CONFERENCE FAILS

The Board of School Trustees and the City Council Are Not Yet Agreed.

The Minister of Education To Be Asked to Express His Opinion.

Chairman Hayward presided at the meeting of the board of school trustees yesterday evening, when there were present Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Grant, A. L. Belyea, R. B. McMicking, William Marchant, Dr. Lewis Hall and Secretary Williams. City Superintendent Eaton was also in attendance. The minutes of the three previous meetings were read and duly confirmed.

A communication was received from Munn, Holland & Co. asking a renewal of an insurance policy for $4,000 on the high school building. Referred to insurance committee. Superintendent Eaton in a communication stated that careful inquiry resulted in proving that a large number of children of school age were not attending any school, and being called upon by the chairman said it would be impossible to make anything like a complete list of truant children without a systematic census being taken, but he had no difficulty in making a list of about 50 children from such inquiry as he had been able to make. Ald. Marchant, in moving that the letter be received and laid on the table, said his reason for doing so was that he could not see any way of remedying the matter. A school attendance officer had been appointed some years ago, but either the office or the officer had failed to meet with the approval of the board and there was no provision made in the estimates for the salary of such an officer. Trustee Belyea suggested that the communication be referred to a committee and Trustee Marchant agreeing, the communication went to the legislation committee. Physical Instructor St. Clair called attention to the bad condition of the grounds at the Central school, the cost of repairs to which he had estimated at $10. Trustee Belyea moved that the matter be referred to the committee on repairs and alterations and referred to the damp condition of the grounds, advocating that if the city cannot remedy the evil the board should undertake it. Trustee Marchant seconded the motion, providing the committee engaged the services of some competent engineer to report upon a plan of work, and Trustee Hall recommended that the committee be instructed to find out whether the city engineer is going to report. Mrs. Grant thought the North Ward school grounds were in equally bad condition, and recommended that a report be obtained upon them. Trustee Hall stated that some draining had been done on the North Ward grounds. Superintendent Eaton confirmed this, and mentioned that the teachers of the Central School wished a small expenditure of $5 on the lawn tennis court. Finally the motion to refer to the committee on alterations carried.

Yates & Jay, the solicitors of the board, enclosed a letter from C. Dubois Mason, city solicitor, stating that the mayor declined to submit to the council the amendments to the school act proposed by the board, claiming that the draft act prepared by Eberts & Taylor embodied the conclusions reached at the conference held between the city council and the board in regard to financial matters. Trustee Hall stated that the act as prepared by the city barrister did not coincide with the agreement reached between the two bodies and Trustee Belyea agreed in this, and, referring to the published estimates of the city, pointed out that it would be absurd to expect the board to conduct the schools if they were only provided with such funds as would pay the salaries. He urged that something be done to place the circumstances of the dispute before the public. He understood that the proposed amendments to the school act, as prepared by the council and the board respectively, and which are published in another column, were to be referred to the government, allowing them to decide which should be carried out. Mr. Belyea thought the mayor would have acted more wisely had he referred the proposed amendments as outlined by the board to the city council and left it to the aldermen to accept or reject them. Trustee Marchant suggested that the legislative committee be authorized to send the whole correspondence, with a suitable letter of explanation, to the mayor and council, and suggested that the amendments proposed by the respective bodies be published in the press. Trustee McMicking thought the position occupied by the board was a secure one, and thought if the council were not willing to refer the matter to the government the board need be in no hurry about it. Perhaps the better plan would be to send the amendments proposed by the trustees to the government as their side of the case. Trustee Hall moved that the communication be received and filed, but Mrs. Jenkins moved that the matter be referred to the special committee on legislation, and Mrs. Grant seconding, the motion carried.

