REGINA SCHOOLS AND ANNUAL REPORTS

Small Attendance at Meeting--Only One Member of Separate School Board Present--Fine Buildings and Proficient Staffs

There was a very small attendance at the meeting called on Thursday evening to discuss school matters. but while all the public school trustees were present, only one was present representing the board of the separate school. John McCarthy, who takes a great interest in separate school matters emphasised the fact that during the last eight years the separate school board have only observed the law on one occasion, and that was when E. McCarthy was chairman of the board. He then occupied the chair according to law at the annual meeting. The speaker regretted that Mr. McCusker was not present to take his place and he also regretted the fact that Mr. Ehman was the only trustee present. He believed that the separate school board is storing up trouble for themselves for they cannot continue to ignore the ordinance with impunity.

The meeeing was called to order by the chairman of the public school board, S. B. Jamieson. The first business dealt with was with relation to the public school. The secretary read the annual report.

The first speaker was D. S. McCannel, one of the retiring trustees, who has had a long tenure of office, and who was one of the teaching staff here in the old days. He stated that when he was a teacher the height of his ambition was to be a school trustee, and now he is satisfied and would like to be relieved of his duties. Reviewing the growth of education in the city he thought that the citizens ought to be proud of the schools that we have and their proficiency. Regina has prospered wonderfully during these late years but education has kept pace with development in other spheres of life. One of the aims of Regina school board has been to pay salaries that would attract the most desirable teachers in the profession and he believed that this was a wise policy.

Following Mr. McCannel, Wm. Mollard said that he was thinking of retiring this year but his friends were urging him to again be a candidate and he had consented to allow his name to go before the people. He has paid particular attention to the practical duties of trustees while the new school buildings were under construction. He thought that the Victoria and Albert schools are as good as can be found in Western Canada. If again elected he would do the best he could in the interests of education as far as his influence extended.

Report

The public school report stated that the coming into effect of the new high school legislation relieved the public school board of the management of the higher institution. The present high school building had been loaned to the latter for one year at a rental of $1,500 per annum, and the library and equipment disposed of to them for the sum of $752,95.

The alterations in connection with the Alexandra school had been completed and the building now possesses an up-to-date heating and ventilating system, with sanitary arrangements modern in every respect.

Since the opening of the second term the increase in the school population has been such as to cause some considerable thought on the part of the board and staff in providing additional accommodation. To relieve the congestion it was found necessary to rent another room north of the track and partition off three compartments in the assembly hall of the Victoria school. These are now occupied to their limit, but with the completion of the new eight roomed Albert school, which it is considered will be ready by the first of the year sufficient accommodation for a year or so at least has been provided.

The property assessed for public school purposes on the last revised assessment roll amounts to $9,500,000. The board will require during the current year $58,321 and application for this sum has been made to the city council. The council to meet this expenditure has struck a rate of six mills on the dollar.

The school buildings are insured for the amount of $77,200 and the furniture for $4,200.

All the buildings are in good repair and considerable work has been done this year in the way of filling in and leveling off the grounds.

Separate School

To receive the report of the Gratton Separate School E. McCarthy was voted to the chair. He called on L. L. Kramer to read the report. Mr. Kramer who is also principle of the Gratton school said in presenting his report that the annual statement at this time of the year is practically useless, and the present meeting should not be called until January. Then they would be in a position to deal intelligently with matters that are not in a presentable shape at this time of the year.

The Report

A summary of the Gratton school report is as follows:

The total number of children attending Gratton school during the year was 283, of which number 158 were boys and 125 girls. The average daily attendance for first term of the year was 214, or about 75 per cent.

The classification of pupils and the number of pupils in each standard was:—

Standard 1, part 1;	102
Standard 2, pt. 1.....	57
Standard 2	25
Standard 3	68
Standard 4	21
Standard 5.....	10
	283

The subjects taught were those specified in the programme of studies with no additional half-hour for German and half an hour daily for catechism.

Tnere were no suspensions or expulsions during the term.

The name of the trustees of Gratton school district are: C. J. McCusker (chairman), Geo. Engle, Dan Murphy, Carl Molter, and Peter Ehman. The first two named are the retiring members.

The members of the board made but one visit to the school while it was in operation, viz., on the days when the public examination was held.

Pending the successful disposal of the authorised debentures and the building of another school, temporary emergency quarters are being utilised in old St. Mary's church.

School inspector Black reported very favorably on the work of the principle and school staff, and on the general working of the school.

The treasurer's report showed receipts $8,880.14 and expendieures $8,379.36, leaving a credit balance of $500.75.

Questions

L. H. Bennett instructor in manual training asked several questions.

Chairman Jamieson ststed that the board had under consideration the moving of the little Albert school to the east end, but the cost will be so high that it would pay the board to sell it where it stands and build a school having about four or five rooms in German town. This matter will be taken up immediately after the first of the year.

