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**HEALTH SYSTEM IS
PROVING OUT WELL**

Greater Efficiency and Economy Results From Amalgamation of Two Plans.

FIVE CITY DISTRICTS

Scheme Outlined for Looking After Health of City Under New System.

Greater efficiency, the saving of money and an improved organization of both the school and outside medical services has resulted from the amalgamation of the school medical inspection with the work of the board of health.

At the meeting of the board yesterday afternoon the new district organization was outlined by Dr. M. B. White, who becomes director of medical services. The city, under the plan outlined yesterday, will be divided into five districts with one full-time medical man in charge of all the medical work in each district. This comprises not only the school work but district, clinic employes and cases under the Workmen's Compensation Act. The board of education work can for only five months in the year, while that of the board of health will run for the full year. The public schools only were previously looked after, now the separate schools are included, which makes the work one-fifth greater than before.

Taking the work done in the separate schools and the extra work of the services under the new administration it is estimated that there is a real saving of over \$20,000 per year.

Apparent increases in work and increases in salaries cause an apparent increase in the expenditures. The figures of which are covered in Dr. Hastings' recommendations as follows: Cost of medical inspection under local board of health \$78,622.38 Cost of medical inspection for year if left under board of education 72,515.00

Increase \$6,107.38 This apparent increase is accounted for as follows:

(1) Salaries of 40 nurses during 2 months' summer vacation period, not included in education estimate \$6,112.00

(2) Percentage increase on school nurses' salaries (also not included in estimate as stated in letter to board of control, April 23, which apply to all employees of city) 1,328.79

(3) Equipment and supplies and other expenses necessary for new organization 2,602.39

Total \$9,941.78 This increase is lessened by the following decreases or savings made in:

Doctors' salaries, 4 months, with board of education would have been \$8,088.00

Doctors' salaries, 4 months, with board of education would have been 6,984.00

Total \$15,072.00

Dentists' salaries, 4 months, with board of health, will be \$6,200.00

Dentists' salaries, 4 months, with board of health, will be 6,720.00

Total \$12,920.00

Which under board of health from Sept. 1 to Dec. 31 will for four months show a saving of \$1,732.40

A still further decrease of \$1,732.40

Due to the fact that the salaries are paid by the treasurer and not by the health department. Total \$8,844.40

This decrease or saving of \$8,844.40, deduction from increase indicated above of \$9,941.78, accounts for above-mentioned savings 6,057.38

Still Under Estimate. However, notwithstanding the fact that on order of the council we had to increase nurses' salaries to the extent of \$1,328.79 and reorganize at a cost of approximately \$2,602.39, if we had operated only on the ten-month basis our expenditures would still have been under the amount asked for by the board.

Public works alone, says the report, added to this, we carry on medical and dental services in the separate schools of Toronto, which actually means an addition of about one-fifth more work.

The city council passed appropriations for medical inspection amounting to \$20,000, and the amount spent to August 31 was \$14,324.52. There was a deficit on the 31st of August of \$5,675.48. Following are the amounts estimated for the balance of the year:

Three doctors at \$100 per month for four months, \$1200.

Five doctors at \$200 per month for four months, \$4000. Total, \$5200.

Nine dentists at \$80 per month for four months, \$3200.

Four dentists at \$90 per month for four months, \$3600.

One dentist at \$125 per month for four months, \$500. Total, \$6700.

Forty nurses at \$18.10 per week for 15 weeks, \$3172.20.

Estimated cost of goods ordered, not yet paid, \$1600.

Estimated cost of other supplies needed before the end of the year, \$100. Total, \$15,672.20.

Amount of money necessary for medical inspection work for balance of year is \$28,945.58. To this should be added money to cover salaries of 46 nurses doing health work during vacation period which was unforeseen expenditure inasmuch as estimates were prepared and dealt with before transfer was made and which has already been spent.

Forty nurses at \$18.10 per week for eight weeks, \$5632.

Total amount necessary that the board of control should provide to finish year, \$35,067.38.

Board of education to March 31, \$15,250.

AND HE DID.



Board of health to August 31 spent \$25,000.

Board of health to finish year now asks, \$35,067.38.

For a 12-months' service, 1917, the cost will be \$78,622.38.

How Plan Works Out.

The new plan makes it the duty of nurses to handle re-admissions and enables the physicians to spend their entire mornings in making physical examinations and eliminates traveling from one school to another. The medical officer of each district can phone regarding cases that should be visited; this visiting is done in the afternoon. These offices save traveling time and forth between the city hall and various parts of the city.

There are now four full-time and four part-time physicians engaged in the school work, compared with 18 under the old system, according to Dr. White.

Teachers in the separate schools are being instructed so as to observe abnormal conditions in the children and report them to the physicians for diagnosis.

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**WILL INVESTIGATE
BUILDING SECTION**

Department of Board of Education Will Be Inquired Into by Judge.

FUNDS PROVIDED

Motion to Investigate Whole Board Lost by Small Majority.

Investigation into the management of the affairs of the building department of the board of education will be made by a judge of the supreme court who will be given authority to take evidence under oath. On motion of Trustees Boland and Dineen at a meeting of the board of education last night, the minister of education will be notified that the funds necessary to conduct the investigation have been furnished, and he will be requested to name a commissioner and invest him with the necessary powers.

Trustee Houston was of the opinion that other departments needed investigation. Also, the board, he said, had been charged with conducting an expensive and inefficient system of education in this city. He was in favor of granting the commissioner the further powers of investigating other departments in order to determine whether or not the system was costing too much, and whether or not the citizens were getting value for their money.

Dr. Noble stated that the board of education spent over \$100,000 annually which he considered to be wrongly spent. He stated that the school was a provincial institution at Mimico, and intimated that the principal's salary was paid by the city. He thought it was a shame that the city should be saddled in that way.

A motion presented by Trustee Noble "that the board request the school council to provide funds for an investigation into the affairs of this board of education by a judge of the higher courts" involved a lengthy discussion, but was finally lost. Chairman Vokes thought that it would be unfortunate to pass such a resolution at that juncture. If the board desired that such an investigation should be made permission should be secured from the proper authority, the minister of education. It had been said over and over again that the board did not want an investigation, but he refuted the statement as untrue.

Inquiry was made as to the charges against the board of education, and Trustee Houston stated that not a single charge had been made. A recommendation from Inspector Cowley that temporary accommodation be provided immediately on the Glenholme School site was granted.

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Coming Appointments

SIR GEORGE PERLEY, whose permanent appointment to position of high commissioner for Canada in England will be announced in a few days.

SIR JAMES LOUGHEED, government leader in the senate, who will be acting overseas minister of militia.

**NEW REGULATION
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Department of Education Issues Instructions for Medical and Dental Inspection.

EXAMINE EVERY PUPIL

Pupils to Go Before Doctor Once Every Six Months.

Special regulations for the medical and dental inspection of the children in the public schools of the city have been issued by the department of education. It is reported that there is a very brisk demand for homes that sell for less than \$4000.

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