Secretary Williams drew attention to the resolution of January 28th, notifying him that the payment of rent for the use of his office would be discontinued after February 28th, and pointed out that the board had been using his office up to the present date, claiming rent for the same for March and April. Mr. Williams also expressed his willingness to continue to act as secretary at the present rate of remuneration provided the board did not expect him to attend at the office in the city hall during stated hours in the daytime. Trustee Belyea moved that the communication be referred to the finance committee, with power to act, and Mrs. Jenkins seconded this, Trustee Marchant moving in amendment that the committee be instructed to report, finding a seconder in Trustee Mrs. Grant. On a vote being taken the amendment carried on the casting vote of the chairman.

The finance committee's report recommending the payment of accounts amounting to $191.50 was adopted. On accounts for the cost of furnishing the room in the city hall coming up, Trustee Belyea thought some of the items unnecessarily extravagant, and after a prolonged discussion the accounts were referred to the finance committee, with power to act.

The secretary's report showed an average daily attendance during the month of 1,952.88; average actual attendance, 1,931.17; pupils actually attending, 2,292; average per teacher, (48) 46.45. Received and adopted.

Trustee Belyea reported on behalf of the special committee appointed to draft amendments to the school act with a view of removing the present deadlock between the board and the city council, and suggested that the proposed amendments be referred back to the committee with instructions to submit the same to the minister of education. Mr. Belyea outlined the objects sought to be obtained by the proposed amendments, and stated that one of the reasons for the rejection by the board of the proposed amendments of the city council was that they would have affected every city in the province. Mr. Belyea went at some length into the provisions of the act sought, which, although radical, were the least radical the board could accept, and although perhaps the government would hardly pass such drastic legislation immediately he believed they would eventually be adopted. Trustee Marchant moved that the course suggested be adopted, although he thought it might be well to again send them to the mayor and aldermen, and Trustee Belyea seconding the motion, it carried. Trustee Hall thought it might be well for the board as a body to interview the minister of education on the matter. He desired to point out that the board were asking from the council $1,000 less than the Vancouver board asked from their council, although there were over one hundred children more in the Victoria than in the Vancouver schools.

The committee appointed to define the duties of the city superintendent reported progress and asked for further time. Trustee Marchant asked that the superintendent's report, partly considered at a previous meeting, re pupil teachers, be laid over for a month, but Trustee Belyea could see no reason for that, considering that the principle advocated in the report, of paying pupil teachers, had been killed, and moved that the report be referred back to the superintendent, with instructions to report as to such regulations of pupil teachers as he may think proper. Trustee McMicking seconded, and the motion, after considerable discussion, carried on the casting vote of the chairman. A motion of Trustee Marchant that the present occupants of the Hillside and Kingston street school buildings be notified to vacate those buildings by May 31st, led to considerable discusion, and was finally dropped, Trustee Belyea objecting to it being presumed that if the occupants were given such notice the board would be pledged to the employment of additional teachers.

The meeting then terminated.

As will be seen in the report of the proceedings of the board of school trustees' meeting held last evening, the question of finance has reached a somewhat acute stage, and the following copies of the suggested amendments to the School Act, prepared by the solicitors of the board and of the city council, will be read with interest:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' AMENDMENTS.

An Act to Amend the Public Schools Act.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. This act may be cited as "The Public Schools Act Amendment Act, 1898."

2. Section 35 is hereby amended by striking out the word "Victoria" in the fifth line, and by inserting after the word "respectively" in the sixth line the words "and to the board of school trustees of Victoria."

3. Sections 37, 38 and 40 shall not apply to the school district of the city of Victoria.

4. The board of school trustees of Victoria shall on or before the third Monday of February in each year cause to be prepared an estimate of the sum required for school purposes during the current year and notify the city assessor of the amount thereof, in writing, and the same shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other municipal taxes.

5. The city treasurer shall, upon the receipt of any moneys from time to time paid into his hands on account of the taxes for school purposes, set apart and keep the same to a separate account, to be called "The Board of School Trustees' Account," and shall, whenever requested, exhibit to the said board the state of such account, and shall from time to time, and whenever requested so to do by one of the board of school trustees, pay over to them such sums as may have been collected.

6. Section 138 of the municipal clauses act is amended by striking out all the words after the word "purposes" in the seventh line of the said section.

7. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 3 of the revenue tax act, the city treasurer of the municipal corporation of the city of Victoria shall from time to time, upon the request of the board of school trustees of Victoria, pay over to the board for school purposes the amount that shall for the time being have been collected under the said act.

8. The board of school trustees of Victoria may from time to time make, alter and repeal by-laws for the purpose of authorizing under the following conditions the borrowing from any person of such sums of money, not exceeding an amount equal to the total sum required for school purposes for the current year, and bearing such rate of interest as may be requisite, to meet the current legal expenditure of the board, which becomes payable before the revenue for the year becomes payable by the taxpayers of the municipality:

(a.) That the money so borrowed shall be repayable and repaid on or before the 31st December, in the calendar year which it is so borrowed.

(b.) That it shall be a liability payable out of the revenue of the board for the then current year.

(c.) That the obligation given to the lender shall be in writing, signed by the chairman and secretary of the board, and shall bear the corporate seal.

(d.) That the board shall in the by-laws have named the amount to be so borrowed, the rate of interest not exceeding the date on or before which the principal and interest shall be payable, and the form of obligation to be given as an acknowledgement of the liability.

(e.) Where any sum of money has been borrowed by the board in any year to an amount not exceeding the total sum required for school purposes for the then current year under a by-law passed in pursuance of the power hereinbefore conferred, and it has been found impossible to pay the liability so created out of the revenue of the board for the then current year, owing to the non-payment of the rates and taxes for such year, it shall be lawful for the board for any subsequent year, by resolution, to so arrange with the lender for the postponement of the payment of such sum of money, or any portion thereof, for such period as may be agreed upon, at a rate of interest not greater than that at which the same was borrowed, payable at such times as may be agreed upon, and every such liability, notwithstanding the non-payment thereof within the then current year, shall be, together with interest thereon at the said rate or such lesser rate, if any, as may have been agreed upon, a valid liability of the board, payable in like manner as any other liability thereof; and the power conferred by the said section may be exercised in any subsequent year or years, notwithstanding the non-payment of any such liability as aforesaid in any previous year or years: Provided always that should the board owe any such sum of money on account of any such liability or liabilities as aforesaid incurred in any previous year or years, it shall not have power under this section or subsection to borrow in any year any larger sum of money than such amount as will, together with the amount so owing and interest thereon, amount to the sum thereby limited.

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3. A copy of the revised assessment roll shall, within one month after the final passing or revision of the same by the court of revision, be furnished the board of trustees by the municipality.

4. The board of trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to strike a special rate therefor, sufficient for any or all of the purposes mentioned in section 36, chapter 170, R.S., for the then current year, and to assess, levy and collect the same.

5. The board of trustees shall have all the powers of collecting such special rate as are now vested in the municipality with respect to the collection of rates and taxes.

Too Little Blood

Is the Source of Almost Every Ailment That Afflicts Mankind

Dr. Williams Pink Pills

MAKE RICH, RED BLOOD, THUS RESTORING HEALTH, STRENGTH AND ACTIVITY.

Read the Evidence of Those Made Well.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cure After Hospital Treatment Failed.

From the Fort William Journal.

In the town of Fort Wiliam lives a brave widow, who for years has by dint of constant labor kept the wolf from the door and her little family together. From morning till night she toiled to provide comforts for her loved ones until nature at last protested against such a constant drain on her strength, and so she began to lose health. Soon the slender frame became unable to bear its daily load of toil, and the poor mother was at last forced to give up the unequal contest, and become a burden

