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DISCUSSED REPAIRS TO THE SCHOOLS

MEETING OF TRUSTEES HELD LAST NIGHT

Supt. Eaton Declared the Allegations Against A. B. Wallace Were Without Foundation.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The principal subject discussed at Wednesday's meeting of the board of school trustees was the question of repairs to the schools. In the report of the buildings and grounds committee it was proposed to spend in the neighborhood of \$1,200 in repairs, but the amount was decreased by a couple of hundred dollars because of the recommendations of the committee were accepted.

Another important matter dealt with was the resignation of A. B. Wallace from the staff of the Central school, in connection with which Supt. Eaton made a statement declaring that the resignation was without foundation. There were present Trustee Jay, who occupied the chair, and Trustees Boggs, Lewis, Mowat and Dr. Hill.

Trustee Mowat gave notice of motion to amend the by-laws so that the regular collection of subscriptions among the children for the purchase of presents for teachers should be prohibited. He thought that this had been becoming altogether too prevalent. It was objectionable, because it was often a hardship upon parents to respond to the financial demands of the children.

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Trustee Boggs was strongly in favor of the suggestion. He referred to the classes of instruction which had been carried on last year, and was of the opinion that the sum mentioned should be set aside as a mark of the board's appreciation. On motion the matter was referred to the finance committee, with power to act.

Supt. Eaton then submitted the resignation of A. B. Wallace, until received by one of the staff of the Central school. Mr. Eaton remarked, in this connection, that there had been some gossip relating to the cause of Mr. Wallace's determination to leave the school. He had conducted a thorough investigation, and took full responsibility in declaring the charges without foundation. In order to clear Mr. Wallace he made the following statement:

"A week ago I was notified that statements had been made to the police department seriously reflecting on the conduct of the teacher in question. He was immediately suspended, and a little later, advised that whether the charges were true or false, it was expedient that he should resign at once. A careful inquiry into the case has satisfied me that the facts do not in any degree justify the sensational gossip that has been current; and that the circumstances, regrettable as it was, should not in any way prejudice him in seeking an appointment elsewhere."

On motion the resignation of Mr. Wallace was accepted and the temporary appointment of Mrs. B. Eastman ratified. Trustee Hill, on behalf of the finance committee, reported that bills to the amount of \$405.53 had been approved and ordered paid.

A lengthy report was submitted by the buildings and grounds committee, recommending repairs to various buildings in the Victoria West, North Ward, Central, High and South Park schools. Approximately the total estimated expense to be incurred was \$12,000, but it was suggested that the amount be reduced some hundreds of dollars when gone over by the board.

Before the report was taken up, Trustee Hill advised the curtailing of unnecessary expenses to as great an extent as possible. He pointed out that the \$2,500 set aside for miscellaneous repairs, in the neighborhood of \$1,000 had already been disposed of. If \$1,200 more was voted away, as the report proposed, there would be only about \$300 left to meet future emergencies. Under the circumstances he thought the trustees should exercise care in their disposal of the funds.

Appended are the most important works which the board decided to undertake on recommendation of the committee. Victoria West—Blackboards of slatted cloth in Miss Gardner's room, and sundry repairs to desks and blinds. North Ward—Replaces teniers were necessary in the north and south staircases, paint floor fence and repairs to boiler. Central school—Removal of four rooms in block adjoining boys' building, paint janitor's house and fence, and overhaul pipes and boiler.

South Park—Additional stairs to provide better means of exit, as per report of architect; repair plaster; and new paint work on front and south side of building and paint the fence. Some discussion was raised when the recommendation of various kinds of better means of exit from South Park school in case of emergency came up. It was contended by some that ample precautions had been taken in the connection of the building, and that anything further in that direction would be useless expense.

OTHERS held that pupils occupying rooms in the upper story would be completely shut off in case of fire, as the means of getting out was by the centre staircase, which was immediately above the furnace.

It was finally agreed that while the matter should not be disregarded, it would be better not to take action until after an inspection of the school had been made.

