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SCHOOL BOARD VS. CITY COUNCIL.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In his recent judgment in this case, Mr. Justice Meredith says: "No one denies—it is indisputable—that the board of education are an independent corporation, generally speaking, and when acting in good faith and within their powers, in no way subject to the supervision or control of the municipal council or any other body or person."

Assuming then that the board in the future submits proper annual estimates to the council in good faith and covering expenditures within their powers, the council may criticize them as much as they please, and may not agree with the board as to the necessity of many of the items, but they cannot reduce or alter them in any way, and they must levy the amount required by the board.

This was the main issue between the parties, and Judge Meredith's decision upholds the contention of the board. The action was dismissed on a technicality. As the council have no power to increase or decrease the amount of the board's estimates, when properly submitted, it would seem useless to furnish them with a detailed estimate of each item; the board so considered it, and failed to furnish the details. Judge Meredith held that "the necessity of the thing requires an estimation by items of the sums required for school purposes, just such as the council must have for the purpose of striking their rate," pointing out at the same time that these items should be furnished by the board to the council for their powers and in good faith.

The judgment is therefore conclusively in favor of the absolute independence of the board.

The newspaper comments and reported interviews with some of the aldermen lead me to believe that the judgment is misunderstood by the public, and it seems necessary to make this statement of the result of the suit, to avoid complications in the future.

Yours truly,
R. A. BAYLY,
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London, March 1, 1901.

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Meteorological.

Toronto, March 2, 8 p.m.—An important storm is now centered over the Straits of Mackinaw, attended over the lake region by high winds and snow and rain, and these stormy conditions will rapidly spread to Eastern Canada. A pronounced cold wave is following the storm, indicating another cold period for all portions of Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-46; Kamloops, 40-44; Calgary, 2-40; Qu'Appelle, 2 below-22; Port Arthur, 14-36; Sault Ste. Marie, 10-32; Toronto, 10-42; Montreal, zero-28; Quebec, 12 below-16; Halifax, 10-32.

Local temperature—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Saturday, March 2, were 36 and 15.5 above; on Sunday, March 3, 47 and 6.5 above.

Today (Monday) the sun rose at 6:50 a.m. and sets at 6:10 p.m. The moon rose at 5:54 p.m. and sets at 6:08 a.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET.

—Mr. O. H. Falls has gone to Montreal.

—Mr. Cecil W. Brown, life insurance agent, of Stratford, is in the city.

—Mr. F. A. Fitzgerald, of this city, is expected home from England in ten days.

—Mr. Alex. Smith, Liberal organizer, of Toronto, was in the city Saturday.

—Mr. Malcolm McQuigan, M. P., of South Middlesex, was in the city Saturday.

—Miss Edna McIntyre, of Stratford, is visiting Miss Eva Millburn, on Mill street.

—A young man named Tibbs fell at the Princess Rink Saturday night and broke his shoulder blade.

—Rev. A. R. Park, of Denfield, has been visiting Mr. B. C. Latta, on Oxford street, during the week.

—Dr. Pardee Bucke, of this city, has left for New York, where he will spend several weeks walking the hospitals.

—Miss Annie Wilkins, of South London, was called to Lucan Friday, owing to the illness of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Orme.

—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in three of the Presbyterian churches of this city yesterday—St. Andrew's, Knox and King Street.

Rev. Dr. Robert Johnston, of St. Andrew's Church, is to lecture in the Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Tuesday evening next on "Scottish Heroes in Church and State."

—Special sermons were preached yesterday at the Empress Avenue Methodist Church by Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, of Toronto, formerly of this city. He will lecture there this evening.

—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Waterman left this forenoon for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they will make a six weeks' stay. Mrs. Waterman also left on a visit to her son in Toronto.

—The soldiers' concert committee will meet next week to finally close up the matter. There has been considerable delay owing to the ticket-holders failing to make returns promptly.

—Port Hope Guide: Mr. Thos. Mulhern and family, who have been residing in town (Dorset street) for the past year, left at noon Friday for London, Ont.

—Rev. J. McD. Kerr, the evangelist, continued his special services in Colborne Street Methodist Church yesterday, delivering impressive discourses before large congregations morning, afternoon and evening.

—The Stratford train on the G. T. R. out of here this morning went on to

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Toronto, owing to a slight accident on the main line. A freight train broke in two, and several cars were derailed. No one was injured.

—At the annual exhibition of the Ontario Society of Artists, in progress at Toronto, the Mail says: "Miss Caroline Farncomb, of London, displays a couple of pieces which show her to be a mistress of still life and animal painting."

