

CADET CORPS FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Col. Hodgins Lays the Scheme Before the Board of Education.

IT'S NOT MILITARISM

He Says—Canada Could Not Go To War Without the Consent of the Mother Land.

At a meeting of No. 1 committee of the board of education held yesterday afternoon, Col. Hodgins, D. O. C., advocated most strongly the formation of cadet corps in all the public schools, and pointed out the benefits that would result from the training.

It was moved by Dr. Teasdale, and seconded by Trustee Hunt, that the board consider the recommendation to establish cadet corps at their next meeting.

Principals Present.

In addition to the members of No. 1 committee, all the principals of the city schools were present, and all were much impressed with Col. Hodgins' remarks. He stated at the commencement of his address that he was strongly opposed to what is known as militarism, and did not think that in a democratic country such as Canada is that it could exist.

Must Get Consent.

"Even if we had a tendency towards militarism," he said, "we cannot gratify it. We have no power to go to war without the consent of England. I advocate the establishment of both high school and public school cadets for two reasons: first, because it is the growing youth of our country to have as good a physical training as is possible, and secondly, because I think that the system, carried out under proper instructions, gives the most beneficial results by making our boys better physically, more self-reliant, more subject to authority, and more clean living. Military training has that tendency to make them think that there is no better training than that of the drill system of the British Empire. No other have ever resulted or can result."

Some Recollections.

Col. Hodgins spoke with great pleasure of his recollections of many cadet corps he had taken an interest in in the east, and stated that he, with the principals of the schools, had made close note of the boys, and found that the training had been most beneficial to them in every way. The training in rifle-shooting and in gymnastics was invaluable. No one is exempt, from military service in time of need, and while he hoped the day would never come when we would be called on, it was an excellent thing to be prepared. No soldier, he said, wanted war, but if war came he did want men behind him upon whom he could depend. The value of the training in this way was very great, to say nothing of the improvement it made mentally, morally, and physically on those receiving it.

Major Campbell Speaks.

Major Campbell corroborated Col. Hodgins' remarks, and said that he had noticed in the band concerts held here a decided tendency on the part of the young to be disorderly. In many other cities much better order is maintained than here at such concerts.

Trustee Hunt asked what provision the government makes for assisting such corps, as it was proposed to establish, and Col. Hodgins said that a rifle, bayonet, belt and frog were given to every cadet over 15 years of age, and he was allowed 50 rounds of ammunition for practice.

Ages of Children.

Chairman Weekes pointed out that many of the public school children would be under 15, but Col. Hodgins said he was prepared to deal with them as liberally as possible, and that there would not be any trouble about the matter.

He was asked about how much time the instruction would take, and he said about one to one and a half hours per week.

There were present: Chairman Weekes, Trustees, Gunn, Wyckoff, Strong, Hunt and Teasdale, Inspector Edwards, Principal McEntee, Col. Hodgins, Major Campbell, and the principals of the city schools.

NILESTOWN SCHOOL.

In this report of the Nilestown school November reviews, the names are in order of merit. Means absent for part of the term or examination: V. Class—Walter Neville, Ivan Topham.

Senior IV. Class—Nellie Nichols, Harold Greenfield.

Junior IV. Class—Norman Jackson, Jean Gilmour, Olive Topham, Elmer Knott, Vernon O'Brien, John Jeffrey.

Senior III. Class—Lela Barrows, Nellie Saxby, John Rawling.

Junior III. Class—John Jeffrey, Douglas Gilmour, Violet Edwards, Lorraine Neville, Milton Piper, Neil Campbell.

II. Class—Anna Hart, Frank Moore, Willie Franklin, Hazel Smith, Edward Smith.

Part II. Class—Olive Fletcher, Edna Gracey, Nora Connor, Lulu Connor.

Part I. Class—Kathleen Edwards, Jessie O'Brien, Fleming Gilmour, nearly equal, Frank Saxby, Alton Nichols.

CHAS. F. WALKER, Teacher.

