

BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ROUTINE BUSINESS SESSION

The Matter of Physical Exercises in the Schools and Collegiate—Mr. Powell Was Active in Several Matters

One of the principal features of last night's meeting of the board of education was the reading of a letter from Sapper J. C. Coles, a former member of that board, now upon active service with the Royal Engineers. The business transacted was largely of a routine nature, several matters being introduced by Mr. H. H. Powell during the course of the evening.

E. Storer, a returned soldier, applied for a position as janitor, and was referred to the buildings and grounds committee.

W. M. Mitchell and Miss Senn resigned their positions on the teaching staff. Both resignations were filed.

Miss M. G. Ballachey thanked the board for extension of her leave of absence and an expression of sympathy in the death of her brother.

The secretary of the Brant County Teacher's Association reported payment of a further sum of \$350 to the Patriotic Fund of this city, making a total of \$875 paid up to the present by the Association.

Owing to late date at which an invitation to the board had been received to attend the presentation of colors to the 215th battalion at Niagara Camp, the invitation had been reluctantly declined.

The management committee submitted no report. The buildings and grounds committee reported as follows:

All repairs at the several schools were duly completed during the holiday season, and your committee consider that the buildings are in good condition.

The steel flag poles were erected at the Central and King George schools, and form a handsome addition to the grounds of each.

The contract for wiring and supplying electrical fixtures at the Victoria School was awarded to Fred Webster.

At Alexandra School, the matter of fire escape is now in hand, and your committee hope to report its completion at an early date.

The Finance Committee reported that after consultation with the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the fire insurance upon the city schools had been increased to the following sums, exclusive of contents in all cases, and representing in all an increase of about \$40,000:

\$50,000	Central
\$15,000	Technical
\$35,000	Alexandra
\$30,000	Victoria
\$25,000	Ryerson
\$25,000	King Edward
\$30,000	Dufferin
\$20,000	King George
\$57,000	Collegiate

The Finance Committee also recommended payment of a large number of accounts.

The purchase of drums for the Public School Cadets has been deferred until further tenders were received, only one having been made to the present. It was stated, however, by Inspector Kilmer, that the Board would not wait longer, and school had re-opened once more.

On the motion of Messrs. Coulbeck and Shepperson, it was decided to pay the sum of \$50 to Mr. C. L. Gamble, Quartermaster of the School Cadets, in return for funds paid out by him.

The prize of \$10 awarded annually to the public school pupil obtaining the highest standing at the high school entrance examination will this year be awarded to Master Harry Hunt, of Alexandra School, who obtained 82 1-2 per cent.

The three gold medals for the Strathcona Shooting Competition,

won by school boys of the city, have been received by Inspector Kilmer. Mr. W. H. Lane urged a more thorough system of organization among the public school cadets, suggesting the establishment of a band, and the holding of an entertainment of some importance to be held shortly at which the medals won in the shooting tournament might well be presented.

Mr. H. H. Powell introduced the subject of a conference to be held in November next, of Boards of Trade, Boards of Education and similar institutions throughout Canada, with a view to discussing economic conditions and trade relations throughout the Empire during the war. On motion of Messrs. Coulbeck and Lane, this matter was referred to the Management Committee.

Mr. Powell advocated plenty of physical training in the public schools and Collegiate Institute of the city, to which Mr. Burt replied, telling of the system in vogue there whereby every class in the latter institution received the hour's physical drill. There was also a cadet corps, and a number of clubs for athletics of various sorts. An annual field day was held, when competitions in all branches of athletics were held.

Mr. Powell also raised the question of fees, citing an instance where a grand-child of a Brantford man, residing for several months with the latter, had been compelled to pay school fees as a non resident pupil. Mr. Kilmer replied, explaining that this was the ruling, and must be observed. He also stated that daily physical exercises were taken in the public schools of the city; there were also various cadet corps and rifle shooting clubs, while, last year, excellent work had been done by the local Y.M.C.A. in the matter of the encouragement of outdoor games and physical exercises among the local public schools. The Strathcona shield was competed for annually, all pupils entered for this shooting tournament being taken in hand and trained by a fully qualified military instructor.

A representative of a Dictaphone Company waited upon the board during the evening, and at the close of the regular business of the meeting explained the uses of this machine, by means of which duplicate copies of all papers and records needed in school work may be obtained, such as examination papers. A practical demonstration in the use of the dictaphone was also given to the board.