Trustee Hill offered a suggestion that open staircases, guarded with banisters on each side, should be placed on the north and south ends of the building from the balconies. This will be considered by those who inspect the school with the view of making the fire escapes sufficiently adequate to meet any contingency.

Supt. Eaton brought up the question of the selling of tickets for a concert to be held at North Ward school by the pupils. This was against the school by-laws, and if permission had informally been granted by any of the trustees they should remember that the by-laws must be strictly observed.

In explanation, Chairman Jay said that Principal Tait had spoken to him in regard to the matter, and he had pointed out that, while personally having no objection to the holding of a concert, the by-laws strictly prohibited the selling of tickets by pupils. If this had been undertaken it was without his sanction.

Continuing, Mr. Eaton quoted the by-laws, showing that the collection of fees for the raising of money through general solicitation was not allowed. He thought that Victorians were perhaps too ready to use the children for the exploitation of enterprises.

It was decided, on motion, to inform Principal Tait of the character of the by-laws and to request Miss Blackburn, the purport of which was to abandon the idea of imposing an admittance fee. Trustee Mowat gave notice of motion to amend the by-laws so that the regular collection of subscriptions among the children for the purchase of presents for teachers should be prohibited.

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THE OAR. SELECTION OF CREWS.

Active preparations are in progress among the J. B. A. A. oarsmen for the forthcoming regatta, which is announced to be held on the 23rd and 24th of July at Portland. As has been previously stated in these columns, it is the intention of the association to be represented in the programme of the regatta. To carry out such a proposal it is necessary, of course, to have a large number of athletes in training.

For the benefit of those who intend participating but who have not yet submitted their names, it is announced that all applications must be received by Secretary Hobbs before to-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock, who may be found from 6 in the evening at the J. B. A. A. club rooms.

Following is the revised programme of events: 1. 100 yards for boys under 16. 2. 100 yards dash. 3. High jump. 4. Hammer throw. 5. 440 yards dash. 6. 220 yards dash. 7. 220 yards dash. 8. Pole vault. 9. Putting 16-pound shot. 10. 1 mile dash. 11. Sack race. 12. 220 yards hurdle. 13. One half mile dash. 14. 1 mile dash. 15. Broad jump. 16. 2 mile run. 17. 1 mile relay.

THE KENNEL. INSTRUCTIONS FORWARDED. Members of the Victoria Kennel Club held a meeting Tuesday evening at the offices of Dr. Garneau, Fort Street. The business to be considered was the instructions to the club's delegate to the general meeting of the Western Kennel League.

It is perhaps unnecessary to say that the senior four is training hard, having a practice evening at the Victoria Y. C. club every night. It is not intended to allow any interference with their preparations for the regatta. Messrs. Wilson, Kennedy, Dillough and Jesse (W. H.) who make up the crew, are enthusiastic over their chances of winning the coveted trophy once more this summer.

From what can be gathered neither the University of Washington or the Portland crews are exceptionally strong, and it is expected that the most dangerous opponent the Bays will have will come from the Victoria Y. C. crew, who are determined to lead the blue and white colors of the J. B. A. A. Their aggregate includes the following: J. B. A. A. oarsmen, one of whom is Walter Jesse, a brother of one of those rowing for the local crew. Who will represent the club in singles and doubles is yet unsettled.

BASEBALL. COLLEGE VICTORIES. Tuesday evening a match took place between the Vancouverites and St. Louis College, which resulted in a win for the latter by a score of 16 to 12. C. McLaughlin, general manager, is expected to be present at the regatta. The latter would be a popular attraction with a smaller entry.

It is being proposed to send a local representative to the regatta, and it is expected to attend the meeting, which takes place on Monday the 13th inst., at San Jose, Cal. Messrs. McConnell and Dunn were appointed a committee to interview J. B. Swinerton regarding the proposal to hold a kennel show in connection with the forthcoming fall fair. The meeting then adjourned.

OFFICERS ELECTED. "President J. J. Tulk occupied the chair at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Kennel Club, which was held Monday evening at the offices of the Victoria Association," says the News-Advertiser. "In calling the meeting to order, Mr. Tulk referred to the splendid record attained by the club, and stated that the largest membership of any similar organization in Canada, and the spring term show had proved a huge success."