where she had once been the chief support. Nervous prostration, heart disease, consumption and other names were given to her malady by physicians, but months passed, during which she suffered untold agony, without finding any relief from her sufferings. Palpitation of the heart, dizziness, extreme pain in the chest, loss of appetite and nervousness were some of the symptoms of the disease, gatherings that caused excruciating pain formed at the knee joints and other parts of the body, and at last she became perfectly helpless and unable to walk or even sit up. At this stage she was advised to enter the hospital, that she might have the benefit of skilled nurses as well as best medical treatment; but after spending some time there without obtaining any relief the poor woman gave up all hope of recovery and asked to be taken home. So emaciated and weak had she become that her friends were shocked at her appearance, and so utterly hopeless was her condition that it was like mockery to speak hopefully of her ultimate recovery. What then was the astonishment of all who had known her dreadful condition to hear that she had at last found a remedy whose magical power at once demonstrated the fact that where there is life there is hope. The name of this remedy that worked such a wonderful change in such a short time was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after taking five boxes she was able to walk about and visit her friends. Her strength gradually but surely returned, and in a few months from the time she began using the medicine she was able to resume her work. The subject of this article, Mrs. Jane Marceille, is a well known, and her appearance to-day causes people to exclaim—wonders will never cease. She attributes her restoration solely to the virtues to be found in Dr Williams' Pink Pills, and her experience she hopes may put some other sufferer on the right road to health.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

Mr. P. Lapointe, proprietor of the St. Louis Hotel, St. Anne de Beaupre, Que., says: "My daughter Josephine is another of the many whom Dr. Williams' Pink Pills restored to perfect health. She became very weak, lost her appetite, was pale, had no energy and was not able to do any work about the house. I called in a doctor, but he did not help her. One day I read in a newspaper of a young lady whose symptoms were the same, who was cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I decided to employ them in my daughter's case. After using three boxes she was decidedly better, and after four more had been taken her health was fully restored, and she now enjoys as god health as any young girl can do."

THE EFFECTS OF LA GRIPPE.

Mr. Peter McAvenny, of Clarktown, P.E.I., says: "I consider my deliverance through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills little short of miraculous. I was taken with a severe attack of la grippe which lasted for six weeks, and which left me completely broken in health. I was subject to night sweats and sleeplessness. My appetite had vanished; my stomach was disordered, and my blood had turned watery. Finally I was forced to take my bed, and recovery seemed almost an impossibility, and nothing the doctor did for me seemed to produce beneficial results. One day a friend who had received benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, induced me to try them, and I am more than happy to say they have completely restored my health. I look upon Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blessing to mankind."

CONSTIPATION AND PILES—CURED.

Mr. C. H. Clark, Scotchtown, N. B., says: "My occupation is partly that of a farmer and partly fisherman, but both expose me to all sorts of weather, and one case of exposure brought on a severe cold which left me in a precarious condition. To add to my trouble I was badly constipated and this gave rise to piles, which caused me great pain, and at times left me helpless. I tried quite a number of medicines without getting better and I was beginning to be discouraged. About this time some one sent me a pamphlet advertising Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try them, and to make a long story short, my troubles including the constipation and piles have disappeared and I am as well and strong as ever I have been, and feel it my duty to add my tribute to the merit of this wonderul life-saving medicine."

A CLERGYMAN'S LIFE.

Has More Worries Than the Public Are Aware Of—Nervous Exhaustion the Frequent Outcome.

There is more worry connected with the routine life of the average clergyman than most people imagine. His duties are multifarious, and it is little wonder that he frequently becomes the victim of nervous exhaustion, insomnia, etc. In this condition Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act more speedily upon the nervous system than any other medicine, and promptly restore the user to a normal state of health. Rev. Wm. Clark, a rising young Methodist minister stationed at Orono, Ont., says: "I have derived

great benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I found that when I attempted to study I would become drowsy and could not apply myself to my work. My digestion was very bad, and my nervous system seemed to be out of gear. At first I paid but little attention to the matter, but found myself growing worse. At this time I was stationed at Fort Stewart, Ont., and was boarding at the home of a storekeeper, who advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I decided to do so, and thanks to this medicine, I am again restored to good health. Under these circumstances I feel it my duty to say a good word for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Weak and Depressed.

That is the way thousands of people feel during the Spring months. It is one of nature's signs that humanity cannot undergo months of indoor life in imperfectly ventilated buildings with impunity. Those who feel thus may not realize that there is anything seriously wrong with them. They doubtless think "Oh, I'll be all right in few weeks."

