

WILL TEACHERS GET INCREASES ASKED?

In secret session School Board discusses the Question—No Decision is Arrived at—Board in Quagmire Over Funds Which They Wish to Hold.

For over two hours and a half last night the public school board, in special session, wrestled with the request of the teachers of the Edmonton high and public schools for an increase in salaries, and at the end of that time appeared to be no nearer a solution of the problem than at the commencement of the discussion.

The matter was finally laid over for consideration at the regular session of the board next Thursday night, when it is probable that it will finally be disposed of.

The press was excluded from the session, but it is understood, however, that the board, as a whole, is unfavorable to granting the increases requested.

Last night's special meeting of the board was called as a result of a joint meeting of the teachers' committee and school management committee held last Saturday afternoon. At this meeting the teachers presented a schedule of wages, calling for substantial increases all round, together with an explanation as to why they considered the raise necessary under present conditions. The school management committee deferred the matter until last night's special meeting.

Increase in Salaries. The schedule of teachers' salaries as presented to the board last night, calls for a maximum salary for a high school principal of \$2,500 and a maximum salary of \$2,000 to be reached after eight years' service. The present maximum salary for this position is \$2,000, reached by yearly increases of \$100 to the initial salary.

The schedule demands that the principals of public schools and high school assistants, holding first class certificates or university degrees be paid a minimum salary of \$1,800, instead of \$1,400 as at present. The minimum salary fixed for grade teachers in the new schedule is \$750 with a maximum of \$1,100. This is a 25 per cent increase as compared with present with a minimum of \$600 and a maximum of \$800. Corresponding increases are asked for other grades of teachers.

Reasons for Increases. Several reasons are given by the teachers for their request for increased salaries. Perhaps the most potent reason mentioned is the increased cost of living in Edmonton. They also point to the fact that a higher scale of wages prevails in other western cities than in Edmonton.

Acting Chairman W. H. Clark reached this important item of business at 8:30 p.m. and the board immediately went into a committee of the whole to discuss the matter. It was almost twelve o'clock when adjournment was moved and the four trustees left Secretary Brady's office to meet again next Wednesday night. Those present were W. H. Clark, Barnes, Ramsey, W. H. Cushing and Superintendent McCaig.

Re Separation School Tax. Another important matter which came before the board last night was brought up by a letter from Short, Cross, Baker and Co., asking for the separate school board. Information was asked for concerning the school taxes paid by a number of business places in the city, which had not exercised their privilege of stating whether they desired the taxes paid to the public or separate school board. In such cases the provincial act provides that the taxes shall be equally divided between the two boards.

If this is found necessary it will mean a serious loss and possibly a deficit for the year for the Edmonton Public School Board, because no provision was made for such a contingency when the board submitted its estimate for the year. The letter was referred to the city solicitor and will probably be dealt with at the next meeting, when his advice has been received.

Board in New Hall. A letter was read from Mayor Armstrong asking for information as to the amount of floor space occupied by the school board in the new hall, in which this floor space is divided and the total rental paid for the rooms. It was anticipated that this information was being asked for with a view to providing accommodation for the school board in the new city hall.

In discussing the letter, Trustee Clark gave it as his opinion that the school board should have its own building. Trustee Cushing took a similar view. It was pointed out that it would be hard to supply adequate accommodation for the school board officials in the new city hall.

Amalgamated School Board. Another question which occupied the attention of the board was that of a joint school board for Greater Edmonton when amalgamation goes into effect. The opinion of the Edmonton board appears to be that the new board should be increased to seven with two representatives from the south side of the river. The only difficulty anticipated in the way of joining the two boards is that some objection may be raised that the representation from the south side of the river is insufficient. A committee of all the members of the board was appointed to meet the committee in legislation at the legislative buildings on Monday next.

New School on H.B. Reserve. The question of a large new school somewhere on the Hudson Bay Reserve was brought up by a communication from the Hudson Bay Company. If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy makes it especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.