HEROIC RESCUE OF BLUEJACKET.
Lieut. F. H. Hallows, of the cruiser Antrim, effected a heroic rescue in the Spithead on Tuesday. Half a gale of wind was blowing and a high sea was running when a particularly big wave swept over Able-Seaman Barnes, who was standing in a picket boat alongside the ship, and washed him into the sea. Barnes was thrown against the side of the picket boat and rendered "insensible." He fell helplessly into the rough water and began to sink.

Without a moment's hesitation, and with all his clothes on, the young officer plunged headlong from the cruiser's side into the sea. The tide was rapidly carrying Barnes away from the ship, but in a few strokes Hallows had come up to the unconscious man and seized him. Meanwhile another lieutenant and a seaman instructor had also dived in, and swimming to the spot, they assisted Lieut. Hallows to get Barnes safely into the boat, which was pulled to their aid. Barnes, who was in a state of collapse, was taken to the guardship H. M. S. Blustrious, and recovered after being attended by the doctors.

Lloyd's Weekly.

As long as it is possible to keep the children safe after they are in bed; they like it and it remains in the memory for years after you are dead and gone.

CITY COUNCIL BARS THE CLAUSE

Would Not Consent to Clause Suggested By Company in Street Lighting Contract.

ALD. GARRATT'S POSITION

Was the Only Alderman on the Board To Vote For the Position Taken By the London Electric.

At a special meeting of the city council last evening, the clause desired by the London Electric Company regarding the franchise was not inserted, on the advice of City Solicitor Meredith, but instead, the old contract was passed as it stood last year, with the amendments as to the sliding scale of prices to be paid in case the agreement was terminated before the end of the year.

Solicitor Explains.

When the council met, City Solicitor Meredith explained that in examining the contract and the franchise agreement, he had come to the conclusion that the amendment proposed by Mr. Judd, that the agreement be signed without prejudice to their franchise agreement of 1892, was more sweeping than he considered when it first came before his mind, and he would not advise that it be inserted. He had consulted Mr. Judd, who explained that what the company desired was a declaration that only such poles would be removed by the city, according to the terms of the agreement, as were used exclusively for street lighting purposes, and not the poles used for both street lighting and house lighting.

Renew Old Contract.

Mr. Meredith advised against putting in this declaratory clause, and stated that it would be better for all parties concerned that the old contract be renewed, with amendments such as were required as to the expiration of the agreement, and the sliding scale of rates for lighting, in case it did not run a year. The city solicitor was not certain that the company would accept it, but the city could give them time to make up their minds.

Ald. Garratt's Position.

"In the offer of the company they suggest a simple agreement, without reference to any contract of the past," said Ald. Garratt. "We should meet them in that."

"If you make an agreement of that sort, it will not contain the protection clause," Mr. Meredith stated. "I would not advise that. It would not be good for the city."

"I don't know about that," said Ald. Garratt.

"In my mind, of course," said Mr. Meredith, sarcastically. "I am only giving my opinion."

"A simple contract will cover the ground," continued Ald. Garratt. "That is all we need."

Ald. Ferguson Speaks.

"If we made a contract such as the company suggest, we would waive all rights in the old contract," said Ald. Ferguson. "We would not be able to order the company to remove their poles, if we thought it necessary. I do not think we can do that."

"That is quite right," said Mr. Meredith. "That is what it means exactly. The clause Mr. Judd suggests would give the company the privileges which I am not prepared to give."

Not the Point.

"Do you think it would be fair to order down poles that are furnishing light to the citizens of London in the outlying districts?" asked Ald. Cooper. "Mr. Beck told me that the proposed system in London would not cover the city, and that we would have to issue more debentures when it was necessary to extend the system. I do not think it fair to remove poles that are necessary to give light to many people. With our \$25,000 plant we can supply only 400 or 500 customers, and there are many hundreds more that will be cut off. Do you understand me, Mr. Meredith?"

"Solicitor Again Explains." "Oh, yes, understand," answered Mr. Meredith. "That is not the proposition, however."

"When the contract expires we can make an agreement with the company to use our streets similar to that with the Bell Telephone Company, if it is necessary," said Ald. Rose.