The chair was occupied by President Hooper, who, in opening the proceedings, announced that the principal business to be dealt with was the instructions to the club's delegates to a special meeting of the British Columbia Association at Vancouver this morning. There was also a proposal to be submitted regarding a trip to the St. Louis exhibition, but that could be considered later.

A general discussion followed, some favoring imposing upon their representatives specific instructions as to their attitude towards Vancouver and Westminster clubs, and others expressing the opinion that they should be requested to use every endeavor to bring about an amicable settlement of the differences between the two Malpais teams, being guided by circumstances as to what stand was taken. "Almost all were in favor of the latter course," he said, "and that it matters could be satisfactorily arranged it would result beneficially to the Canada's national game throughout British Columbia."

It was agreed that the delegates should act as intermediary parties, they were made to understand that their influence should not be thrown either one way or the other unless positive that the club voted for was in the right. Before any action was taken the case of Vancouver and that of Westminster was to be presented by their delegates, and then Victoria's representatives were to take such action as they thought advisable.

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The question of taking part in the lacrosse tournament at the St. Louis exposition was then discussed. It was agreed, however, that the club was not in a position at present to undertake such a tour. The communication was laid on the table. The meeting then adjourned.

CATTANAUGH RETURNED. Wednesday another of the imported players took leave of Victoria. This time it is Cattanaugh, who is of the opinion that local lacrosse circles are not so numerous. Mr. Cattanaugh had a good position here and it was thought he would stay. Although he did not show particularly good form on the 24th, he is generally acknowledged to be a first-class player, and it is thought his loss will weaken the defence to some extent.

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date for playing off the game to decide the championship of 1903, as well as to take into consideration the matter of leading up to Westminster's withdrawal from the association.

A number of Victorians witnessed the match played on Sunday between the Seattle and Tacoma teams on the grounds of the former. This was one of the Northwest League series, and was won by the Seattle twelve by a score of 8 to 2.

Describing the game a local spectator said that although the playing was at times slow for these tactics the score was decidedly weak. Ed. Milne, formerly of this city, and now captain of the Seattle twelve, was player centre and as usual acquitted himself most creditably.

Tacoma's strong point was the defence. Every time an attack was made they bunched like veterans, and it had not been for these tactics the score would have been doubled. Their home, however, was poor, lacking aggressiveness and displaying poor combination.

Score by quarters was as follows: First, 0; second, 1; third, Seattle 2, Tacoma 0; fourth, Seattle 5, Tacoma 1; total, 8-2.

THE LOCAL TEAM. In the next match played by the Victoria team there will be a considerable difference in the line-up. Several of the imported players have left the city, having received no encouragement to stay after their performance in the game with Vancouver on the 24th. Both O'Brien and Cowan will be absent. The former took the steamer for the Mainland some days ago, and "Sandy" Cowan is reported to be on his way to Winnipeg.

In spite of these "serious" losses, however, the local twelve will probably be stronger in their next match than in the opening game of the season. Cattanaugh and West are two first-class players who have their feet set with the local team permanently. They, together with a large number of locals, have been training faithfully so as to be prepared for the next struggle, whether it be with Westminster or Vancouver.

At the Catalpa grounds on Saturday afternoon an intermediate league match will be played between James Bay and Victoria West teams. The players have received a hard training during the past several weeks and are in the pink of condition. Play will commence at 5 o'clock. A general admission of 25 cents will be charged, but all ladies will be admitted free to the grounds and grand stand.

In order to fully prepare the Bays for the struggle a practice match had been arranged to take place to-morrow evening with the Central junior aggregation. This contest will start at 7 o'clock in the evening, and all who wish to attend are extended a cordial invitation.

It is not improbable that the Central will graduate into intermediate ranks in the course of a few days. The proposal is being considered, and if it is decided upon the team will no doubt join the intermediate league. Such a step would make the competition for the city intermediate championship interesting, and would do much towards the revival of the sport in junior ranks, as the Central aggregation is much too strong for any local junior team to cope with.

