

WANT STAIRWAYS AS FIRE ESCAPES

Board of Education Administrator to Report—Tangles in Committee.

Toronto's public school tangle was shown up in lively style at the meeting of the property committee of the board of education yesterday afternoon.

Dr. John Noble, chairman of the board, had a series of knockout bouts with the chairman of the committee, Trustee McClelland and Trustee Bell. Although downed at the committee, Dr. Noble issued a challenge to his opponents for the board meeting, when he intimated that his punch would be strengthened by a full use of the two-thirds majority rule in the case of matters which have previously passed the board.

Dr. Noble scored at the outset in the matter of fire escape stairways on the outside of public school walls at Queen Victoria, George Street and Dufferin schools.

A recommendation for the immediate construction of such schools was made by the business administrator.

Trustee Bell considered their construction was urgent.

Dr. Noble: "There are many other schools just as much in need of fire escape stairways. All the schools should be treated alike. Dufferin School has done without for 40 years, and can wait until all are equipped."

Trustee Bell: "It would only take 40 minutes fire to do the damage."

The administrator was instructed to report on all schools requiring fire escape stairways before proceeding with any special schools.

Dewson School Plans.

Trustee Bell declares open war on Dr. Noble over the new Dewson Street School plans. They had been made a football of for months, he declared, because Dr. Noble blocked them every ten classes crowded in portables for a long period, and unless the new school buildings were started on the spare portion of the old Dewson Street School playgrounds, it would be five years before there would be any relief. He was tired of death of having parents at his house at all times of the day, complaining of the overcrowding. It was the same at Manning Avenue and had at Givens. The board had adopted the old school site, and new tenders to bring the cost within the reduced appropriations should be immediately called for.

Dr. Noble claimed that Chief Inspector Cowley had recommended a new public school should be built not on Dewson pupils alone, but to relieve Manning and Givens. He moved that the chief inspector be heard.

Trustee Bell protested that the chief inspector had nothing to do with sites, and was upheld by the chairman of the committee.

A motion from new tenders for a building on the present Dewson playground site carried, but Dr. Noble gave the committee warning of renewed opposition at the board meeting.

Opportunity Schools.

Excitement increased and criticisms flew from end to end of the table over the opportunity school project.

Dr. Noble charged the committee with taking advantage of his absence and that of Mrs. Groves to kill the Park school transformation scheme. It was passed by this committee and passed by the board, Dr. Noble asserted.

Trustee McClelland said the property committee had never passed it. Dr. Noble had introduced it at a meeting of the property committee, and at his request it had been sent on to the board "without recommendation." It had never been passed by the finance committee, and its adoption by the board had been "quite irregular."

Dr. Noble said that it had been omitted by error from the committee's report to the board, and that was why he forgot it until after the regular end of the board meeting, when he recalled the trustees to vote on it.

Trustee McClelland said that the construction of an auditorium and gymnasium in the new Park school, as at present proposed, was approved

FIRST PICTURE OF THE AUSTRIAN ROYAL FAMILY AT HOME IN EXILE



This interesting picture, taken at the Villa Prangin in Switzerland, shows the Emperor Charles, the Empress Zita, with their beautiful children, front row, the Crown Prince Otto, looking over the back with the Archduchess Adelaide. On each side of the empress are, left, Archduke Felix and Charles Louis. Seated by himself, Archduke Robert.

by the municipal and disapproved of by the chief inspector, and no money for it had been provided.

Dr. Noble: "There is the \$7,000 we got for the old Park school, and we can get the rest of it from the maintenance fund."

Trustee McClelland: "That is spent already."

Reasonable and Cheap.

Dr. Noble: "It is a reasonable and cheap plan. The auditorium would be in use all day and evenings and the gymnasium and swimming pool a large portion of the time. Six classes could be taught in the auditorium."

Several of the trustees appealed to Dr. Noble to compromise on a motion for a \$50,000 opportunity school as an annex to Park school but he refused to agree, and announced that the fight would be again on at the board meeting.

