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PAYMENTS ON THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL PASSED

School Board Decides to Pay
All But \$1,000 to
Contractor

BUILDER OBJECTS TO FURTHER WORK

Claims Job Was Completed
Months Ago and Archi-
tect So Agreed

The Saint John School Board, at a special meeting yesterday, authorized the payment of all amounts outstanding to the contractor of the vocational school, J. A. Grant & Co., Ltd., with a holdback of \$1,000 until such time as the work shall be completed to the satisfaction of a special committee of the board of consultation with the architect, H. S. Brennan.

It was said that the work still to be done could be accomplished inside of a week, but the contractor claimed that the work was already finished and that the additional work asked for was outside the contract and due to wear and tear or damage by occupancy.

This statement was characterized by the members of the board as "non-sense." The architect, the late F. Neil Brodie, issued a statement on Aug. 3 that the work was satisfactory and according to specifications, but it was said that this statement was issued on a verbal agreement of the contractor that some details not considered in order would be put right.

These details have not yet been attended to and the \$1,000 holdback, it is considered, will amply cover any cost in regard to carrying out this work.

THOSE PRESENT

Dr. L. M. Curran, chairman, presided at the meeting. Others present were T. H. Carter, W. C. Cross, Thomas Nagle, S. W. Palmer, Dr. J. K. Higgins, Dr. S. A. Worrell, superintendent of schools, A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary, and H. S. Brennan, architect.

Dr. Curran explained that a few weeks ago the board had authorized the payment of \$15,000 to the contractor from the \$19,000 outstanding in order that sums due to sub-contractors could be paid. He understood that the sub-contractors had all been paid.

A letter received from Mr. Grant at Welland, where he is supervising work on the Welland Canal, stated that the contractors had been handicapped by the financial difficulties of one sub-contractor, which had made it difficult for that sub-contractor to get material.

Mr. Grant expressed the opinion that the school board had a first-class job in the vocational school and that the contractors felt they had done far more than they were really called to do in the construction. He saw only two reasons why the board had not paid the contract price in full, either because of the financial situation of the sub-contractor, or because of work that the board still expected the contractors to do.

Mr. Grant stated that on Aug. 3 the architect had issued his final certificate as evidence of acceptance of the building on behalf of the School Board. He pointed out that the board had been occupying the building for nearly nine months and asserted that the work being asked was occasioned by damage through occupancy, wear and tear, or lack of care in ventilation and similar causes.

He did not think that this work should come under the contract and he assured the board that it had received full value for every dollar expended on the school. He stated emphatically that he did not think the contractors should be further penalized by the holding back of the balance due them.

Mr. Leavitt reported on the legal aspect of the case and said that the sub-contractor with Premier Baxter he had learned that none of the sub-contractors could have a legal claim against the School Board for sums due them.

Mr. Palmer drew attention to the phrase regarding "damage through occupancy" which had occurred in Mr. Grant's letter and declared that statement was "nonsense."

Mr. Cross also took exception to the wording of the letter and said the work which the School Board wished to have done was entirely work covered by the contract. He asked if the architect had been aware of the work still undone when the certificate of Aug. 3 was issued. Mr. Brennan said that the firm had given the certificate on promise of the contractor to "fix things up."

Mr. Cross questioned whether the

"BUCKY" GETS MARRIED



Stanley "Bucky" Harris, manager of the Washington Senators, no longer is the most eligible bachelor. This picture shows him just after he became the husband of Miss Margaret Sutherland, daughter of Howard Sutherland, former senator from West Virginia. Harris and his bride are at the left. Next to them is Miss Margaret Sutherland, sister of the bride, and in front is Betty Lyons, flower girl.

certificate should have been issued and asked concerning the board's obligation to pay.

HAS WHIP HAND, HE SAYS

Mr. Nagle said he thought the board had the whip hand as it still had the money and he recommended paying the balance with the exception of \$1,000 which would cover the board should the contractor refuse to complete the work.

Dr. Curran considered the board was legally bound to pay the contractor. Answering Dr. Curran's query, Mr. Brennan said the work still to be done could be accomplished inside of a week.

FRANCE WILL STOP ALIEN AGITATION

Circular to Police Accepted as
Applying to Italian
Visitors

British United Press.
PARIS, Oct. 6.—An echo of the latest attempt against the life of Premier Mussolini of Italy was heard in France yesterday when Minister of the Interior Sarraut moved to end the agitation of foreign political visitors against their own country.