—The amount of stock subscribed for the bringing of the Ronald Fire Engine Company of Brussels, to this city, has about been exhausted, and the promoters of the deal are quite confident of closing up the deal within a few weeks.

—On Friday evening a number of young ladies and gentlemen of John Marshall & Co.'s hat and cap factory enjoyed a sleigh ride around the city, and afterwards drove to Mr. Jones' residence in West London, where they were entertained.

—Rev. J. W. Holmes, pastor of the Askin Street Methodist Church, preached a very thoughtful sermon upon the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God. An excellently rendered number was given by a quartet of the choir, the Misses Philip and Messrs. Fred Wilson and Turner.

—Rev. Mr. Murphy addressed the congregation at St. James (Anglican) Church yesterday. His subject in the morning was "The Lord's Supper," and in the evening "The Laodicean Church." In the afternoon a meeting was held. Quite an interest is being taken in these services, and the congregations during the present week bid fair to be large.

—Mr. George Poole Secord died on Thursday night at the family residence in St. Thomas, from the effects of spinal meningitis. Deceased was born in St. Catharines 46 years ago. His parents reside in this city. Mr. Secord followed the railroad business all his life, formerly being employed on the G. W. R. and G. T. R., and was 18 years with the M. C. R. He leaves a wife and one son.

—Mr. Harry Blount left London by C. P. R. on Saturday, for Ottawa, to take a position in connection with the census staff. Previous to his departure, his colleagues of The Advertiser editorial staff, with others who were present from the staffs of the other city dailies, tendered him a pleasant little farewell dinner at the Palace Cafe, at which cordial expressions were given to the good-will entertained toward the parting guest.

—James Ronald, of Innerkip, who died on Thursday night, from a gripe, was 80 years of age, and was born near Aberdeen, Scotland, coming to Canada 45 years ago. For 31 years he lived at Innerkip. For the first 15 years of his life he owned and operated with his brother George a flour mill. The latter part of his life he lived in comparative retirement. He was a zealous, useful member of the Presbyterian Church. One brother, George, and two sisters, Mrs. Johnston, of this city, and Christine, unmarried, who lived with him, survive him.

MAY REINLIST.
The one year of enlistment or the Third Royal Canadian Regiment, doing duty at Halifax, expires March 6, and the men have been offered a chance to re-enlist for three years' service. They have been offered the post at Malta if they will accept the offer of the imperial government, and from what can be learned a majority of the men have signified their willingness to see more of the British service.

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.
A special meeting of No. 3 committee was held Saturday to readjust the contracts for street watering, as Contractor Hyslop had received more districts than he could attend to. The readjusted contracts were as follows: Sections 1 and 2, J. G. Orchard; 3 and 4, Thomas Morkin; 5 and 6, Bibbings & Son; 7 and 8, Baldwin & Baldwin; 9, Thomas Fox; 10 and 11, John Hyslop; asphalt pavement, Harry Wallace.

The committee also received Chief Roe's estimate for a chemical engine, the cost of installing it at the hall and maintaining it. The total, \$4,450, will be placed in the estimates.

AUTOMOBILES.
Postmaster Browne met Postmaster-General Mulock recently and suggested that London have an automobile, as they have in Toronto, to collect the mails. He was assured that as soon as it was learned that one would operate more satisfactorily than the present system, it would be sent here by the government. Mr. Browne will report upon the matter. If the change were made, the boxes would be located in more direct routes.

CHICAGO'S LONDON OLD BOYS.
Mr. W. A. Small, secretary of the London Old Boys' Association of Chicago, was recently presented with a purse of \$100 in gold. The Western British-American says the gift was "in

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recognition of the yeoman service which he did in bringing to a successful issue the largest excursion that has ever been made to Canada under the auspices of any Canadian-American society." The presentation was made on behalf of the association by President Thomas Weston. Arrangements are under way to, if possible, eclipse the magnificent excursion of last year, when two trainloads of ex-Londoners were brought out of Chicago to this city.

WINDSOR BOYS COME TO ENLIST.
Detroit Free Press, March 4: A large number of people gathered at the Grand Trunk Railway depot, Windsor, yesterday, to witness the departure of three Windsor boys for London, where they will enlist in the South African Constabulary force. Their names are Marks, Lynch and Senger, and they will be followed today by several more appointed of the 21st Regiment who have been accepted by the War Department. A young man named Gascoe was stopped at the train by his father, as the latter opposed his going. The young man is under 21 years of age and he obeyed his parents, although he pleaded until train time to go with the other boys.

