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VARIOUS SCHOOL ITEMS CONSIDERED

Trustees Hear Report on Vocational Extension—The Night Schools.

The report of the committee of the Board of School Trustees which interviewed the Government on the matter of extension of the time in which the grant for the erection of a vocational school was presented last evening at a meeting of the trustees by A. A. McIntyre, who said that an assurance had been given that the time would be extended to meet the wishes of the School Board, from June 30, 1925, to October 31, 1925.

Dr. L. M. Curran, M. L. A., the new chairman of the Board, was welcomed by H. Colby Smith. In his reply Dr. Curran said he felt honored to have been chosen for the position and would do his best to carry out the duties of the office.

J. King Kelley, K. C., S. Matthews and Rupert Taylor made a plea for the enrollment of teachers as members of the Character Analysis Club, and Mr. Matthews said if the teachers were character analysts they would be able to guide the pupils into vocations suitable for them and this training would be especially good for teachers in the proposed vocational high school. The matter of the delay in opening night schools was subject for warm debate. At a previous meeting the board had asked the vocational committee to take over these classes as the vocational committee has that authority and it was believed a Government grant would be forthcoming to help defray the costs of all classes conducted by the vocational committee.

Mr. Palmer said since the vocational committee had not yet acted and classes were in operation by Oct. 1 last year, the School Board should take the matter up.

Mr. McIntyre said that the committee had done something in the matter of night schools and delay had been caused by the lack of a chairman.

Mr. Porter asked if the vocational committee felt at ease about funds for the night schools.

Dr. Curran said he would arrange for an early meeting of the vocational committee and those members present agreeing to Wednesday night as the date for a meeting. It was decided to ask Fletcher Pasco, provincial director of vocational education, to attend the meeting.

Mr. Palmer said mention had been made of holding chemistry classes as well as other night classes. He wanted to know how far the vocational committee was going to run the whole thing he thought the school board had better get out.

Mr. Nagle said that the School Board was simply in the same position with regard to the vocational committee

that the City Council was with regard to the School Board. It had to provide the money for the vocational committee to spend and it could not get out of it.

Minutes of a buildings committee adopted told of authority given to install a fuel saving device on the second boiler of St. Malachi's school, and to purchase furniture for the new St. Patrick's school which will be occupied at the first of the year.

Applications for positions on the staff were received from R. P. Morris, Fairville, and the Misses Helen Harris, Bertha Christiansen, Muriel E. Thompson and M. Shea, of St. John.

Thanks for a salary increase were received from Miss Harriet Smith, and from the directors of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage for desks and school equipment.

The C. W. V. A. sent a second endorsement of George P. Hennessey as a nominee for appointment as superintendent of buildings and construction.

C. L. Morrissey wrote to draw attention to his previous offer of a site for a vocational school, a lot on Prince William, Canterbury and Duke streets, and to offer also a lot 666 acres in extent which adjoins Rockwood Park. The letter was referred to the vocational committee.

Quotations on weather strapping were referred to the buildings committee.

The Civic Hydro Commission sent a request that attention be given to its plan presented more than once that it be given the contract for all electric current used in the schools at a cost of 4 cents a unit.

On Mr. Porter's motion it was decided to ask the commission if it could not offer a lower rate in view of the large consumption involved.

The request of the Municipal chapter I. O. D. E. to be allowed to provide banners and flags to be displayed in the city schools to commemorate national anniversaries was referred to the chairman and acting superintendent with power to act.

Quotations on state blackboards were referred to be taken up when tenders now called for are opened.

Mr. Green asked if the finance committee was not to bring in a recommendation that deductions of salaries for absence through sickness or other cause be not made up at the end of the year. Mr. Green protested against the Board being called on to pay each year from \$3,000 to \$4,000 for salaries deducted. He said that the new schedule of salaries would make it obligatory that deductions be not made up. The finance committee undertook to submit a report at the next meeting.