A circular issued to the prefects of police, while making no direct reference to Italians, was accepted generally as applying to that class of nations. The recent attempt against Mussolini was planned by a young Italian living in France. The Italian Premier immediately made a sharp protest against such would-be assassins being harbored by France and said that such practices must not be permitted in the future. Newspapers of Italy gave strong endorsement to Mussolini's views.

YOU should back up your preacher during the week and face him on Sunday.

Deaths

Harry A. B. Blake.

Word was received in the city last night that Harry A. B. Blake, son of the late fire chief, George Blake, had died suddenly in Cambridge, Mass. No particulars were contained in the wire that brought the sad news, which was a great shock to many friends here.

Mr. Blake and his mother left Saint John a few months ago to take up residence in the United States. He had been a member of No. 1 hook and ladder company in the city fire department and showed his father's ability in efficient work in fire fighting. For a time after Chief Blake's death his son carried on his plumbing business. Mr. Blake is survived by his mother.

The body is being brought to Saint John and will arrive in the city at noon on Friday.

Henry A. Amiro

YARMOUTH, Oct. 6.—The death of Henry A. Amiro took place at his home, Second street, Sunday after an illness of more than a year's duration. Mr. Amiro was 60 years of age and leaves his widow and five sons, Nelson and Eddie, of Connecticut, but at present at home; James, Abel and William all at home, and two daughters, Misses Frances just graduated as a nurse from the Nashua, N. H., hospital, and Lucy

at home; also his father, James Amiro, at West Point; two brothers, Raymond and Dennis, also of that place; two sisters, Mrs. Melbourne A. d'Entremont, of West Point, and Miss Lucy Amiro, of Yarmouth. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

Mrs. George Boyd.

Many friends regretted to hear of the death of Mrs. George Boyd, which occurred at her residence at McDonald's Point, Queens county, on Thursday, Sept. 30. Mrs. Boyd had been ill only a few days and her death came as a great shock to her relatives and friends. She was formerly Miss Ollie Lawson, of Shannon, Queens county, and is survived by her husband, four small children, her invalid father, two brothers and four sisters.

The brothers are Horatio Lawson, of Everett, Mass., and Charles Lawson, of Shannon. The sisters are Mrs. Lennard Reicker, of Hatfield's Point; Mrs. Bessie Francis, of Saint John; Mrs. Manford Reicker, of Saint John, and Mrs. William Garvey, of Eureka, Cal. The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. Mr. Currie, of Hatfield's Point. After a short service at the house a service was held at the Baptist church in Shannon and interment took place in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Boyd numbered many friends and the deep sympathy of the community goes out to those so sadly bereaved.

N. B. Motor Patrols May Become General

FREDERICTON, Oct. 6.—Hon. D. A. Stewart, minister of public works, has been experimenting this season with motor patrols on the trunk highways and is well pleased with the results so far achieved and may add to the summer next season. He has one on the highway between Moncton and Shediac, another between Sussex and Salisbury, and a third operating on the North Shore between the Miramichi and Bathurst. A man operating a motor patrol here, says, can easily get over 25 miles of road surface a day and do the work thoroughly.

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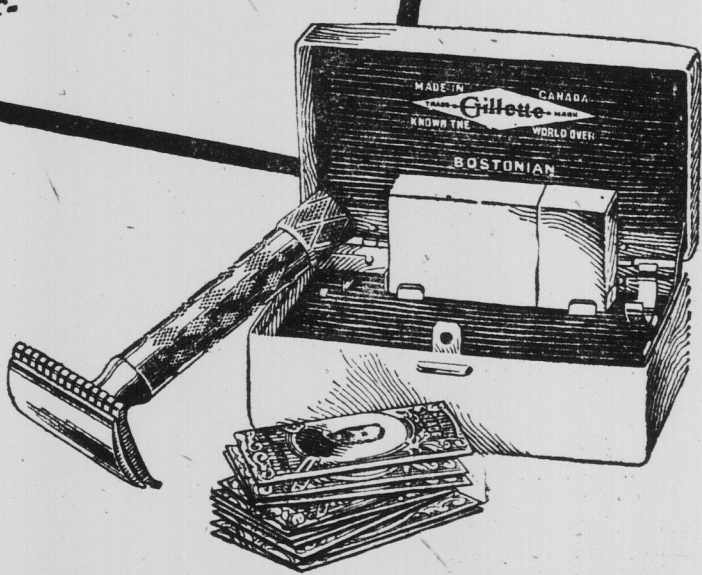
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