Those present were Messrs. I. S. Armstrong, vice-chairman; W. H. Lane, A. Coulbeck, J. W. Shepper-

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TWO PORTS SURRENDER To the British in German East Africa.

London, Sept. 8.—The ports of Kilwa Kivinje and Kilwa Kisiwari, in German East Africa, respectively, 150 and 175 miles south of Dar-es-Salaam, have surrendered to the British under threat of a bombardment according to an official statement issued last night giving details of the recent surrender of Dar-es-Salaam. The statement says: "At dawn of the 3rd of September a naval attack by British forces in whalers, in conjunction with a heavy bombardment of enemy positions north of the town from the direction of Bagamojo, was followed by landings at Kunduchi and in Mesasani Bay. The enemy evacuated Dar-es-Salaam, which was occupied by combined naval and military forces, the British colors being hoisted with the portions occupied by the German troops, was virtually undamaged.

"On the 7th British naval forces and marines, with landing parties, occupied the ports of Kilwa Kivinje and Kilwa Kisiwari, which surrendered under the threat of a naval bombardment.

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Evers is Out of Rest of Season

Boston, Sept. 8.—Johnny Evers, captain and star second baseman of the Boston Braves, is out of baseball for the remainder of the season, Manager George T. Stallings has announced. A statement from Stallings said: "Johnny Evers is through with baseball for this year. Neuritis in his left shoulder is bothering him as much as ever. I had a long-distance telephone talk with Mrs. Evers at Troy, N.Y. She said Johnny is still in no condition to play, and that the family doctor says it is useless for Evers to think of getting back into the line-up."

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UPHILL WORK But British Have Reached Objective. The Second Step May Not Be Taken Yet.

By Courier Leonard Wise.
With the British Army in France, Sept. 5, via London, Sept. 7, 4.45 p.m.—The British feel that their uphill work in the latest offensive is over, with the exception of the taking of Clinchy. For over two months now their fight has been one to gain high ground over the broad commanding front. Guilleumont places them in possession of the last of the old second line trenches and from the Somme to Thiepval, the Germans now have been blasted out of their old positions.

"This is not the only point in our favor," said a British staff officer. "The Germans chose their ground when they built this line of fortifications which they considered by their own admission to be invulnerable. When the British first smashed through, the Germans said that we were in a sack. So we were in one sense. But we have to make an opening in that solid line of defense as a start in our plans. We knew the hardest work would come after the great main attack, and this is so far accomplished that it is the Germans now who are in a sack."

"If we prefer to end the summer offensive and wait for spring, when we shall have quadrupled the number of guns and so much ammunition that we shall have to keep up a daily battle of our guns on four times the length of the present front with all the shell fire of the biggest day in this summer's offensive in order to consume the supplies arriving daily across the channel, why our present position of artillery and infantry advantage on the Somme front in settled trench warfare means simply that we could kill two Germans to every Briton the Germans kill. This was the first step. What the others are to be only the commanders of the allies' armies know."

The Associated Press Correspondent, who has been a year with the army, in his goings and comings, meets many officers and soldiers. One of the striking things to him is how often some gain which elates the army does not elate either the British or the French public. Again the public enthuses over some front which the army opinion regards as incidental to the day's work.

The British and French successes this week had an extraordinary effect on both armies. The ability of the French to make a second drive over the broad front and the same sector as that of the big offensive of the first of July, brought conviction to the professional sceptics. "Go over and see the French," said the British officer, "if you want to see an army with its head in the air."

Not even the weather can dampen the high spirits of both armies. The rain has been of the persistent pitchfork, chilly autumn style. Men who came out of the trenches plastered with chalky clay, who had been charging under a weight of sixty pounds of equipment and then lying in miniature ponds made by shell holes or on the wet earth digging and wallowing in the mud, say Guilleumont is taken and that pays for their hardships.

The many new highways which the British build by bringing ponderous road-making machines from England, and the new railways which are part of Sir Douglas Haig's policy, have saved transports from being mired. Supplies have gone up as usual through the storms on schedule time. In the camps, at the rear, the soldiers make themselves little tents with their rubber blankets, under which they cluster for shelter from the down-pour. They manage to keep partly dry, but those in the fighting-line expect to be saturated.

Whether private soldier in his shelter tent or general in his automobile, if you ask them that old question: "When do you think the war will be over?" You get no opinion of any possible conclusion short of next summer. They all take many months of fighting to come no less for granted than that Roumania's entry and the artillery results in the Somme battle, mean that the Entente allies will dictate the terms of peace.

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