

MILLER OPPOSES JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Believes New High School Plan Would Exceed Collegiate Expenses.

Principal Everett A. Miller, M.A., of the collegiate institute is opposed to the formation of junior high schools in London at the present time.

"Junior high schools would be much more expensive than the existing collegiate system," declared Mr. Miller to The Advertiser this morning, "and I personally am not working for such schools."

In affirming that the plan is not feasible, Mr. Miller explained that the term, junior high school, has been misused locally. In the United States, where such schools are common, they embrace what corresponds to the 7th and 8th grades in our public schools and the 1st and 2nd forms of the high schools. The junior high schools across the line have also technical equipment, so that the students can work with their hands as well as with their heads. Mr. Miller said that the plan to establish junior high schools in London is not feasible.

Two Not Enough.

In connection with the new Technical school at St. Thomas, a modified form of the junior high school plan is being adopted in that, after passing the high school entrance, all students will be divided into two groups. The Technical school for at least one year, and probably two, to secure some vocational training. At the end of this period the individual student can decide whether to continue at the Technical school or to transfer to the collegiate institute for more academic training.

Looking over the city in a casual manner, Mr. Miller voices the opinion that two junior high schools would not be sufficient in London to handle the situation. For two or more units there would be, of course, duplication of costly equipment, technical department, and the like. There would still be the big Central collegiate unit, which would have to accommodate 1,000 or more students. To secure collegiate instruction at the hands of the provincial department of education, a school must have at least five specialists as heads of various departments, a certain standard of equipment as to library, science laboratories and general accommodation, including a gymnasium and auditorium and must provide instruction in all courses for entrance into the university, including, of course, upper school work.

Not First-Class.

All secondary schools with four or more teachers would have according to department regulations, an auditorium of sufficient size to accommodate all the students attending the school as well as a gymnasium. Certainly a high school, as such, is not rated by the department as a first-class institution unless it has both auditorium and gymnasium. A high school need not, of necessity, have five specialists on its staff, need not teach upper school work, nor does it need such a standard of equipment for both a high school and a collegiate institute.

The possible department grants for a collegiate institute are considerably larger than those allowed for high schools.

There are only three cities in Ontario which have high schools at the present time. They are Belleville high school; Davenport high school, Toronto, and Oshawa high school.

137,000 CATTLE GRAZED IN COUNTY LAST YEAR

Increase Predicted This Season by Agricultural Office Here.

More than 137,000 head of cattle grazed on Middlesex county farms last year, according to statistics compiled by the dominion department of agriculture, and judging from reports received by R. A. Finn of the local branch of the department, there will be even more cattle on pasture this year.

While there are few cattle on pasture in the immediate vicinity of London, there are thousands of animals already on grass in North Middlesex in the Ailsa Craig and Parkhill districts.

FUNERAL OF W. F. YOUNG IS HELD IN GODERICH

The funeral of William F. Young, aged 69 years, who died on Saturday, was held this morning from the Roman Catholic church in Goderich to the Catholic cemetery at that place.

Besides his wife, Mr. Young leaves three sons, William, Francis and Rev. Fr. J. Young, of Wallaceburg, and three daughters, Mary, Irene and Gertrude.

CRUSADERS RED CROSS. The Crusaders Red Cross club, of Simcoe school, held their first meeting on Friday afternoon, May 15. The meeting was opened by singing O Canada, following which there was a violin solo by Leslie Robins. Evelyn Nicholson gave a butterfly garden and also that it is an unfair method of weakening the position of the two courses in the collegiate curriculum.

Two Men Meet Death When Speeders Crash

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 19.—A collision between two speeders on the Canadian railway single track line near Regent, Manitoba, cost the lives of two men. A third man was probably fatally injured.

The tragedy, which occurred late Saturday night, reached here yesterday. The dead are Joe Valeski, 21, and Alex Skonorski, 32.

John Zukanko is in the hospital at Souris with injuries to his head which are expected to be fatal.

A coroner's jury yesterday decided the deaths were accidental.

Theatre Guide

THE CAPITOL

Alice Terry in "Sackcloth and Scarlet."

LOEWS

Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadian orchestra and two other acts of vaudeville.

Paramount film "The Little French Girl."

