

No More Voting In the Schools

D. W. Higgins Lodges a Timely Protest With Board of School Trustees.

Teachers To Be Instructed Not to Allow Ballots During Election Contests.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Probably the chief matter discussed at yesterday evening's meeting of the Board of School Trustees was that raised by D. W. Higgins, who sent a communication to the board protesting against the practice of permitting the school children to poll a vote at the time of an exciting election contest. After considerable debate, a motion was passed instructing the various teachers to "cut out" all election contests in future.

Trustee Drury presided, and there were present also: Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Boggs, Hall, Jay, Huggett and Supt. Eaton.

D. W. Higgins wrote as follows:

To the Victoria, B. C., Oct. 12, 1906.

To the City Board of School Trustees:

Dear Madam:

I am a member of the first Colonial Board of Education which laid broad and deep the foundations of our schools in British Columbia, as its former member in British Columbia, as Victoria School Board, as a taxpayer, and as the father of a child who will be one of the members of his family attending at the Victoria Public City Centre to enter a remembrance of the introduction of politics into the curriculum.

I am informed that on Thursday, the 11th inst., the names of the departmental members of the Central School Board were written on the blackboard, and blank papers were distributed to the pupils, who were instructed to select four names from among those appearing on the board, and write them on the paper provided for the purpose in a place indicated. When all had done so, the names were counted, and the result announced.

and on the result of the balloting I am
entirely satisfied. I wish to offer my in-
dividual opinion that the present system
which permits the introduction of politi-
cal polemics among the youth of ten-
dency to create a false system of
public with confidence and to inspire
the promotion of harmony and goodwill
among the pupils. Indeed, animosities
will be engendered and the system of
practice which may be maintained af-
ter life.

It is worthy to think that the voting was
done without the knowledge or consent
of your honourable body or that of your
worthy superintendent, and I write to
you to inform you of the conditions with
a view to prevent a recurrence of prac-
tice which, I must be pardoned for say-
ing, is pernicious in its tendency and may
be dangerous.

Respectfully yours,
J. H. ...

D. W. HIGGINS.
Mrs. Jenkins understood that instructions had been issued against taking notes in schools.
Trustee Boggs said, on taking a seat on the board, he had moved a resolution condemning the practice. Mr. Higgins' letter touched a very vital issue, and he moved that in future no more balance be taken in the school.
Dr. Hall agreed with the remarks of a previous speaker, though he was not in favor of admitting that such a balance was taken in the school. Politics could be kept out of the schools.
Supt. Eaton said he understood that the Central school it had been the intention to build for the purpose of conducting purely educational purposes. The school was a secret one and a very small one. He held some contests on the grounds that the children were enlightened as to the election method.

Trustee Soggs motion carried.

Trustee Soggs then asked the Trustees to purchase a new heating apparatus. Trustees Leske and Cook of Vancouver, and the heating apparatus at the high school, and they reported that they had been in contact with the manufacturer in thorough working order.

Misses Marchant and Sylvester asked for a resolution to be passed.

Trustee Hall moved that the letters filed and the teachers informed that the present time no increase could be granted.

Trustee Jay said he did not think the board at the present time could sustain the question of increasing salaries.

Chairman Drury pointed out that the teachers would have to be answered before the board could take any action in the matter.

Trustee Hall's motion carried.

A. A. Drury, the superintendent, treated his child who was receiving at the 17th Ward school, and asked for its attendance at the Rock Bay school.

Trustee Soggs said that he had no objection to the matter, and did not think the

complaint was justified. The board then voted to suspend the financial report for the month, recommending the payment of accounts amounting to \$506.22, accepted.

The commission of the Board, Mr. Blinn and the Manual Training School, addressed a meeting explaining certain reforms which he suggested in the operation of the Public Schools. The reforms suggested were not now being carried on on an unlimited plan. He suggested that separate classes be held for these children, and that Mrs. Jenkins understood matters, now was now responsible for the classes in iron and brass work.

Dr. Drury, Mr. Blinn and the Manual Training School, addressed a meeting to be responsible for the carrying out the manual training work. He was determined to see that the children had instruction and support separate classes.

perpetrated Eaton will, with Mr. E. spoke into the matter further and read a letter from the Board of Education in a question of privilege. Trustee Boggs then attention to the cartoon which appeared in the Colonist on the day of election. It was most unjust and uncalled for. A member of the Board had opposed the segregation of the Chinese in the public schools. Trustee Jay asked if the health officer reported on the condition of the health of the North Ward school. He was answered that the negative.

Trustee Jay then transacting some further business and an important character, the Board adjourned.

AMERICAN RETALIATION.

intervalling Duty Sought to be Applied Against Canadian Steel.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Complaint has been made to the United States Treasury Department that the Dominion Iron and Steel Company of Canada, has been receiving bounty-paid steel from the United States. It is claimed that the Dominion government pays a bounty of \$2 per ton on pig iron and \$2 more on steel produced from this iron, mak-

a total bounty of \$4, and that this
 be brought into the United States.
 The assayed gold bars were com-
 mitted to the countervailing duty
 bounty-paid products should be
 cleared by this steel.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
FIRE AT ABERDEEN.

Aberdeen, Oct. 16.—A destructive fire is
 raging at Aberdeen. A special in-
 vestigation has been made as to the
 cause of the fire, which broke out in
 the Dix block, and that three principal
 causes have been found. The first
 was that the bays had been totally de-
 stroyed including the opera house, hotel,
 bank and one hundred houses.

The fire is spreading to the residence portion. Four fatalities have been reported. The total loss is placed at \$100,000.



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d them in a piece of rich, and in August he peddled out to Salem and Kimmunity, his neighbors. Later, growth than the local market their husbands, and with the assurance of a neat check for their wagon loads the wives shop industriously. The little restaurant close to the railroad is thronged with farmers by noon. The railroad

will they send us next
However, he took one of
the things to a fancy gro-
cery where they split it open,
little salt at hazard, and

TATOOSH REPORT.

Tatoosh, Oct. 16.-6 p. m.—Clear, east wind thirty-six miles an hour. Inward, British steamer Arab, from San Francisco for Puget Sound at 7 a. m. Outward Swedish

Mrs. Tydince—Margaret, how does it happen that you have washed the windows in the dining room on only one side? Margaret—I suppose, mum, that's what you wanted. I washed them inside so you

"I now smiles. In none in-
 the melons were yielding a
 price than at present, an
 other me. When I was a little boy I
 didn't bother my papa with questions.
 Willie—Maybe if you had, pa, you'd be
 able to answer mine.—Philadelphia Ledger.