BIG HARDWARE FIRM COMES TO EDMONTON

Marshall-Wells Hardware Co. Have Bought Out Hardware Interests of John Somerville & Co.—Will Enlarge the Business Here.

Marshall-Wells Hardware Co. has bought the interest of John Somerville & Sons in the Somerville Hardware Co., Ltd. Mr. Somerville, Sr., with his sons, John Somerville, Jr., and Frank B. Somerville, have built up a fine business, and have taken a prominent part in the development of the trade at Edmonton. They have disposed of their interest in the Somerville Hardware Co. on account of their other large business interests, which require their attention.

The new management will continue the business, both wholesale and retail, under the same name. Two streets will be added to the store building on First street. A warehouse for heavy goods will be built on the company's property at the corner of Second and Columbia streets.

The Marshall-Wells Hardware Co. with four houses at Duluth, Portland, Spokane and Winnipeg, is well known as one of the largest hardware companies in the States, and in Canada. They recognize the wonderful development of the Canadian North-West, and the great possibilities of Edmonton, as a distributing centre, and they enter this field with the purpose of enlarging their plant and carrying a stock of goods adequate to the demands of this growing country. They believe that the expansion of their business here will help to build up the jobbing business in Edmonton, not only in hardware, but in all other lines.

The officers of the Somerville Hardware Co. will be: Seth Marshall, Duluth, president; H. Annis, Winnipeg, vice-president; C. M. Rice, secretary; and Frank B. Somerville, president.

Mr. R. C. Hooper, who has in charge of the Marshall-Wells company's office at Seattle, will be manager. Mr. J. L. Chandler, Duluth, O. J. Jarrell, buyer, and W. A. Klags, manager of the retail department.

The Messrs. Somerville in retiring, feel very gratified over the business they have developed, and predict a much more rapid development of the new management, with the increased facilities they will have, and the capable organization under which the business will be conducted.

They wish, in retiring from commercial life, to thank everybody who has helped them in the past, and to commend the same to the new organization. The Messrs. Somerville will be maintaining their residence here and continue their residence in Edmonton.

GOVERNMENT WILL AID CALGARY SANATORIUM

Delegation of Ladies Representing Women's Club of Calgary, on General Inquiry into Conditions of Sanatorium, and Receive Assurance of Aid in Humanitarian Project.

Promise of government assistance in the building and maintenance of a sanatorium for consumptives in Calgary was given yesterday by the delegation of ladies who waited on Premier Sifton yesterday at his office in the legislative buildings. The ladies were acting as representatives of the Women's Canadian club of Calgary. There were three in the delegation, Mrs. Judge Smart, Mrs. Harold Riley and Mrs. Cruikshank.

The Women's Canadian club, of Calgary has launched a movement for the building of a sanatorium for consumptives in Calgary, of a type suitable for the treatment of consumptive patients. The claims of a project for government aid were laid before the premier this morning by the delegation. The members were well satisfied with the promise of assistance given. They were assured that the government would contribute one-quarter of the cost of building the sanatorium and would make a grant for maintenance on the basis of 50 cents per day per patient, similar to the grant made to the ordinary public hospitals for the care of the sick.

KILLED MAN WITH AN AXE

London, Ont., Dec. 15.—Daniel Reynolds, a junk dealer of Hamilton road, killed a man named Fred Culbert outside of Graham's Hotel, at Portersburg, last night. The man, it is said, was answering over a gun belonging to Reynolds when the latter seized an axe and brought it down on Culbert's head with such force that he instantly died.

The victim was about thirty years old and the prisoner gives his name as thirty-seven.

Mrs. Curie in a Scandal. The name of Mme. Curie, the discoverer of radium and one of the most eminent professors of chemistry at the College of France, was cited today in a petition filed in the divorce court by the wife of Professor Langouin, also professor of general and experimental physics at the College of France. Mme. Langouin asks a petition for separation and custody of her children.