A proposal to put the cost of an opportunity school building in next year's estimates carried.

TIMBER SUPPLY OF CANADA.

Canada's present supply of commercial timber has been estimated at from 500 to 800 billion feet, board measure.

ENNISCLARE FARMS CLEAN THE BOARDS

Carry Off Many Ribbons in Hunting and Jumping Classes.

Avon, N.Y., Sept. 9.—Ennisclare Farms continue to sweep the boards at Rochester, following up their great triumph of yesterday. The Ennisclare Farms carried practically all before them in the hunting and jumping classes today. In the thorough hunter class the Canadian horses swept the board with Indian Arrow, Ondreum, Tantalizer and Shot being placed in the order named. In a class of sixteen model middleweight Ennisclare Farms were again very much in evidence, winning first, third and fourth with Craigwood, Greyburn and Mr. Owen. Bateman, owned by Mr. Bates of Oakville, and now owned by Mr. Woodin of Chicago being placed second.

The class for hunt teams brought out a beautiful collection of hunters, and

after some keen competition the blue was finally awarded to the Ennisclare team, admirably ridden by Lieut.-Col. Herbert C. Cox, Hinch S. Wilson and R. Mossop. Quanzett, Farm were placed second in this event, third ribbon going to the Ennisclare thoroughbred team, ridden by the same riders. The pen jump brought out 28 good performers; being won by Mr. Levin's burger, second going to Lady Roberts, owned and ridden by Mr. Henry Bate of Ottawa, third and fourth going to Ennisclare, bringing the total ribbons won by this stable to date up to 21. The Rochester papers are loud in their praise of the magnificent performance put on by the Ennisclare entries, and their success today was most popular with the thousands that encircled the enclosure.

TO TORONTO FOR TRIAL

Vincent Griffin was brought back to Toronto last night by Detective Nichols on a charge of robbery. Griffin is alleged to have stopped Harry Kemp on the street and asked him for a match. While Kemp was looking for a match, it is charged Griffin snatched his tiepin.

To be angry is to revenge the faults of others on ourselves.—Pope.

CITY POPULATION GROWING RAPIDLY

Toronto Has Now 512,812 People—Big Assessment Figures Shown.

Interesting figures to the citizens of Toronto are made available with the completion of the assessment department's annual task of returning the assessment for the year 1921. According to the assessor's figures there is an increase of the population of the city of 13,517 over last year. His estimate is that the population is now 512,812. Montreal has 706,600, Toronto is the twelfth largest city on the continent, with Montreal ninth.

The value of land continues to soar in the city, as the following figures will demonstrate: Assessment in the eight wards of the city totals \$702,351,851, an increase of \$61,897,195 over last year; the particulars making up this total increase are: (a) land assessment, \$20,984,872; (b) business assessment, \$9,215,361; (c) income assessment, \$14,645,743; (d) building assessment, \$17,101,213.

The increase in exemption from taxation has also taken a jump. The exemptions for 1921 reach a grand total of \$98,271,202, which is an increase of \$5,654,607 over last year. The largest increases are shown in ward two, with wards six and five following closely.

The assessor's figures are, of course, subject to pruning, or otherwise, by the court of revision, but on a fair average, with a 3 1/2 mill tax rate, the increase in revenue which should accrue to the city will be in the neighborhood of one and three-quarter million dollars.

Valuable Downtown Property.

That the value of downtown property is certainly not on the wane is apparent from the assessment rolls published yesterday, for ward three. For instance, the G.T.R. at the corner of Yonge and King is assessed at its most valuable part at \$142 per square foot, while on the Royal Bank property, just opposite, the assessment runs to \$125 per foot. The Grand Trunk corner, which is owned by the Imperial Bank, is the highest assessed land in the city. The building is assessed at \$75,000, while the land is valued at \$627,000, an increase of \$27,500 over last year's figures. The Royal Bank building is assessed at the same figure as last year, \$915,000, but the land has been boosted \$66,875, over last year's figure of \$878,625. The Dominion Bank and the C.P.R. lands have been marked up by the assessment department.