Regarding the matter of a superintendent he could not say what would be done for much depended on the action of the board of education. A model school being established would no doubt reduce the number of rooms under their direct control and they could not afford to hire a high salaried official for say 17 rooms. The very best returns came from money paid to the former superintendent and his resignation was a great loss to the city schools.

Robt. Martin said that he would like to see both Mr. Mollard and Mr. McCannel remain on the board. They have problems confronting them yet for he knew that there were 150 children of school age in the city who are not attending school. The city's interests require the experience of the older members of the school board. A vote of thanks to the retiring members was passed and Mr. McCannel was urged to stand for re-election.

THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH

C. P. Walker Will Put on This Intensely Interesting Play at Regina

Mr. C. P. Walker, owner and manager of Winnipeg's new $300,000 theatre, the Walker, has just completed arrangements for a tour across western Canada of "the Bonnie Brier Bush," one of the greatest plays in the history of the drama.

The tour will begin at Fort William, Wednesday, Dec. 4th, and will close at Nelson, B.C., about January 10th. After on night in Kenora, a week will be devoted to Winnipeg, where this famous drama has previously been given for four long engagements. Regina will be among the eighteen cities at which a one-night engagement will be played.

The company which will present the Bonnie Brier Bush on this tour numbers thirty people, and is composed of players of prominence, among whom are J. Palmer Collins, Walter Scott Weeks, Ward El Renselior, Robert Ireland, late pipe major of the 48th Highlanders, of Tononto, Kenneth McKenzie, Marion McDonald, Ann Caird, Adelaide Matthews, Wm J. Casey, the Bennet children and many others of note. The entire New York scenic production and electrical equipment is carried, a special baggage car being required for the transportation.

A decided feature will be the special engagement for this tour, of the Australian nightingale, Miss Maggie Mc Cann, the sweetest singer of Scottish songs that has ever visited Canada.

The Bonnie Brier Bush; the play of all plays dear to the hearts of Canadian people, is a dramatization by James MacArthur of the late Ian Maclaren's story of the same name, and it depicts life in the land whose lochs and heathery hills inspired the great song poet, Robert Burns. If in not very long, but useful life, Ian Maclaren, or the Rev. John Watson, which was his real name, had given the world nothing but the Bonnie Brier Bush, his life would not have been lived in vain. To those who follow the stage closely the play stands out like a light house in a sea of uninteresting stage stories. It is distinctly a play of heart interest while the comedy is abundant, wholesome and natural.

The enterprise of Manager Walker in securing the "Bonnie Brier Bush" for a western Canada tour will be appreciated by all lovers of the best in drama.

Physical Culture

"Health and Strength" the principal British atheletic organ speaks well of Mr. F. E. Dorchester of Regina, as to the good work done by him in spreading the gospel of bodily health and strength.

The subject of our article (Mr. Dorchester) has been for the last twelve years deep in the study of exercise as applicable to the body for health, and from his experience is well qualified to teach this science. The first season he ever took up gymnastics he distinguished himself. Later became a Sandow pupil. Served in the Boer war and has travelled much. He has studied British, Continental and American systems and has used this experience if forming his own system.

F. E. DORCHESTER

He contends that systematic exercise is necessary to health, and has found this applicable not only to business men but also to manual workers.

Systematic daily exercise taken a few minutes daily is like oil to rusty works of an engine. Many manual workers only use a part of their muscles therefore becoming stiff and weak in other parts, whilst over using one muscle causes this to become stiff, the remedy is to exercise the whole body and then form a counter action making a man's body better fitted for its daily work.

Mr. Dorchester is a diplomaed member of the national Society of Physical Education, having passed all exams in theory and practice.

Apart from theory, he is an athelete of repute, and only a bad injury to the knee keeps him from entering for championship honors. He has never been placed on his shoulders on the wrestling mat, and has wrestled all weights, although only 140 pounds himself.

We should advise readers to write him and enquire as to his $3 mail course, which he guarantees will give health and strength. In a special course he guarantees added strength, development and stamina to athletes.

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DILLENGER ON C.P.R.

Official of Railway Commission Reports After Full Investigation—Big Contracts Let—Outlook Better

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—A. F. Dillinger, assistant to the chief traffic manager, in his report to the board of railway commissioners, gives the result of his investigation into the equipment of the C.P.R. for handling traffic in the west, as asked for by the board last April.

Mr. Dillinger finds that at the present time the C.P.R. fails to give adequate and suitable accommodation for receiving and handling of traffic without delay, at its stations; that the company has failed, and still fails in not furnishing the necessary number of cars to move the freight offered at the stations investigated in the west, and in its inability to utilise to the best advantage its present motive power.

The cause for failure Mr. Dillinger attributes as follows:

(a) A need of additional facilities, such as additions to roundhouses, repairs to machine shops, additional yards, sidings, warehouse accommodation, etc.