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(From Thursday's Daily.) Fourteen of the finest Suffolk Punch bred over brought to Canada are now stabled at the O.K. Stables, on First street, just north of the C.N.R. tracks. The horses are the property of C. W. Baker and C. H. Hunt, of Port Saskatchewan, who have imported them direct from Suffolk County, England. They will be removed in a few days to the farm on the north side of the Saskatchewan river, near the railway bridge, where Messrs. Baker and Hunt have a large number of the Suffolk Punch stock.

The best stables in Suffolk have been selected for the purpose of raising such specimens of the famous Suffolk breed which they have brought to Alberta. The horses have attracted much attention since their arrival in Edmonton a few days ago, as they are practically the first Suffolk Punch horses true to type that have been seen in the province.

Ministry Inspect Animals. The animals have been inspected by the Hon. Duhan Marshall, minister of agriculture, the Hon. A. J. McLean, provincial secretary, and one of the big ranchers of the south, J. W. Woolf, M.P.P. Cardston, a noted horse-fancier, Frank Walker, M.P.P., Fort Saskatchewan, and W. P. Puffer, M.P.P., Lacanora. All these gentlemen, who are skilled judges of horses, are very liberal in their praises of the Suffolk horses.

It is the conviction of the importers that the Suffolk Punch is better adapted to general purpose work, such as agriculture, stock raising, and other lines of industry in Alberta, than any of the breeds which are now popular. To introduce the Suffolk Punch into the province is to introduce a breed of horses which are very tractable, while highly spirited.

The report of the department of neglected children in the province of Alberta brings out some interesting facts. In a total of 616 children dealt with on the grounds of delinquency there are 300 males and 316 females and sixteen religions represented. The offenses that were dealt with comprise mischief, theft, incorrigibility, vagrancy, immorality and forgery. Theft exceeds all the other crimes. Next to that comes mischief and next to that comes immorality. The subsequent history of these children shows that 502 were satisfactory.

The ages of the children dealt with show that the danger period lies between the ages of eleven and sixteen. If you would keep your boy from doing anything that might result in delinquency during that period, the danger seems to be the unalike age, for this year at any rate, as a larger number of boys were dealt with at that age as delinquents than any other two ages combined.

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It is most evident that the price of good citizenship has to be paid by the parents if their children are going to be good citizens. The price is the attention of the parent to the child, and the child to the parent, and the child to the parent, and the child to the parent.

RESTRICT CLASS OF HOUSES NEAR PARKS

New Parks Commission May Take Up Suggestion to Acquire Property Surrounding Parks, and Thereby Be Able to Restrict Class of Houses Built.

(From Thursday's Daily.) One of the matters to be brought to the attention of the parks commission when this body commences its duties will be a suggestion that the property immediately surrounding that park be acquired by the city. The suggestion was made by Comptroller Candy yesterday morning in the course of an informal discussion of the question of park improvements. The commissioner contends that the property adjoining the parks is in a state of neglect, and that therefore the city should derive some share of the increased value thus effected.

LAC-STE ANNE FARMER FOUND DEAD IN BED

John B. McFarland, Home Steadier, Found in His House by Neighbors—Cause and Police Decide That Inquest is Unnecessary.

(From Thursday's Daily.) John B. McFarland, a homesteader residing near Lac Ste. Anne, was found dead in bed last Monday. Corner Forth and the Mounted Police instituted investigation, with the result that death was declared to be due to natural causes. McFarland had not been seen about his home for a day or so, and his absence from the scene of his usual labors prompted neighbors to enter the house, where they discovered that he had passed away. A son of the deceased, living at Scotts Mills, Oregon, was notified of his father's death, and wired back directing that inquest take place at Lac Ste. Anne, which will be done.

AGAIN CHANGED HER MIND

Deserted Place at Altar But Afterwards Surprises Friends and Relatives.

