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EDUCATIONAL BILLS

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ter on any matter arising out of this supervision and direction.

Advisory Council.

The advisory council will consist of seventeen members, fifteen being elective, and two ex-officio, the latter the president of the University of Toronto (chairman), and the superintendent of education, who will represent the minister, but without vote. Three additional members will represent the University of Toronto, while Queen's, McMaster and Ottawa will send one each. The university representatives are to be members of the council, but not to be elected. Two members will represent the high school teachers, four the public school teachers, one member the separate school teachers, and two the public school inspectors, who will all be elected by closed ballot papers. Every teacher who holds a permanent certificate and who is engaged in teaching and every public school inspector, while in office, will be qualified to vote. The first election will be held next October on a plan similar to that for the senate of the University of Toronto. The advisory council will be a consultative committee to confer with the minister on such subjects as he may submit, and their advice he may either accept or reject. The council will also exercise such executive powers in connection with the university and departmental examinations as may be conferred upon it by the senate of the University of Toronto, the department of education, respectively. The present educational council will remain in office until it has discharged its duties in connection with this year's examinations.

May Cancel Certificates.

The scheme of minimum salaries will not come into operation until next year, but the county grants and the additional township grants will be payable this year. With these sums and the additional legislative grants it is expected that section boards will increase their equipment and improve the accommodations in preparation for the new basis of distribution which will come into force in 1907. Moreover, if a teacher agrees to accept a smaller salary, or to waive the law in any way the inspector shall forthwith suspend his certificate subject to the action of the minister of education. Hereafter also, all moneys to be collected and applied to the salaries of the teachers shall be paid to the treasurer of the respective public school boards from time to time as may be required by the public school trustees.

Hon. Mr. Ross asked what was the minimum salary provided for and the minister said \$500 where there is but one teacher, and \$300 for assistants.

Public School Inspection.

Heretofore no public school inspector can be dismissed by a majority vote for cause and then only with the approval of the lieutenant-governor in council. Provision is also made for an allowance for his postage and stationery, as well as travelling expenses; and for the present year, the government will add \$1 for each school division (making a total of \$18), providing the total over and above all its allowances shall not exceed \$1800. It is understood that the government will take steps by next session to reorganize the system of public school inspection. Dr. Pyne explained that \$6 a school section is now allowed by the trustees and \$8 by the government. The government grant is increased to \$7.

Normal Schools.

Next to its scheme of minimum salaries, the most important feature of the government's educational measures is its proposed reorganization of the normal and model school systems. The present involves the abolition of the present county and city model schools and the establishment by September, 1907, of additional normal schools to receive a number being so regulated as to provide each year for the training of about 200 students, each school being provided with adequate and efficient staff and practice schools and a year's session. The minister said the number of additional model schools had not been decided on. The district model schools would necessarily be retained, and, possibly, the model schools in one or two of the less advanced counties; but they, also, would be more immediately under the control of the education department than they are at present. No more third-class certificates will be issued and the products of the normal schools will hold interim second class certificates, which will become permanent after a suitable period of probation. An additional feature of the proposed scheme will be the limitation of the lower grades of certificates to certain classes of schools. The scheme will also be so constituted as not to require a six months' course. During the period of professional preparation the work would, however, be more strictly done and the total period would be lengthened rapidly as the circumstances justified such action.

Commission of Enquiry.

The government asks for power to appoint commissions of enquiry into the management of any institution under its control, the question of school books,

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and any other educational question. The commissioners so appointed are to be clothed with extensive powers in regard to the securing of evidence. This provision is understood to have immediate reference to the text-book question.

Public Schools Act.

The bill to amend the Public Schools Act makes a large number of amendments to the Public Schools Act. Regarding continuation classes, it provides that the trustees of any number of public schools, or any number of public and separate schools, no situation in a high school district, may, by mutual agreement, determine that continuation classes shall be conducted in one of such schools for the benefit of the pupils of all of them. Provision is made for a school rate for the maintenance of such classes. The qualification of the teachers and the organization of the continuation classes are to be regulated hereafter by regulation. It is understood to be the intention of the government to put these classes on a strong financial and educational basis, and to make them a far more important feature of the school system than hitherto. Where there is a union of counties, provision is made for separate aid to continuation classes of each county in the vote of the county representatives concerned.

Powers of Expropriation.

Additional powers are given the boards of urban municipalities to acquire and expropriate any land required for school sites or for the enlargement of, or addition to, any existing school site. It is understood that under the provision, the difficulty which the Toronto Board of Education has had in acquiring a title to one of the proposed sites will be overcome.

Minimum Salaries.

