, raw, raw, yelled the Owls.

It was a case of "birds of a feather flock together" when they swooped down on the "raws and stews." After all the "never sleeps" had their fill of the contents of the shells from the bottom of the restless ocean, "Auld Joe" gave a "hoot" and the birds came to order, and after the cigars had been passed around a programme of music and song was in order.

Chairman's address, President Joseph Johnson; cornet solo, Mr. Noakes; solo, Bro. Hodson; address, George Page; piano solo, Mr. Porter. Three songs by C. B. Todd enlivened the proceedings greatly.

The Brantford Nest of Order of Owls have been organized for a year and during that time have made good progress and now have a good healthy lodge in the city.

Builders' exchanges in the west will co-operate with the farmers' associations in urging removal of duties, so far, at least, as regards cement.

SCOTT ACT VOTING LIKELY ON THE 24TH

OTTAWA, Nov. 7.—The date of voting on the Canada Temperance Act (commonly known as the Scott Act) in Huron, Peel and Welland, will probably be fixed by the Secretary of State for November 24. Jas. P. Haverston, K.C., of Toronto, counsel for the Licensed Victuallers' Association, was here yesterday in connection with the matter. The opposing sides could not agree on a date for the voting, and the Secretary of State has been asked to make the decision. In the case of the five or six other municipalities, from which applications have been received for a vote on the Scott Act, the date will not be fixed until the voters' lists have been revised.

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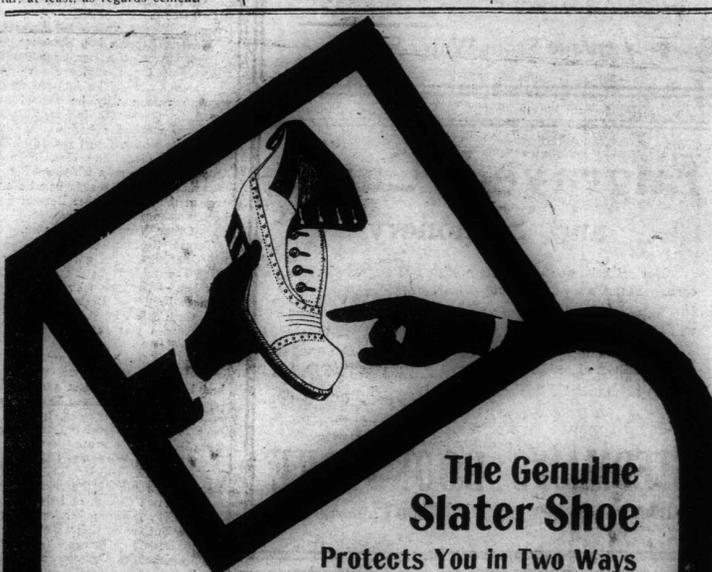
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Should any one be laboring the decision that the session of the Commission in any way be a pink tea, it is here stated that sessions do not, that is the glory of them. The session yesterday afternoon at which the quota of members—Judge Mayor Hartman, Magistrate L. ston and Chief Slemm were did not in the least resemble of those pink affairs. Mayor man was a central figure, Mag Livingstone was second for the ors. Judge Hardy enlivened prings by denouncing one of things and dispensing wit and Chief Slemm—well, he when it was necessary.

The Dale Case.

The display proper oratory ed when Mayor Hartman pro and read a letter which he received from S. M. Dale and appeared exclusively in this paper.

Mr. Dale's Letter.

Mr. Dale is a farmer residing Alford Junction, who on Oct. 10, 1913, received very treatment at the hands of the ford police. Mr. Dale was on Market street, when he was ressed for driving a horse w sore shoulder. He set out the property taken off his person, told the officer he was never ar or summoned before and asked given bail until he had a trial he states that he was informed officer that he could not do so Dale further set out that he well acquainted and he could bail for any amount, but he

UNIONISTS LOST BYE-ELECT

But the Majority for Lib Was Greatly Reduced.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LINLITHGOW, Scotland, N.—Mr. Pratt, the Liberal candidate Linlithgowshire, was successful his Unionist opponent, James by a greatly reduced majority a bye-election held here yesterday figures: Mr. Pratt, (Liberal) James Kidd (Unionist) 5,149. M ty 521.

At the last election, Alexander the Liberal candidate, polled votes against the 3,765 received James Kidd, Unionist.

Mr. Ure vacated the seat weeks ago on his appointment lord president of the Scottish of sessions, and it was difficult the Liberals to find a candidate replace him, but Mr. Pratt, who a former ballie of Glasgow and tically unknown in the constituency was selected to meet the Un James Kidd, who had been before electors for years. The contest vigorously fought, no fewer than 709 out of the 11,866 registered ers casting their ballots.

The result makes no difference the strength of parties in the of Commons.

Mr. Baines who is relieving Mabon, Manager of the local B the Bank of Nova Scotia, quest at the Bodega Tavern t

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(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The gives prominence this morning despatch from its Dublin corres ent which says that the Govern is seriously alarmed at recent developments in Ulster. The Castle authorities, the despatch have been very badly informed concerning the Ulster agitation Home Ruleras Mr. Birrell, unlike mer Chief Secretaries of Ireland not keep in touch with the Ad tration's representatives through the country, and consequently th thorities are only now awakening the gravity of the situation.

The meeting of commercial Belfast on Tuesday last, when enormous sum of money was pled the cause, profoundly affected

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