It is to be hoped that Saturday's match will be attended by a good crowd. The boys have gone to a great deal of trouble to prepare themselves, and promise a first-class exhibition of the Canadian national game.

WEDNESDAY MEETING. The Victoria Lacrosse Club was well attended at the meeting held on Wednesday evening at the Victoria Association. The chair was occupied by President Hooper, who, in opening the proceedings, announced that the principal business to be dealt with was the instructions to the club's delegates to a special meeting of the British Columbia Association at Vancouver this morning.

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ask an explanation on several matters. The heat of the controversy between the association and Westminster a number of inexcusable slurs have been cast upon the local club.

One of the most unwarranted of these is contained in a letter written by R. Ryall, secretary of the New Westminster Lacrosse Club, and follows: "With reference to the complaint that New Westminster has not received fair treatment from the association, it might be said that the Victoria club has failed to keep dates and agreements with the local club, and is notorious for defaulting games, as well as for failure to pay the required forfeit money."

It is true that the Victoria club owes the association twenty dollars as a forfeit for a game defaulted some time ago. The matter was, however, brought up at the last meeting of the executive, when delegates were present from Westminster, Vancouver and Victoria. It was explained by the local representatives that the club was behind financially and could not then conveniently find the money. Everyone present agreed to allow the matter to stand over.

Had there been any pressing for payment there is no doubt that members of the club themselves would have stood ready to prepare the money. The circumstances were at least exceedingly bad taste to make such a statement as that mentioned.

The Westminster club has also blamed Victoria for playing Vancouver before the latter association had paid the forfeit money due on the defaulted match of the 14th of May. According to the constitution no game can be played by any team not having paid money due for defaulting games. It is pointed out, however, that before the 24th Victoria had received no official notification that the forfeit in question had not been paid. If this had been done, and Vancouver refused to pay over the amount, there is no doubt that the local club would have met the expense rather than lose the game.

Victoria's independent position throughout the dispute between Vancouver and New Westminster has antagonized both of the clubs to a considerable extent. Everything, it is hoped, will be readjusted at to-day's meeting.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. BERGIA DEFEATED. The return Association football game between the Egria team and the local seniors, played on Saturday at the cricket field, resulted in a victory for the home players by 2 goals to nil.—Nanaimo Free Press.

STOLEN JEWELS FOUND. Had Been Taken From Room in New York Hotel Occupied by Millionaire's Wife. New York, June 8.—Fifty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds and jewelry were stolen last night from the Hotel Marquise, and later were found by the police in a furnished room occupied by Wm. J. Davis and Geo. Locker, night clerk and head bell boy respectively, at the hotel. Both men are under arrest.

The stolen jewels are the property of Mrs. Halsey Corwin, wife of a Brooklyn millionaire, and were taken from the apartments occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Corwin.

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ORDERED TO STRIKE. Marine Firemen Determined to Do Away With the "Crimp" System.

New York, June 8.—Five thousand coast marine firemen, members of the Marine Firemen's Union, located in New York, have been ordered out on strike by Daniel Sullivan, general secretary of the national executive committee of the firemen's council. The strike is expected to extend to all coast cities from Portland, Me., to Galveston, Texas. According to the expectation of Secretary Sullivan, about 15,000 men will strike.

The firemen declare that their strike, although called white, freight handlers are out, is not sympathetic, neither is it for increased wages or shorter hours, but to do away with what the members of the union consider to be their greatest grievance, the "crimp" system.

Secretary Sullivan, in a statement tonight said: "The 'crimp' is a fellow who goes to the high officials of the coastwise lines and gives them money to control the shipping of firemen. These 'crimps' make anywhere from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year out of the poorly paid and hard-working firemen. This money is taken out of the wages of the firemen on every trip, and then the 'crimp' meets the head of the line and shares with him the blood money he has taken from the firemen."

He says that protests to the companies against this system have been met with denials that they had dealings with "crimps," and adds: "Our organization has swept the 'crimp' out of existence in the ports of Boston, Philadelphia, Norfolk and Mobile, and we are going to do the same here in New York."

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