Society by Marrying Him, London, Dec. 14.—Lady Gonsalves Rajab, half sister of the Earl of Liverpool, who was married to a man named Mr. Turner, a well-known social reformer, yesterday by marrying him. After Lady Gonsalves' father to a church, she disappeared from London and it was later announced that she had mysteriously changed her mind.

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WILL UNITE CITIES BEFORE THE NEW YEAR

Council Has Received Assurance From Premier Sifton That Every Effort Will Be Made To Pass the Amalgamation Act Before Close of This Session.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The council of the city of Edmonton has received assurance from Premier Sifton that every effort will be made to pass the amalgamation act before the close of this session. The assurance was given by Premier Sifton to the mayor and council at the meeting of the council on Monday. Premier Sifton expressed himself as entirely optimistic as to the passage of the act, and stated that he would be glad to see it become law before the new year.

OBJECTIONS MUST BE RECORDED ON MONDAY

Amalgamation Bill Will Be Considered by Municipal Law Committee Monday—Objections Must Be Made This Day—Will Become Law Before Christmas.

(From Friday's Daily.) Objections to the extension of the city boundaries provided for by the amalgamation act, must be brought to the attention of the Provincial Legislature on Monday next, when the bill will be considered by the Legislative Council. The following notice, calling the attention of property owners concerned to this fact, has been issued by City Solicitor Brown:

The bill for the amalgamation of the cities of Edmonton and Strathcona will be considered by the Legislative Council on Monday, the 18th day of December instant, at 10:30 a.m. As it is proposed to extend the limits of the united city by taking in Calder, North Edmonton and other considerable territory on both the north and south side of the river, all property holders within the territory proposed to be added who have objections to or representations to make in respect to the proposed extension of boundaries are particularly requested to attend.

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TO MAKE NO DRASTIC CHANGE IN CHARTER

Council Will Not Assume Powers of Commissioners—Prop Amalgamation After Conference—Exhibition Association Ask for a Grant of \$15,000.

(From Thursday's Daily.) As a result of a conference held last evening between a committee of the board of trade and the city council, the latter body agreed to modify the proposed amendments to the city charter so that the powers of the city commissioners may be less seriously endangered than would have been the case if the amendments as originally proposed were passed. The committee of the board of trade, which sat in council for two hours, was composed of President P. M. Morgan, Wm. Short, K.C., and A. C. Frazer.

A Prolonged Discussion. After a prolonged discussion, in which at times the long-dead Bouillon controversy threatened to raise its ugly head, the council finally decided to abandon the proposed amendments providing that the council may be empowered by a two-thirds vote to assume the powers and duties allotted by the charter to the city commissioners. Mr. Short pointed out to the council that this step would be nothing more than an abrogation of the basic principle of the charter, also that it was entirely contrary to the view expressed by the board of trade at the meeting held recently in the city hall.

The provision to be made for the dismissal of a commissioner was also the subject of a long discussion, which resulted finally in a radical change in the proposed amendment. As originally proposed, the amendment provided that the cause requiring that a commissioner shall be dismissed only "for cause satisfactory to the council," be struck out, and that the dismissal be effected by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote. Mr. Short, who was supported by Ald. Hyndman, urged that the position of commissioner should be one of such importance that the reason for his dismissal should be placed before the council and thus be made known to the public. Most of the aldermen expressed themselves as entirely opposed to any arrangement which would require a lengthy trial before a commissioner could be dismissed. Finally it was decided to word this amendment as follows: "Shall hold office during the pleasure of the council and shall not be dismissed except by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the council, the resolution dismissing to state the reason for the dismissal."

Another Change Made. Another change made in the proposed amendments was the striking out of the following words from the clause setting forth the qualifications for voters, "subjects of his majesty by birth or naturalization." A majority of the aldermen expressed the opinion that any man, whether a British subject or not, holding a property interest in the city, should enjoy the right of a franchise.