But Will You?

Breathing daily the poisonous gases arising from impure air your blood has become poor and watery, your nerves unstrung, your appetite fickle, the least exercise tires you, and you feel—as it is often expressed—"all out of sorts." In this condition your system is very susceptible to disease.

What you require is a tonic to help nature fight your battle for health. There is only one always reliable tonic, and that is

Dr. Williams Pink Pills.

These pills do not purge and weaken like other medicines. They make rich, red blood, build up the nerves, and make weak, depressed and easily tired people cheerful, active and strong

BUT YOU MUST GET THE GENUINE.

Imitations are always worthless, often positively dangerous. You can protect yourself against imposition by seeing that the wrapper around each package you buy bears the full name "Dr. Williams Pink Pills for Pale People," printed with red ink on white paper. Don't believe any dealer who says he has something else "just as good." He is only looking to greater profit the imitation gives him. Sold by all dealers in medicine, or sent post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by addressing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

It is proved that **Dr. Williams' Pink Pills CURE**

Rheumatism,
Sciatica,
Locomotor Ataxia
Anaemia (lack of blood),
Heart Troubles,
Indigestion and Dyspepsia,
St Vitus' Dance,
Paralysis,
Incipient Consumption,
All Female Weakness,
Dizziness and Headache,
And all Troubles arising
From Poor and Watery Blood.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

Mrs. Chanley Thompson, Housey's Rapids, Ont., says: "I was pronounced by a Peterboro physician to be in consumption. I was fearfully emaciated and looked and felt as if I had not a drop of blood in my body. I had scarcely strength enough to walk across a room. I could not sleep at nights for the pain in my lungs and the cough that racked me. I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and they have restored me again to health and strength. They are the best medicine I know of and I believe they saved my life.'

IN EAST KOOTENAY.

The Steady Winter's Work Has Produced Good Results.

Fort Steele, B. C., April 8.—While nothing of great importance has transpired in the East Kootenay in the camps surrounding Fort Steele in a mining way, work has been steadily going on, and development that has been done during the past winter will be interesting to mining men who come to the country this year, as the showing will be such as to contradict most of the ugly talk indulged in by people who only skimmed the country over last year and returned to the States disappointed in not locating a North Star, Sullivan, St. Eugene, Estella, Coronado, Dodo, or a rich placer like the Wild Horse.

The North Star has been working a good force all winter and taking as much as possible to their landing on the Kootenay river, and every day the property has improved. Experienced people who have seen the property within the last few weeks give it as their opinion that it will prove to be the greatest producer in British Columbia.

It is to be regretted that the Sullivan has not been working this winter, as all development done upon claims surrounding both it and the North Star goes to show that the camp will prove a most important one with further work and the building of a railway to Kimberley. The latter place one may look to see one of the important points of this country by the end of this year. There are here in Fort Steele quite a number of men, only waiting for the snow to disappear to begin work on 15 to 20 properties situated in the St. Mary's, Palmer's Bar and Nigger creek sections.

Moyie City.

At Moyie City work has gone along in the St. Eugene and Lake Shore groups, each showing better with each month's work. The latter property is now under bond to John A. Finch, of Spokane, at what is supposed to be a good round figure.

Across the lake from Moyie City Knitzel & Sanborn have done more or less work all winter, and Mr. Knitzel is now absent making arrangements for large development this season. Two groups adjoining have been sold to an Illinois syndicate through J. A. Harvey, of this place. One, the Royal Oak group, is a lead and silver property on the St. Eugene ledge, where it crops on the west side of Moyie lake, and while the vein on the surface is not so large as on the east side, it runs higher in values and with work may prove equally as large, it being well defined on the surface.