(b) The abnormal increase in traffic

(c) A particularly severe winter.

(d) The refusal and failure of consignees to take prompt delivery on account of inadequate accommodation and teaming facilities, causing congestion at shipping points, and at the points of destination.

(e) Delays at larger terminals caused by customs requirements.

(f) Congestion of freight to order, requiring additional shunting and consequent delays

Mr. Dillinger further finds that there is a lack of proper equipment for handling at these stations, traffic which will probably be offered within the next two years.

The company, he says, is possessed of a sufficient number of locomotives, engines, cars and snow fighting appliances, but it is not possessed of a sufficient number of round houses, and repair of machine shops, yards, sidings and warehouses.

On April 15th last, the company had in use on its system the following equipment: 40,336 freight cars, 1,763 passenger cars, 1,363 locomotives.

The report continues that contracts had been entered into for delivery for the company this year of the following: 5,090 freight cars, 156 passenger cars and 39 locomotives.

The company has provided for an expenditure on rolling stock and equipment during the present year of upwards of twelve million dollars.

The company is also making provisions at its principal terminals, for instance Montreal, Toronto and Fort William, for additional yard room in which to unload traffic, and generally throughout the system for additional roundhouse and repair or machine shops, storage and sorting yards, siding and warehouse accommodation.

Mr. Dillinger also refers to the large amount of double tracking now being done along the line at various points. With the equipment and facilities that the company is making provision for, he says: Added to that already possessed, especially after the double tracking referred to is completed, the company will, in my opinion, be in a position without delay and with due care and diligence, to receive, carry and deliver all traffic offered for carriage on its railway.

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PRESS COMMENTS

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tention. For these reasons Mr. Bastien became a formidable candidate in the convention. That he pledged himself to support the candidature of Dr. Wheeler says much for him, while his assistance cannot but be of great value.

With a vigorous, youthful, yet experienced leader, having a clean record; with an efficient organisation and a united enthusiastic following, the Conservatives of this constituency enter the campaign with strong confidence. Already they will have it —"Wheeler Will Win." And why should they not be confident? Mr. Knowles is no tried veteran; but one who has been dandled in the lap of fortune. But fortune, while she may favor a man once, cannot be relied upon to continue her favor.

(Victoria Colonist)

No one will dispute that the Convention of the Conservatives of British Columbia, which closed its session yesterday, was in point of attendance, harmony and enthusiasm, the best that has ever been held by any political party in the province. Elsewhere will be found the resolutions which were adopted. Some of them do not call for any special comment, such as the endorsation of the general policy of the provincial ministry, the congratulations to Sir Charles Tupper upon his appoinement to the British privy council, the approval of the government's irrigation policy, and the condemnation of graft and political corruption. The others all call for specific treatment, which will be given them in future articles. Together they form a very interesting and valuable presentation of matters of grave public interest.

It will be observed that a permanent organisation has been formed and that its name is "The British Columbia Conservative Association." The compound name Liberal-Conservative has been dropped, which is right, for historically speaking there has been no such party since the defeat of Sir John Macdonald's first ministry. In order to facilitate the carrying out of the plan of confederation, Sir John Macdonald formed a cabinet consisting of both Liberals and Conservatives, and it and the party supporting it were properly called Liberal-Conservative; but Sir John Macdonald never called himself anything except a Conservative—unless it was a Tory; neither did Sir Charles Tupper, nor any of the old leaders of the Conservative party.

The objects of the association are stated as four in number. The last three are naturally of a party character; but the first is of a w der nature. It is the promotion and development of a general interest in Canadian and British Columbian politics and government. It was a happy thought to include this in the expressed onject of the association, for it is one of the most important services which a political party can render the country. We congratulate Mr. G. H. Barnard uoon being the choice of so representative a convention for the honorable and responsible position of president of what we feel sure will be the most efficient political organization even formed in British Columbia.

The province at large is greatly to be felicitated upon the success which has attended this convention. Even those persons who are opposed to the Conservative party must feel glad that so many of their fellow citizens came together for a common purpose, which is to advance the welfare of the country, for no one will deny that, after making all due allowance for political ambitions and partizan prejudices, the four hundred delegates who assembled in Vancouver were fairly representative of all British Columbia interests, and above and beyond anything else, were actuated by a desire to advance the public good.

WOLVES BAD

Manor, Nov. 30.—While opt hunting wolves last week with his dogs. Arthur Davis had a warm time for a few moments. The dogs had already wounded a powerful wolf, but it got away into a bluff, and when Davis went to chase the wolf out, it showed fight and would have badly torn his legs, but for the timely arrival of D. J. McArthur, who was out hunting with him, and who stunned the wolf with a gentle tap on the head with a baseball bat. The wolves are around in large numbers this year and will furnish some good sport for hunters, besides the revenue that is to berived from them.

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