The following figures, given for comparison, are instructive:

Huron and Erie...	174,250	194,750
1920	1921	1920
Dominion Bank	\$92,625	\$1,020,375
Michie's	188,500	203,000
Guinness (Childs)	91,250	100,875
Ford Candies	60,000	60,000
(Childs)	60,000	60,000
C. P. R.	575,207	632,823
Bowles	142,500	156,750
Applegarth	117,000	133,700
Standard Reliance	239,187	250,900
Home Bank	235,812	260,125

These figures relate to the land only.

The C. P. R. skyscraper site is assessed \$11,275, \$8,000 and \$5,750 per foot frontage (depending on the distance from the corner), increased from \$10,250, \$7,250 and \$5,250. The Dominion Bank site is \$18,000 per foot frontage, where it was \$16,500 before; \$12,500 where it was \$11,500, and \$9,500 where it was \$8,500.

WOMEN WILL SUPPORT LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Christiania, Norway, Sept. 9.—Speaking at the formal opening of the International Congress of Women today, Lady Aberdeen said that the council would support the league of nations and would demand equal political, financial and judicial rights with men, and the same moral form for men as for women.

Three hundred and fifty delegates, representing twenty nations, were present at the opening session of the International Congress of Women here last night. Rumania, Cuba, Spain and Czechoslovakia are to be admitted to membership, and Uruguay, Ukraine, Russia, Ireland and Mexico were received at the session. Lady Aberdeen presided.

Hugh Guthrie to Attend War Graves Commission

New York, Sept. 9.—(By Canadian Press.)—Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia and defense, sailed with Mrs. Guthrie on the Imperator today for a trip to England, where on Sept. 21 he will attend the conference of the Imperial war graves commission, composed of delegates from all parts of the British Empire.

Later he will go to France to see the extent of the progress of the work in the erection of eight war memorials for members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who fell in action. It will be two years before the memorials are completed. At present the work is on the roads and approaches to the memorials.

The minister will, on Sept. 24, attend the first financial conference of the League of Nations, and he will act as the delegate with two financial advisers who are already in London.

Troubles in Upper Silesia May Prevent Coal Deliveries

London, Sept. 9.—The German peace delegation in Paris, says a Berlin wireless communication, has handed a note to the peace conference, calling attention to the situation in Upper Silesia, which is declared to be growing worse and making the impracticability of carrying out of the coal delivery obligation more imminent.

SENTENCES BOY TO FLOGGING.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Magistrate Farrell today ordered the police to give a nine-year-old boy, found guilty of stealing a horse and rig, a flogging. The father of the lad welcomed the punishment, stating he could not do anything with his boy.

NO WORD OF "BASSAN."

Hallifax, Sept. 9.—No further word has been received at the Marine and Fisheries Agency here regarding the British steamer Bassan, reported in distress off Cape Race last night, with two steamers rushing to her assistance.

Sir George Foster to Attend East Elgin Convention

Ottawa, Sept. 9.—Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, leaves for Aylmer, Ont., tonight for the convention there tomorrow, at which a government candidate is to be selected for East Elgin. Sydney Macdermand, the farmer candidate in the constituency, has been before the public for some time, and there is a possibility that W. G. Charlton will again contest the seat in Liberal interests.

FORM CATHOLIC UNION IN THE C.P.R. SHOPS

Montreal, Sept. 9.—Catholic syndicalism has taken a further step in this province with the formation of a Catholic National Union in the Canadian Pacific Railway among employees of the Angus shops.

The union is stated to have already a fair number of members.

FARMER DIES SUDDENLY.

Ingersoll, Ont., Sept. 9.—George Raymond, well-known farmer of North Ingersoll, died in Alexandra Hospital today, aged 73 years, from heart failure.



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