The report of the secretary showed 8,631 pupils enrolled, 4,185 boys and 4,446 girls, of whom 94.25 per cent. were an average daily attendance. Teachers had made 184 visits. The report said while there were two departments less than in the corresponding month last year, with a total enrollment of 56 less when it is considered that the removal of the Protestant Orphanage schools lowered the average daily attendance of about 80. It will be seen there is an improvement in the attendance this year. The figures were 93.65 per cent. in Sept. 1923, and 94.25 Sept. 1924.

The health report showed 4 cases of diphtheria and two of scarlet fever. The permits to attend the school used this year totaled 1,214, as compared with the following totals in previous years: In 1923, permits 1,305; in 1922, permits 1,289; in 1921, permits 1,320, and in 1920, permits 1,240.

Visitors to the schools in which fuel saving devices had been tried were asked to bring in reports of the success or otherwise of these systems.

The report of J. Boyd McMahon, truant officer, given at the School Board meeting last evening, recorded the busiest month in 14 years. He had visited 186 homes and 18 schools and had supervision of 146 irregular attendance cases and seven truants. The percentage of pupils in daily attendance was 94.25, a high percentage, which cannot be beaten in any other city in Canada. Mr. McMahon was much commended for this showing.

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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

By Olive Roberts Burton

WHAT HAPPENED ON JUPITER



"The sleepy sand is stolen and is almost moon-up on the earth." "Did you get my lost sleepy sand?" asked the Sand Man anxiously when the twins got back to the Moon again. "No, we didn't," said Nancy. "Nobody on Venus had seen him and they all acted as though they were crazy." "Too bad! Too bad!" said the Dream Maker Man wagging his head. "I was sure you would find it this time." Suddenly a voice overhead in one of the golden trees laughed mockingly. "Ha, ha, ha! Ho, ho, ho! Please excuse me while I smile. It was the funniest thing I ever saw in all my life. Ha, ha, ha! Ho, ho, ho!" "Who are you and what's so funny?" demanded the Sand Man. "Why don't you come down where we can see you and let us laugh, too?" "Oh, no! I couldn't do that!" said the voice. "I'm invisible because I have the invisible cloak on, but it might slip and then you'd catch me and take it off." "Who are you?" cried the Dream Maker Man. "Why, I'm Tweeknose, the Gnome," answered the voice. "I'm the one who stole the sleepy sand and I've still got it." "Immy Jiminy!" cried Nick quickly, remembering the charm the Green Wizard had said. "Not so fast! Not so quick!" said Tweeknose. "It won't do you any good to say charms any more. No charm can move it. That's why you didn't find it on Venus." "On Venus?" cried Nancy and Nick. "Were you there, too?" "Yes, was there when you were," laughed Tweeknose. "I just got back. I rode back on the tail of your horse, but you couldn't see me." "Where were you?" asked Nick curiously. "Where you were," said Tweeknose. "I was the deaf old man who couldn't understand anything! And I was the old woman with the broom. And I was the fiddler with the fiddle that wouldn't play! I fooled you every time." "Good-bye now, I'm off for Jupiter Good-bye." "There was no time to be lost," cried the Dream Maker Man. "I shall send

DEGREES ARE PUT ON BY 'PRENTICE BOYS

The first, second and third degrees of their order were exemplified to a large class of candidates by King Edward Lodge, No. 30, 'Prentice Boys, at their meeting in their lodge rooms, Guilford street, West St. John, last night. In the meeting which followed it was decided to hold a bridge and dance for the members of the order in West St. John and the L. O. L. and L. O. B. A. of the West Side in the near future. Because they could not observe Dec. 19, it was decided that they would pay an official visit to King Edward Lodge and on this occasion the degree team of King Edward lodge will exemplify the second and third degrees of their order to a class of candidates from the Grand Bay Lodge.

GOING TO CONVENTION.

Thomas Killen, president of the St. John Letter Carriers' Association, leaves today for Peterboro, Ont., to attend on Oct. 16 a convention of the Dominion association which will be attended by delegates from all the locals in the Dominion.

DEER RAVAGING MANY FARMS

Cumberland Valley Farmers Declare Animals are Destroying Crops.