Mayor Stevelly.

Mayor Stevelly stated that the council would not be wise in signing an agreement that would abrogate their rights. The suggestion of Mr. Meredith was to renew the contract that had stood for eleven years, for one year more. He also pointed out that the city system would cover just as much territory as the London Electric, and consequently no person would be deprived of light, as Ald. Cooper feared it is.

"With this agreement, the position will be the same next year as at present," said Ald. Ferguson. "Some of us will not be here, and we should leave the proposition just as we find it."

"The old contract is at an end," said Ald. Beattie. "We are signing a new one. We have no right to consider the London Electric Company's interests. We must consider the city's interests. We can give them notice to take down their poles, and they will have to comply. That is the opinion of the city solicitor."

"He won't say so now," interrupted Ald. Garratt.

"That is my opinion," answered Mr. Meredith.

Ald. Beattie Cautious.
Ald. Beattie cautioned the council against abandoning their rights under the old agreement. In a year's time they will be competitors of the city and the bylaw should be protected. Ald. Beattie called for the yeas and nays, and the division on the bylaw conforming the old agreement without any "without prejudice" clause was as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Gerry, Cooper, Ferguson, Rose, Parsons, Beattie, Fitzgerald and Stewart.

Nays—Ald. Garratt.

The death is announced at Paris at the age of 73 years of Mlle. Dinah Felix, sister of Mlle. Rachel, the great tragedienne.

As eight political parties in Bulgaria have appropriated the colors, pink, red, yellow, purple, blue, brown, white and green, and a new ninth party has now been formed, Bulgarian chemists are making strenuous efforts to discover a new and striking shade.

CONTRACTS LET FOR EQUIPMENT

Power Committee Held a Very Important Meeting Last Night.

WILL BE HERE IN MAY

Total of Contract Was \$51,908 50—And This Does Not Include All the Equipment Required.

At the meeting of the power committee held last evening, tenders for large blocks of equipment were recommended to be accepted.

The transformer station equipment was awarded to the Canadian Westinghouse Company for the sum of \$23,908 50. This does not include motor generators to cost \$7,500, or light equipment costing \$5,500, upon which the company was given an option until Feb. 1. In the meantime the bylaw for underground construction will be passed, and a decision will be arrived at in respect to artistic street lighting, and if they are not accepted by the people the above goods will be purchased for the figures quoted.

The Tenders.

Two firms tendered on the whole equipment, the Canadian Westinghouse Company, and the Canadian General Electric Company. The Westinghouse ran about \$500 lower than their competitors. If the lowest in each section were taken, they would still be some in advance of the tender of the Westinghouse, according to the figures submitted by Engineer Sifton. He recommended the Westinghouse tender be accepted. If the lowest were accepted in each section the total contract would be \$113 more than the Westinghouse figures.

Ald. Stewart suggested that the whole tender be given to one firm. There would be more satisfaction, and the equipment would be uniform.

Here in May.

Mayor Stevelly asked when the material could be delivered.

"The most of it would be here in five months," answered Mr. Sifton. "That would be in May some time," commented his worship.

Have all the figures been checked over?" asked Ald. Beattie.

"Oh, yes, most carefully checked," answered Engineer Sifton.

In answer to a question from Ald. Stewart, Engineer Sifton gave it as his opinion that the tenders were about \$10,000 or \$12,000 lower than the estimates.

Ald. Beattie moved that the tender of the Westinghouse Company, being the lowest, be accepted, with the option on motor generators and are light equipment.

Ald. Ferguson was satisfied with the tenders, and seconded the motion. It passed.

Contracts For Supplies.

Contracts for supplies were also awarded. The Northern Electric Company was awarded the contracts for 5-16-inch guy wire, \$122 50; 1/4-inch wire strand at \$75 50; light strain insulators, in three sizes, at \$105, \$120 and \$107 50, a total of \$332 50; and the Canadian General Electric were awarded the solid guy wire, No. 9, at \$26 30; anchors, medium, at \$58 41; heavy anchors at \$29 93, and guy wire clamps at \$20 80.