CAIRNCROSS HAS PLAN TO SAVE CITY \$585,000



SIR GEORGE LLOYD, former governor of Bombay, who has been named to succeed Viscount Allenby as British high commissioner for Egypt.

Would Add Two Wings to Central Collegiate Building.

ACCOMMODATE 1,010

Keep Rectory Street and Build New School in Pottersburg.

Vice-Chairman A. R. Cairncross will offer the board of education this afternoon a \$165,000 solution for a \$750,000 problem.

Believing that the technical school, together with two collegiate units, can handle the secondary school population of the city of London, Mr. Cairncross will move that two nine-room wings be added to the Central collegiate at an estimated cost of \$110,000.

The erection of such an addition would provide accommodation at the central unit for the 1,010 students now in attendance at the central and east units, while the south unit situation would continue as it is for the present, with probably additional rooms in Victoria public school.

The vice-chairman will present, for the consideration of the board, figures to show that Toronto would have 40 secondary schools instead of only 13, if the Queen City were to build such institutions on the same basis as London proposed to do in the erection of three colleges, in addition to the technical school.

Toronto has at present one high school, two commercial high schools, two technical schools and eight collegiate institutes, or one secondary school to every 15,000 population, whereas it has been proposed that London should have one technical school and three colleges, or one secondary school to every 15,000 population.

Technical For East.

Mr. Cairncross finds upon examination of the territory served by the central and east collegiate units, that the two units are centrally located. He also has learned from east-end citizens, the majority of whom are country farmers and vegetable growers, and girls will very largely attend the technical school, where they can secure a practical education through the vocational department of the institution. To those in east London, who are anxious to enter the professions, the central collegiate is just what is needed. The east end, only five blocks further west than is the technical school.

The vice-chairman claims that two nine-room wings can be added to the central unit without touching the north building, and at an outside cost of \$110,000. Mr. Cairncross has secured from Trustee William G. Murray, who at the beginning has consistently backed the central unit plan, figures and sketches to support his argument.

The new addition to the technical school is being built at a cost of 27.5 cents per cubic foot, while 30 cents a cubic foot would run the two wings at \$100,000, leaving an additional \$10,000 for science laboratory accommodation.

One big factor, not to be overlooked, is the fact that the addition to the central unit is adequate to serve the proposed enlarged central unit.

Mr. Cairncross' \$165,000 solution embraces \$35,000 for the new addition to the technical school, which will shortly be begun, and \$20,000 for a site on Highways 100 and 170,000 for the proposed new Pottersburg public school.

Protest Wrecking.

The vice-chairman will protest the wrecking of Rectory street public school to make way for an east collegiate unit, involving and committing the city to a cost of \$700,000 secondary school plan in addition to rendering necessary much earlier action in the erection of a new public school at Pottersburg.

There remains little doubt but what the board will vote to reopen the question of collegiate accommodation, and to take up Mr. Cairncross' plan for the enlargement of the central unit and the indefinite postponement of action with regard to a new south unit remains an open question.

The board will consider also this afternoon the motion made by Trustee Mrs. J. Hunt that the manual training and household science courses be made optional in the first year at the collegiate instead of compulsory as at present.

Opposition is said to have developed on the board to Mrs. Hunt's motion on the ground that it interferes with internal management of the school, and also that it is an unfair method of weakening the position of the two courses in the collegiate curriculum.

Job, Money Gone; Man Hangs Self

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, May 19.—Out of work for nearly a month, his small savings gone to provide food for his wife and two small children, and having walked several miles yesterday to the city from his home in Cartierville, a suburb, in a vain search for work, Robert Ernest Kemp, aged 46, of Drake street, Cote St. Paul, hanged himself this morning with a clothesline from a beam in the cellar of his home. His body was discovered shortly after 9 o'clock by his wife, who went to the basement.

DAIRY BUSINESS SHOWS RAPID GROWTH IN WEST

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 18.—Dairying and live stock raising is on the increase in Western Canada, and in the districts of Manitoba where mixed farming is practiced the dairy business has been more than doubled over that of a year ago, according to a report by the Canadian National Railways, based on replies to a questionnaire sent out to all points on the company's lines in the west.

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