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 14.—With whole orchards and fields being destroyed by deer, farmers in the Cumberland Valley along the mountain and wooded sections declare their livelihood is at stake unless they are allowed to kill the animals.

While farmers are earnest in their demands for protection by the State from the ravages of the deer, sportsmen are almost as energetic in their denunciation of suggestions that the wild life be reduced by declaring open seasons on doe deer.

The deer nip buds and shoots on young trees, destroying young orchards. Beans, oats and other crops have been destroyed and potato growing has been discontinued in one section because of deer. The farmers are demanding an open season on doe deer with the hope of reducing the number of animals and saving their farms.

NORTH END GIRL WINS PARKER MEDAL

Miss Edith P. Brown has been announced as the winner of the Parker Silver medal for highest marks in mathematics for the graduates of 1924 in the city. Miss Brown came fourth in the list of graduates of the St. John High School and has been a very successful scholar. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cecil Brown, of 33 Portland street.

KINDERGARTEN MEETING.

Decision to open a course for kindergarten teachers, provided there are about 12 to 15 candidates offering for the two-year course, was reached at a meeting of the Free Kindergarten Association yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. A. Lockhart, 40 Orange street, with Mrs. Allan G. McAvity in the chair.

It was decided to hold a bridge in January to raise funds to supplement the grant made by the School Board. The association must raise an additional \$250 or more each year for current expenses for material used, new equipment required, salaries of supply teachers, when members of the regular staff are ill, and other incidentals.

A date in November was decided upon for the annual meeting. The reports from the five kindergartens were all very encouraging and showed that in each kindergarten the enrollment was about 80, while in one kindergarten it was above that figure. The attendance at all had been very good.

WILLING WORKERS MEET.

The first meeting of the season of the Willing Workers of Germain street Baptist Institute with the president, Mrs. C. C. Cross, in the chair, was held last evening. Mrs. T. H. Belyea resigned as secretary and Mrs. Emery Tilt was appointed to the office. Mrs. W. P. Bonnell, treasurer, reported on the receipts and expenditures during the summer. The sum of \$155 was voted to missions, \$30 toward the Agadia appeal and \$25 to the new missionary home at Wolfville. Plans were made for a tea and sale in November and a rummage sale this month.

IN WEST INDIES TRADE.

Hon. T. A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, accompanied by possibly another minister, and H. J. Logan, M. P., and J. W. Russell, will sail in December for the West Indies to look into the matter of increased trade between those islands and Canada. It is hoped to divert a part of the trade now going to U. S. ports to the ports of the maritime provinces.

ATTEND CONVENTION.

A. L. Stern, who attended the recent convention of the Milk Dealers' International Association, held at Milwaukee, says there were between 600 and 700 delegates in attendance and among the speakers heard was Herbert Hoover.

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OFFICERS CHOSEN BY LOCAL NURSES

At the annual meeting of the St. John Chapter of the New Brunswick Registered Nurses' Association, held last evening at the Nurses' Home, Mrs. J. H. Vaughan, retiring president, in the chair, reports of the year's work were presented. The sum of \$25 was voted to the St. John Health Centre and \$25 to the Victorian Order of Nurses and plans were made for a bridge and dance in November and for a course of lectures during the winter. The new president is Miss H. McKeljohn, who was elected at the annual meeting of the provincial chapter last month.

The election of officers last evening resulted as follows: Vice president, Miss Ella McGaffigan; treasurer, Miss Martha Fraser; secretary, Miss Dorcas Coates; convener of sick nurses benefit fund, Miss E. J. Mitchell. A social hour was spent at the close of the business session.

CHILD HIT BY MOTOR CAR.

Yesterday afternoon Arthur Wetmore, aged five years, who resides with his parents at 147 Prince Edward street, ran from the sidewalk on that street and was struck by an automobile owned by G. M. Sanctor. The child was knocked down and the car, which had not been traveling at a fast rate of speed, was quickly stopped and the

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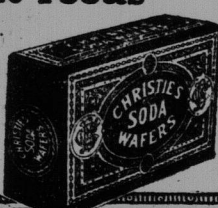
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