These tenders were the lowest, with the exception of the 5-16-inch guy wire, which was better quality, and more wire per pound, and was considered more advantageous.

The total contracts awarded totalled the sum of \$52,572 44, with options on \$12,086 more—rather a good evening's work.

TWENTY-SIX CHURCHES FIELD DAY MOVEMENT
Big Schemes to Give the People Information on Temperance Matters.

Twenty-six of the London churches are uniting in a Field Day movement under the auspices of the Dominion Alliance. The movement has for its object the giving of information as to the progress of the education of the public opinion, and affording an impetus to the tremendous campaign now in progress.

Eighteen of the churches will open their pulpits to London visitors next Sunday—eight others on a Sunday in January. Programme for Sunday, Dec. 5, 1909.

Morning.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian—Rev. Wm. Kettlewell, Field Secretary.
Dundas Centre Methodist—Rev. H. H. Speck, Secretary of Alliance.
Adelaide Street Baptist—E. J. Moore, B.A., editor of Pioneer.

St. James' Presbyterian—Joseph Gibson, president of Alliance.
Knox Presbyterian—Rev. R. M. Hamilton, B.A.
First Congregational—Mrs. Owen Hitchcock, Toronto.

Evening.

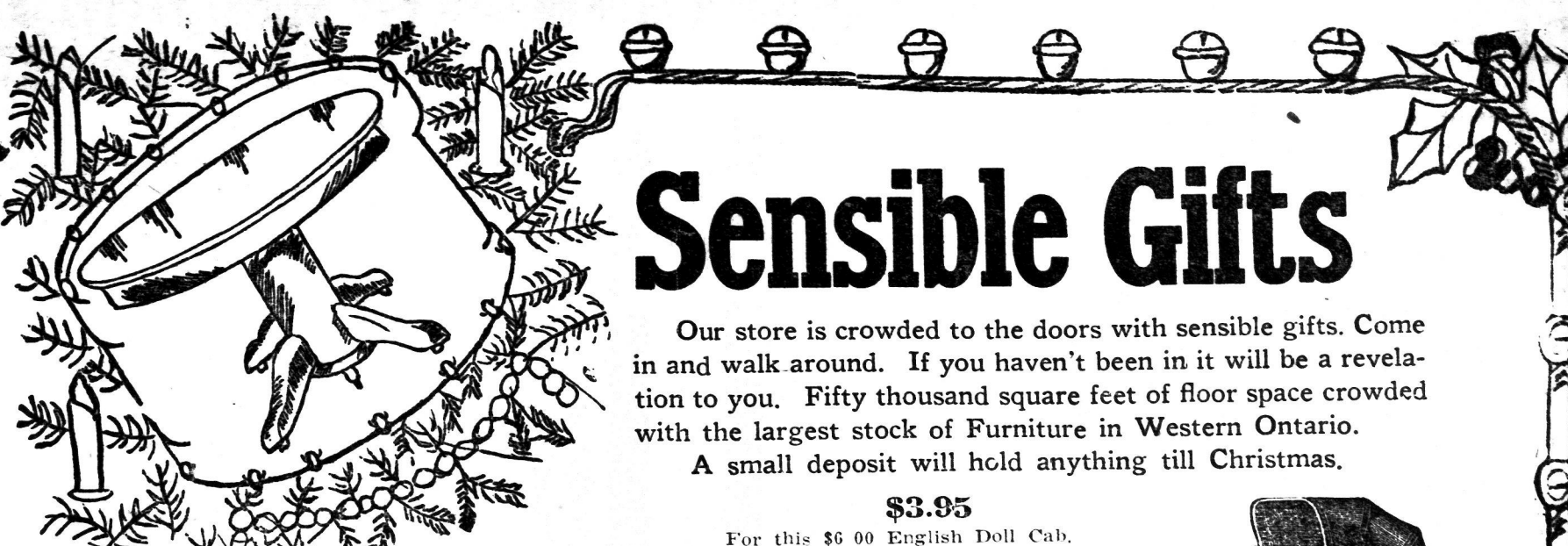
Memorial, Anglican—Canon T. W. Powell.
First Presbyterian—Rev. B. H. Spence.
London South Baptist—E. J. Moore, B.A.
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MARINE

Sarnia, Mich., Dec. 3. — The steamer Frank Hecker, of the Glouchester Transportation Company, went on the head of Russell Island this afternoon. The lighter Manistiquie and wrecking tug Winslow are working on her.