The municipal council of every county will be required to levy and collect by an equal assessment upon the taxable property of the public school supporters of the rural schools of the whole county, and according to the equalized assessments, a sum which shall be at least the equivalent of all special grants made by the legislature to the rural public schools of the county, and such sum shall be payable to the trustees in the same proportion as the special grants are apportioned. It was explained that the amount of special grants for this year would be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The township levy of \$150 for each of its public schools is raised to \$250, and an additional sum of \$150 is to be levied for every assistant teacher. These sums are to be applied exclusively to teachers' salaries. In addition to the sum provided by the township council towards each teacher's salary the trustees of every rural school section shall pay annually to the teacher, where there is only one, the amount of the head teacher, where there are more than one, at least the sum here mentioned: (a) \$250 where the assessed value of the taxable property of the public school supporters in the section is at least \$100,000; (b) \$200 where such assessed value is at least \$80,000, but less than \$100,000; (c) \$150 where such assessed value is at least \$40,000, but less than \$80,000; (d) \$100 where such assessed value is at least \$30,000, but less than \$40,000; (e) \$50 where such assessed value is less than \$30,000, and \$150 to every assistant teacher, whatever such assessed value may be. The section boards will, of course, use the county and legislative grants, as well as any other means of income, besides a section tax.

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There are 49 pupils in attendance from York Township at St. Clair-avenue.

It is proposed to hold the annual field day on May 24.

Messrs. Heintzman & Company have purchased a strip of land for \$2000 on Van Horne-street from John Purdie. It is the intention of the firm to build a large addition to their present factory.

The death occurred this afternoon of Mrs. Annie Wynne, wife of Isaac Wynne, 47 Elizabeth-street, after a short illness aged 46. She leaves a family of eleven sons.

The Annette-street Methodist Church choir are holding a concert on Good Friday evening. Vernon Carey, tenor, Hamilton, and Miss Thel Sherris, contralto, Toronto, will contribute.

Next Tuesday a special committee of the Junction council will confer with the board of control of Toronto with a view of getting supplied with water. To put the Junction system in proper working shape would cost \$50,000.

A wire of the Stark T. P. and L. System was down on Dundas-street last night and the houses of the street were in darkness all night.

J. T. Moore has made the following Bigg's brick house on Pacific-avenue, \$2100; A. W. Mathews' brick house on Pacific-avenue to Thomas Wright, \$3350; Hector Rydoun's brick house on Pacific-avenue to James D. Watson, \$3150; W. S. Smith's brick house, corner of Humberside-avenue and Pacific-avenue, to Mrs. Nellie Parkinson, for \$1400.

Sherwood Lodge, S.O.E., were to play a match of carrom at Court Lodge, Toronto, but Kent Lodge was unprepared and failed to show up.

There is a rumor that the belt station on Merton-street will be converted into a power station, which would be a great advantage to the town, especially to those who buy coal by the car, as it would save a long haul to the wharves.

Wice brotney, having moved to Merton-street, Toronto, from the old location at the corner of York and Merton-street, started the business of a car wash on Yonge-street yesterday.

The Chester Baptist Church, at their annual meeting, received reports from all departments showing a substantial increase. They have paid off all past indebtedness, and begin their new year with a balance of \$1000. The congregations have been steadily increasing, and the church is in a position to take up the heavy support of all the people.

As some boys were strolling around the fields on Gamble-avenue they found a bird's nest with five eggs in it.

Notice has been received by the Toronto postmaster from J. Henderson, post-office inspector, saying that the "Tomorrow" office will be a money order office, commencing May 1.

S. Green added another industry to his blacksmithing in the shape of a rabbit farm.

Taxpayers say that a large amount of the year has been done by a season of late heavy rainstorms which has by the way, and will have to be repeated in the near future. The rain has been in a submerged condition since very heavy rainstorms, and the wooden walks are sadly out of repair also.

In the sudden death of John McKinney at his residence, 118 West Eglinton-street, a well-known resident of the west end has passed away. Mr. McKinney was long engaged in the grocery business, and was a member of the "Flour and Feed" business, from which he retired two years ago and being a liver and a good judge of horses, always kept a fine stable of horses. Mr. McKinney was around as usual in the morning. He complained of feeling unwell at about 12.30, and called rapidly. He was born in the County of Tyrone, Ireland, coming here when a boy. In politics he was a Conservative; a member of L. O. M., 235 and in religion a Presbyterian. He is survived by a widow.

WORK FOR RAILWAY BOARD ITS POWERS EXTENDED

Many Amendments to Hendrie Bill Considered—Salary of Members Left Over