A GOOD RAILWAYMAN.
Toronto World: Mr. William G. Farrell, who has been yardmaster of the G. T. R. in Hamilton for the past year and a half, came yesterday to Toronto, he having been appointed yardmaster here, to succeed E. A. Mowbray, who has received another appointment. Mr. Farrell has been in the employ of the company many years, starting in the service in the parcel office in London, when a boy of 14 years. He was later promoted to a brakeman and was soon promoted to the position of conductor. Some years ago the London yard became tied up and he went to the relief of the yardmen, and straightened out the tangle, and was made yardmaster there. From London he was sent to Hamilton as yardmaster, and now he has been promoted to Toronto at a large salary, the yards here being the most important on the system in Canada.

LONDON POULTRYMEN.
The regular monthly meeting of the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association, which was held last week, was largely attended, and three new members, Messrs. Wm. Pulver, F. A. Andrews and Albert Hunter, were elected. Six specimens of Wyandottes were shown by Messrs. Wray Bros. and Southcott and Bartlett were considered, being scored by Messrs. Newton Cash, James Arthurs and Albert Hunter, whose work was subsequently criticized by president McNeill. The object of these exhibits is to instruct the members in the standard requirements of the breeds. The breed to be discussed at the next meeting is the Leghorn. Messrs. Oke and Cash gave short reports of the New York show, the latter comparing it with the Boston show. It was stated by the president that the matter of having single express rates on live birds restored to the Stock Commissioner. Hodson at the last meeting of the Ontario Poultry Association, and he was not aware what steps he had taken.

PASSED ANOTHER MILESTONE.
Anniversary Services at Adelaide Street Baptist Church—Rev. W. T. Graham of Brantford, in the Pulpit.

Rev. W. T. Graham, of Brantford, a brother of Principal R. M. Graham, of this city, and a preacher of marked ability, occupied the pulpit of Adelaide Street Baptist Church yesterday, morning and evening. The occasion was the 10th anniversary of opening the church's present place of worship, and there was a good attendance at each service. Rev. Mr. Graham is a fluent and forcible speaker, with a remarkably rapid delivery. He is happy in his way of illustrating and simplifying his meaning; at times epigrammatic, and then again indulging in bursts of earnest eloquence. The preacher's morning discourse was based on II. Timothy, iv., 6-8, as found in the revised version: "For I am already being offered and the time of my departure is come. I have fought the good fight," etc. After referring to Paul's devoted life, from its inception to its close, the preacher dealt with these farewell words of the apostle from Timothy—as "the language of

A CRAVING.
Nature Hints to Us of Food That Is Needed.

It is interesting to know that food alone, if of the right kind, will surely cure most diseases.

A young lady in Corry, Pa., was seriously ill as the result of two serious falls, and from overwork, was an invalid for five years. She says: "It was impossible to gain strength. I had to lie down most of every afternoon whether I had company, work or pleasure I wanted ever so much to enjoy."

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devotion to God approving retrospection, joyous anticipation, and encouragement for active believers." He spoke of Luther, Cary, Judson, and many others as men who were inspired and controlled by Paul's spirit of devotion—offering up or pouring out their lives in work for the Master. In dealing with the subject of retrospection the preacher said: We should not forget that influence is immortal, and should so use it that when standing on the border line of eternity we could, like Paul, look back with complacency on our life's work, and be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith." The world, the flesh and the devil must be fought and conquered. The Christian must run the race that is set before him—not the race that he would lay out for himself. The course is marked by Christ's own footsteps. No other course will do. The faith to be kept is the doctrine of the cross, unmingled with man's traditions or inventions. "It is easy to draw the crowds," said the preacher "but not so easy to save them." The church is strong only as it stands by the doctrine of "Christ and him crucified." The Christian who preaches or exemplifies the Gospel is not responsible for results but for fidelity, and at the last will be rewarded with "the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will give at that day" * * * to all them that have loved his appearing."

Rev. Mr. Graham's evening sermon was a fitting sequel to his morning discourse, his text being Galatians, vii., 15: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Jesus Christ." The preacher spoke of how ordinary places and things were brought into prominence by the circumstances thrown around them, illustrating the cross, which was no more to the Jew than the gallows is now to the Christian—yet it had become the symbol of all that is elevating and ennobling in life. The reasons why Paul gloried in the cross of Christ were these: "The cross was the highest manifestation of God's love to mankind; it was the satisfaction of God's justice; it was the only way back to God, and it was the only hope of the world." Each of these points was dealt with in a striking and vigorous manner, the preacher closing with an earnest appeal to the unconverted to believe in the crucified Christ and to accept him as their Saviour.

