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Trustees to Get at the Bottom
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at Talbot Street School.

The committee appointed by the board of education to investigate the scarlet fever cases in the Talbot street school met in session yesterday afternoon. Trustees McCormick, Gillean, McRobert (chairman), Macpherson and Secretary McEwen were the participants.

A message was received from Dr. J. B. Campbell (who is acting medical health officer in Dr. Hutchinson's absence), stating that only three cases had been registered as placarded in the last three months. Miss Campbell, director of the Talbot street kindergarten, stated that there had been eight cases in her room, and that she had received only one doctor's certificate. Miss Miller, head lady teacher at the same school, had one case in her room and received a doctor's certificate, stating the contagion was past. One boy had only been away 10 days, and received a doctor's certificate.

Secretary McEwen said he had received no notification in any of the cases. Chairman McRobert said Dr. Campbell had informed him that the rules governing such cases had been sent to every doctor in the city. Dr. Hutchinson had said that if the committee would get names, facts and dates, he would act in the matter. A number of the trustees said the negligence was apparently with the doctor or the medical health officer, and the matter should be thoroughly investigated. The chairman also informed the members that a strict investigation would be made. The teachers of Talbot street school will be asked to make out reports regarding the cases, if any, in their respective rooms. Principal Stewart, who was present, will look up the matter. The meeting adjourned till Monday afternoon next. Dr. Hutchinson will be requested to attend the meeting.

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Strong Protest Against the
Chemical Sewage Plant.

South Londoners Object to Its Location on Evergreen Avenue.

Dr. Campbell Tells Why the
Original Scheme Should
Be Carried Out.

The Chemical Scheme Rejected in 1896
—Mayor Wilson Says He Will Oppose
the Sewage Farm Plan—Lively
Meeting of the Sewerage Committee.

The room in which the sewerage committee met last night was invaded by a number of ratepayers from South London, who appeared to back up their petition, strongly protesting against the proposition to erect a chemical sewage plant at the foot of Evergreen avenue and complaining of the nuisance created there now by the deposit of city sewage. They asked that it be conveyed down the river to the second cove.

P. H. Bartlett, their legal representative, first spoke. He said the petition was signed by 100 ratepayers. It was a question, he went on, whether the council had power to apply to the proposed chemical system the money voted by the ratepayers for a different system down the river. To establish the proposed sewerage plant at the foot of Evergreen avenue would be a grave injustice to the ratepayers in that vicinity, a number of whom were ready to take legal action if the council's action was not favorable. The sewage deposited now in the river at the foot of Evergreen avenue was offensive, and should be carried farther away.

Mr. John Taylor said the proposed sewerage plant would destroy the value of all the property in the neighborhood.

Mr. David Sare asked if it were really the council's intention to establish a sewage plant in that locality. He understood that it was a pet scheme of the mayor's, and that the chairman (Ald. Cooper) supported it. It would be a dastardly thing, fancy a man eating his breakfast and a double team of slugs going by. Even if it did not smell, the thought of it would make one sick.

Mr. C. Sutherland said he had no objection to the chemical plant, but it should be at a distance. Had the residents in the part of the ward known that a sewage plant might be erected there, the bylaw would not have received one vote. It would reduce the value of property 50 per cent.

Mr. H. B. White also condemned the proposal and protested against the

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present nuisance at the end of Evergreen avenue.

Ald. Cooper said the committee had visited the place and noticed no odor. Mr. Sare—You have been around so much, putting your nose down so many holes, that you cannot smell it. (Laughter.) It is filthy.

Ald. Dreaney said he did not think it would be right to locate the works at Evergreen avenue, and the council did not intend to.

Ald. Cooper said that the chemical sewage plant was in the hearts of the cities in Europe. Mr. T. H. Smallman had seen the operation at Glasgow, and the water from the plant was so pure that people could drink it. It was no more a pet scheme of Mayor Wilson's than the sewage farm was a pet scheme of Mayor Little's. There would be more odor from the sewage farm than from the chemical plant.

Mr. Sare—Well, take it farther down.

Mayor Wilson said the council desired to protect everybody's rights. "Go down to Evergreen avenue," said the mayor, "and people object to it. Take it farther down, and people there object to it. What are we going to do? Are we going to pollute the stream all the way to Chatham, where people drink the water?" The mayor contended that the sewage farm would create a nuisance from the river, and the people elected him. He would never consent to it. He didn't want to put the plant at any man's door. Dr. Bryce, chairman of the provincial Board of Health, said he was willing to see the system changed and the chemical treatment introduced into Ontario. The sewage now run into the river was a nuisance.

Mr. Sare—It will be just the same with the sludge from Mr. McDougall's scheme.

The mayor said no alderman would object to recompensing property holders for any loss.

Mr. Sare—You can't recompense a man for a death or two.

Mayor Wilson contended that supposing the sludge was taken down near the cove, there could be no objection. He asked the petitioners to bear with the council for a little while.

Ald. Cooper said that the Provincial Board of Health had agreed to any scheme if it was satisfactory. The city created a nuisance it would have to remove it.