The other, the East Kootenay group, is a gold property, and has every appearance of being a free-milling proposition, surface assays going from $2.40 to $6. Quite an amount of gold was placer mined from the creek running through this group in the 60's and in 1874. It is understood the purchasers will begin work on these properties as soon as the snow is off, and will put in both a concentrator and stamps, if results justify. It is known that the parties have ample capital at their command.

On Tracey Creek.

On Tracey creek the Estella group has been working continually all winter with a good deal of development being done, and is likely to cause a stir the coming season.

At Six-Mile the Paris Exhibition people have run a tunnel about 150 feet to tap the ledge and are just getting into ore of good value.

A deal is reported on for Quinn & Thiry's group, the Lady Ann, to Victoria parties, at a good figure, and it is said will soon be closed, the parties having had it under consideration for some time past.

The Placer Operations.

Much is expected of the Brewery creek placers when bedrock shall have been reached. With the pumping machinery now in and operating, there is little doubt this will be a paying summer on that stream.

Work in the Wild Horse placers has proceeded all winter, and the spring clean-up, it is thought, will be ahead of any for several years.

Brell river is coming to the front with a good deal of development, and is likely to cause a stir the coming season.

The weather has been warm and snow melting quite fast the past week, and at this writing a rain has set in, so that soon there will be sufficient water to resume navigation between here and Jennings, Mont. Both Captain McCormick, of the new steamer J. D. Farrell, and Captain Miller, of the North Star, have written here that travel on their boats this year will not only be everything desired, but really a pleasure trip, as each boat has accommodations for 100 or more passengers, and, with the Gwendoline, will make nearly a daily service.

REACHED TELEGRAPH CREEK.

Maitland-Kersey Company's Men Reached Telegraph Creek Safely.

Mr. F. M. Yorke, manager of the Maitland-Kersey Company, has received a letter from one of his men, telling of the success of a portion of the company's outfit in reaching Telegraph creek before the ice broke.

International Boundary, Stikine River,
April 7th, 1898.

Captain F. M. Yorke:

Dear Sir,—I thought I would drop you a line and let you know of the success of our party. One of Frank Caldbreath's men came down from Telegraph creek last night and informed us that Donnelly, with his teams, and also Langley, had reached there all O. K. and started for Teslin lake before he left there. As he was seven days in making the trip to here, he says no doubt they are in by this time, as the trail was in splendid shape. The river is fery bad and in some places extremely dangerous. One man was drowned day before yesterday. It is open in several places above and below here. I remain, yours faithfuly,

G. DOUGHERTY.

Mr. Donnelly took up twelve horses and provisions for the men who have been at work all winter building a steamer and saw mill for the company at Teslin lake. The Mr. Langley referred to is Mr. Arthur Langley, the company's bookkeeper. Mr. Yorke has also been advised of the arrival at Telegraph creek of Mr. Hanley, who is to be the engineer of the company's lake steamer.

Three sets of engines for the steamers built in Victoria for the company have reached Vancouver from the east, and will be brought down by the Charmer to-night.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

An Eleven-Year-Old Girl Arrested Taking Flowers From the Cemetery.

For some time past complaints have been received of flowers being stolen from the graves at the Jewish cemetery, particularly from Mrs. G. Leiser, who has made it a habit to keep fresh flowers on her late husband's grave. Yesterday Chief Sheppard decided that the desecration of the graves must stop, and he sent a special constable to the cemetery, with instructions to watch all night. About 9 o'clock a little girl entered the cemetery and was about to remove the flowers from Mr. Leiser's grave when arrested. She was sent home by Chief Sheppard, with instructions to appear before the magistrate on Saturday morning with her parents.

To-morrow morning three small boys will be given a hearing for stealing flowers from the garden at the residence of Mrs. Adams, Fort street.

Old Men and Kidney Disease.

Aged persons troubled with weak back, impaired kidneys, pain in the back and base of abdomen, scalding urine, with a small quantity of water at a time, a tendency to urinate often, especially at night, should use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. You know the doctor's reputation, you know the value of his work, and that Dr. Chase would not risk his reputation on an unknown and untried remedy. Every druggist in Canada sells and recommends them.