The choir and the junior male quartet, with Miss Rendell at the organ, furnished appropriate music. Collections were taken up in aid of the building fund.

Those "Doctored" Declarations.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In justice to the citizens of London, especially the hockey enthusiasts, as well as myself, I think they should know the reason an effort had been made to place Stratford under the "ban," and my connection therewith.

You, of course, are aware, that London was expelled from the O. H. A. on a complaint laid by Stratford, upon the investigation of which London was accused of having put in spurious affidavits, the truth or falsity of which I know nothing whatever.

The hockey enthusiasts of Tavistock (among whom were the signers of the alleged "doctored" declarations) learning the meanness of Stratford in laying a complaint against London for doing the same thing that they were doing themselves, and in the interest of "fair play," wrote to Mr. Hern, one of the London team, asking that London send some one to Tavistock, and they would divulge sufficient information to throw Stratford. Upon receipt of the letter a member of the hockey club called upon me to know if I would go to Tavistock and see these parties and obtain from them the facts, and if considered sufficient to put same in shape of declaration. This I agreed to do upon my fee and expenses being paid.

Outside of this I had no interest whatever in the matter and took no interest in the game. I accordingly went to Tavistock, accompanied by Mr. Hern, who knew the parties, and the first man met in Tavistock was Dr. Wagner. He was glad we had come, and asked if we had received the letter. He then proceeded to give me the facts in detail, as set out in his declaration, which he declared to be true before me as a notary public. He then went out, and one by one brought in the other parties, and each related what he knew about the different transactions, and each was duly sworn. All these declarations are precisely in the same condition now as when signed and declared to be true, although apparently contradicted by affidavits obtained by Stratford. It is, however, significant that the parties accused of being paid for their services and playing under assumed names, have not seen fit to deny the charges on affidavit or otherwise.

I cannot understand how Stratford could induce these Tavistock men to make contradictory statements, and I doubt if they did, as they appeared to me to be honest and reliable. If, however, they have done so, you will find no one more anxious for their prosecution than the writer. In fact, I may state I have written to the crown authorities urging a strict inquiry and the retention of the Stratford affidavits for

future proceedings. I have also written my agents in Toronto and Stratford for information upon which I can commence proceedings intended ultimately to unveil all the facts. Trusting your readers will have patience to wait results, and thanking you for space, I remain, yours truly,
J. W. G. WINNETT.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. Wagner, in answer to an inquiry from me if he was prepared to stand by the statement made in the declaration drawn up by me. The following is a copy of the letter:

"Tavistock, Ont., Feb. 28.
"Mr. Winnett: Dear Sir—Yours to hand, and in reply will say that Eckstein and myself and the others are willing to go before the O. H. A. or to any court, and swear the truth to what has happened in Tavistock, as Riley Hern knows just as much about things as we do. I remain, yours truly,
"(Signed) JACOB WAGNER, V.S."

WOULD NOT BE CARVED.
Bay St. Paul Merchant Refuses to Allow the Doctors to Perform an Operation—He Is Well Now.

Bay St. Paul, Que., March 4.—Our general storekeeper, Mr. Arthur Fortin, is a married man, aged about forty-two. Life is very dear to him, yet, when the doctors, four or five of them, wanted him to submit to an operation, and all declared that it was the only way his life could be saved, he refused point blank and dismissed them. He had tried everything for his Kidney Disease and was much disheartened.

"I have been troubled with kidney trouble all my life," says Mr. Fortin. "I had tried all the medicines I had seen advertised, but none helped me. I had consulted four or five doctors, and they all wanted to perform an operation. They said it was the only way my life could be saved. I would not submit to it."

"Just then, I saw an advertisement of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and determined, although discouraged, to make one more try, and this would be the last. They cured me completely."

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Sterner was poor, caring little for dress, and rarely ever left his books. He ate at Randall Hall, and spent on an average about 12 cents a day. He would buy a bowl of soup and a few slices of graham bread. He was a vegetarian, and would eat no meat. On this he worked twelve and fifteen hours a day over his mathematics.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.
Moncton, N. B., March 3.—Wille McKelvie, 9 years of age, was playing with some companions on the railway track Saturday evening. A train came along and the boys jumped on to a snowbank. McKelvie rebounded on the track and the train cut both of his legs off. He died shortly after.

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