A delegation from the Edmonton Exhibition Association composed of A. E. Campbell, president, A. G. Harrison, manager, and James McGee, member of the board of directors, applied to the council for a grant of \$15,000, to be expended during a period of three years on buildings and other improvements in the exhibition park. President Campbell explained to the council that the cost of the park is \$15,000; machinery building, \$12,000; subway, \$10,000; boulevard and gravel walks, \$15,000; machinery shop, \$5,000; repairs and improvements to present buildings, \$5,000; sewerage system and drainage, \$15,000; stock pavilion, improvements and repairs, \$20,000.

To Elong for Future. The association does not ask for the whole of this amount at once, but has pointed out by its representatives that the balance of the amount would be available for expenditure during the next three years, so that plans for future development might be made.

The council, while fully sympathetic with the objects of the association, was of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to submit a by-law until after amalgamation, when the city would have an opportunity to vote. The city solicitor was therefore instructed to prepare a by-law to be submitted for the provisional approval of the council as soon as the two cities have been amalgamated.

An application of the Wisman Express and Livery Co. for a permit to erect a barn on the corner of Fourth street and Nelson avenue, protested by residents in the neighborhood, was granted.

A complaint of residents on Second street of the "general management" of the improvement on this street, was referred to the public works committee and city engineer for report.

On the recommendation of the industrial committee it was decided to grant to the P. Burns & Co. free water until August, 1912, and free light until May 31, 1914. After that date the ordinary rates will be charged. The amount of light and water to be granted free during this period is fixed and any quantity used above this amount will be charged for at the ordinary rates.

Ald. Dundy submitted a report setting forth the progress made in securing right of way for the driveway which it is proposed to construct along the river banks between the Clover Bar bridge and Big Island, and recommended that an appropriation of \$10,000 or \$15,000 be made for this work in next year's estimates. The report was laid on the table and the committee with the estimates for 1912.

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Get One Beautiful Calendar. THE KING AND QUEEN

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Queen's Avenue, (Near Jasper).

Presenting Local Option Fight. Toronto, Dec. 14.—Rev. Dr. T. A. Moore, general secretary of the Methodist Temperance and Moral Reform department, has been to Fort William, Fort Francis and other places in Northern Ontario in connection with the local option campaigns, and looking into the moral conditions in various towns. Rev. J. W. Aikens, field secretary, is just back from a trip of several weeks, in the course of which he was as far away as Victoria.

Regina Official Returns. Regina, Dec. 13.—F. J. Robinson, deputy provincial minister of education, has resigned his position for the purpose of assuming the management of three recently formed local financial companies. Auxiliary of the Regina Canadian Investment Company, Limited, of London, England.

The Initiative in Foreign Affairs. The initiative in foreign affairs was taken by the Executive—Is It Yours?

arrived here this evening at 7 o'clock for a visit to this city. Unusually kind words to the speaker, Henry W. Taft, on eighth street. Later in the evening in a speech in the city hall, he declared that if the Executive could be made to understand that the initiative in foreign affairs is the power of the Executive, he would be glad to see it.

The president had not what the senate would do to the Executive, the senators, in their powers or prerogatives ever name you might see, but the initiative in foreign affairs is the power of the Executive, he would be glad to see it.

Boy Victim of Frequent. The boy, Lyle N.D., De Knapp, 18 years old, small town on the Annetta Great Northern, met during the morning, he being sucked down into the water.

The accident occurred about 12:30. Knapp was the brother, Peter Knapp, the elevator, and when during the morning, it came clogged up and was to get them in working his hold and before he could get them out, he was found, but died being taken from the boat.

Fight Over Washburn. New York, Dec. 13.—A fight developed today in connection with the re-organization of the Washburn Railroad Co. by the Westinghouse Air Brake Co. The re-organization of the Washburn was referred to the committee on re-organization interests of the Equitable Co. last night.

Fielding Son-in-Law. Ottawa, Dec. 13.—A son-in-law of Hon. W. S. K. N. McFee, his son-in-law, was for some time in London for a recent mission.

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