Dr. Cl. T. Campbell said the petitioners were perfectly right in objecting. The chemical precipitation scheme was no new thing. It was discussed in 1896, when Mr. McDougall was here. It was looked into and referred to the petitioners, who, while they had no objection to the scheme, refused to pay the cost of the expenses. It would cost some \$50,000 to carry the sewage to the farm and erect the plant. It would have been better if the city had gone on with the original plan. Dr. Campbell dissented from the statement that the sewage farm system was being displaced in the old country. The local system was not a sewage farm system but that of intermittent filtration, which was different, as it did not require so much land. The sewage was filtered. Mr. McDougall's scheme was the same, except that the sewage was chemically treated before filtration. The sludge from the chemical plant was innocuous whereas the sludge was offensive during the process of dry rot.

In the United States farmers would not carry it away. The plant had not been tried in this country and country, and Dr. Bryce would like to see it adopted as an experiment, but he (Dr. Campbell) did not think London should make the experiment. If the system as intended in the first place, was carried out, even if the filtration beds were not ready and the sewage went into the river, it would be far away from a residential neighborhood.

The Mayor—It is not use sand in intermittent filtration?

Dr. Campbell—Partly sand and partly gravel. It is something like the asylum scheme.

The Mayor—Everybody knows that the sand closets are a failure.

Dr. Campbell—It is a different principle altogether. The asylum system isn't a failure.

The Mayor—Mr. Chipman told us it would cost \$20,000 to make the sewage not a nuisance.

Dr. Campbell—You are mistaken. He said it would cost \$20,000 for chemical treatment.

The Mayor—He also said it would cost \$50,000 or \$60,000 for the farm system.

Dr. Campbell—No, no, Mr. Chipman said it would cost no such thing. The mayor said that the asylum sewage farm required a great deal of labor.

Dr. Campbell—But the city doesn't propose to grow vegetables.

The Mayor—Isn't it the intention to run the sewage into the river?

Dr. Campbell—The Provincial Board of Health understand that when there is lots of water running in the river the sewage may be run into it. You know that when there is a good flow of water the sewage is dissolved and purified.

The mayor moved that the engineer report on the best location for the chemical sewage works on the other side of the railway tracks. Carried.

On Ald. Douglas's motion, the property required for carrying the sewer from Evergreen avenue to the cove will be purchased before tenders are called for.

The committee decided to pay Mr. J. A. Thomas \$1,000 for his land and bridge by the west end of the King street bridge.

There were present: Ald. Cooper (chairman), Ald. Carrothers, Douglas, Dreaney, Mayor Wilson, Dr. Cl. T. Campbell, the engineer and secretary.

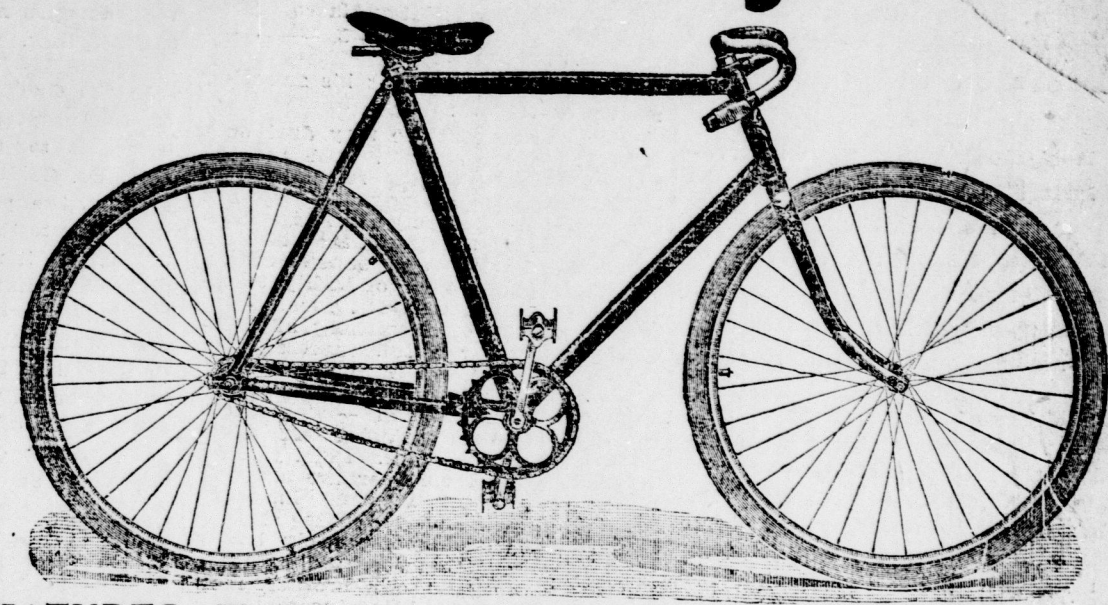
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Hon. David Mills.

Ottawa, June 9.—Hon. David Mills, the minister of justice, entertained the members of the parliamentary press gallery at dinner last evening at the Russell House. About 25 gentlemen sat down, including Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Senator Power and Mr. Math J. Griffin, parliamentary librarian. Towards the close of a very pleasant gathering one or two toasts were proposed and a few speeches made. Mr. Mills alluded to the power of the press in public affairs and acknowledged the growing sense of responsibility among writers of the press. Speaking of the senate, he said he had never moved for its reform. He thought that in times of public excitement and perhaps on other occasions a single chamber might act in a way to do serious mischief to the country, and as a general rule it was beneficial check on legislation to know that your action had to pass under the review of another body.

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