A heavy fog has been blowing over St. Clair River since early this morning. It lifted at 10 o'clock and allowed the fleet to come in from the lake, but closed in again tonight, and all down-bound steamers have gone to anchor.

Vessel Passages.
Windsor, Dec. 3. — Up: Bangor, 8:50 Thursday night; George Stephenson, 8:55; Dunsen, 9:05; Tampa, 10:25; Nye, 11:35; W. D. Rees, 1:30 Friday morning; Hecker, 1:50; J. S. Dunham, 2:15; Northern Wave, Wildair, 3:50; Lake Shore, 5:30; Prick, 7:10; F. A. Meyers, 9: Ashley, 10:10; Strathcona, 12:10 p.m.; Princeton, 2:10; C. M. Warner, 3; Jenkins, 4:15; Sherwin, 4:30; Roman, 4:45; Murphy, Three Brothers, 5 o'clock.

Down: Thomas Barlum, 9:55 Thursday night; Edenborn, 10:30; Plankton, 10:30; Onoko, 10:45; Squires, 10:50; Maryland, 11:20; Lagonda, 11:30; J. H. Wade, 1 Friday morning; W. Mills, 1:40; Panay, 2; Kopp, Maritana, 3:20; Zimmerman, 4:45; Crete, 6:20; Normandy, 7:20; Frontenac, wood, 2:10 p.m.; Presque Isle, 3:45; Sheldon Parks, W. J. Carter, Minneapolis, 4; Harvard, 6; R. P. Fitzgerald, 6:10; DeGraft, Amazon, Angeline, 6:45; Yosemite, Maunaloa, 7:20; A. Wolvin, Samuel Mather, large, 8:15; Andaste, 8:20; Snyder, 8:30; Cole, 9.

The last eight boats in the down-bound list and the steamers Roman and Murphy, up-bound, were at anchor late last night owing to the heavy fog.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 3.—Up: Rochester, 9 last night; John Donaldson, 11; Collingwood, William Brown, 2:30 a.m.; Garretson, 4; George Peavey, 5; Orinoco, 7; Woodruff, 10; Milnocket, were gloomy as the experiment pro-

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gressed. When his neighbors arrived to see what the old barrel contained on "digging day," Meeds carefully removed the earth from the dead vines, and there, sure enough, and all connected to the vines by Dame Nature and not by a trick, were 125 prime potatoes, or enough to fill a peach basket and leave a half peck of small, unmarketable potatoes in the barrel. Now it is claimed at Ridgely that one man has given an order for five thousand bushels of potatoes for his next season.—Delawarean.

A LAVENDER TOWN.
One of the minor harvests that promise well is that of the lavender fields. I have seen some flourishing crops in the Hitchin neighborhood today.

Comparatively few know of this quaint Hertfordshire town as an important lavender-growing centre, yet it has grown the sweet old herb (which the Romans called lavendula when they used it to scent their baths), has distilled the flowers and sent their extract into all parts of the world for more than a century.

The Hitchin district has less rain and more sunshine than the London area during the month which has just closed, and consequently the long, trim rows of lavender plants in their dusky green look strong and healthy. They are beginning to show their flower buds, and there is every likelihood of an abundant yield at cutting time, which will be from three to four weeks hence.

At cutting time people come in from miles around to inhale the sweetness of the fields, and when the distilling begins the fragrance of lavender is borne on the wind two miles or more from the town.

The flowers are put into the still with the fresh bloom of their maturity on them, and from six pounds of such flowers about half an ounce of oil is extracted.—London Daily Mail.