

**POPULAR SCHOOL BOARD
OFFICIAL HAS RESIGNED**

Miss Macdonald, Secretary of Board, Ceases Her Duties Next Month

From Thursday's Daily)

The school board will next month lose the services of one of its most popular and efficient officials in the person of Miss M. Macdonald, secretary of the board. At the recent trustees' meeting of the board Miss Macdonald tendered her resignation to take effect after the next regular meeting to be held next Friday. The resignation of Miss Macdonald did not wholly as a surprise to the trustees who referred in most complimentary terms to her long service on the board, including the late Dr. Riddell, and afterwards as secretary of the board and the hearty congratulations which were extended to her indicated that Miss Macdonald had in mind a distant future to be principal in an interesting event. Miss Macdonald's resignation was accepted and applications for the position will be called for. The board will then proceed to take up in the hearing of reports of various committees, the appointment of principals in the South Park school, assistant in the high school and principal of the business. The committee consisting of Trustees Jay and McNeill reported on the purchase of the two new sites, one at the south end at the corner of Douglas and Fisgard, the other road from the B.C. Land Investment company, costing \$6,000, and the other in the north end, sixteen lots bounded by Queen's Avenue, Princess street, and Columbia Street, from D. McIntosh, at a cost of \$3,000.

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No Competitive Plans.

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It was finally decided on motion of Trustee Riddell that the board would not call for competitive plans and on motion of Trustee McNeill, Messrs. Ross, Lister, and Clayton, who have done the board's work in remodeling and alterations to the city schools, will be asked to meet the board and discuss the plans for the new school.

To the additions to the King street school to which three rooms will be added together with other improvements, and for the two single room temporary schools to be erected on the site of the Central school, were opened. That of Tubman & Clayton for the King street school at \$2,765 and that of George Calder of \$1,000 for the temporary schools were accepted.

Tenders for Additions.

The following tenders were received: W. M. Ross, King street school \$4,300, temporary schools \$1,550 each; C. H. Parker, King street school \$3,000, temporary schools \$1,071 each; J. Lister, King street school \$2,300, temporary schools \$1,225 each; Pacific Building and Contracting company, schools \$1,177 each; William Appling, King street school \$1,000, temporary schools \$1,165 each. The amount of the appropriation for the above additions to the school accommodation as voted by the council was \$5,000.

Trustee Jay who recently attended the meeting of the Royal Institution of Learning at Vancouver reported on the result of the session. He read a letter from A. E. Murray, president of the institution at Vancouver, to the effect that at a meeting of the Royal Institution on June 13 it was unanimously resolved that a scholarship be given to a graduate or conditional student coming from the Victoria College or High School to the applied science course in Vancouver. This was done in view of the fact that in view of the shortage of finance it was impossible to provide the necessary equipment etc., for first year applied science being taught in Victoria for the year 1908-09.

Aid for Students.

Trustee Jay stated that the report of the committee appointed to discuss the question of staff salaries, etc., in connection with the Victoria course is not yet ready. It had been hoped that the committee would be able to have undertaken the application to the course here this year but there had not been sufficient funds. However rather than the pupils here who have been awarded the aid come to the understanding that they should not be allowed to take it, should be deprived of this privilege. The Royal Institution has decided to grant \$125 as a scholarship to the students in the applied science course at Vancouver. It is expected that five students will go over to take the course. The arts class will be brought under the Royal Institution and the present arts staff will have its

salaries increased from \$35 to \$40 per month in the aggregate. The partial report by Trustee Jay was adopted.

The special committee consisting of Trustees Jay, McNeill and Riddell recommended the purchase of 144 single seat desks and eighteen double seats and 100 double seated desks and sixteen double backs. In some of the rooms the desks are too small for the pupils though they will do for the smaller grades. Many of the desks also need repairing and cleaning. The new desks will make provision for six pupils. The various firms dealing in school desks will be asked to submit prices which will be considered by the building and grounds committee.

Repairs Necessary.

Trustee Riddell, for the building and grounds committee, reported that the school had been in the North West and Central schools to ascertain what repairs are required. At the former school a complete new sanitary system is required while the buildings should be repaired and repainted.

At the South Central school the stairs need repairing and a teachers room should be partitioned off at the head of the front stairs, while a new floor in Miss Robinson's room is necessary.

The board will be asked to report on the cost of these and other repairs.

Applications for the position of principal in the South Park school, assistant in the high school and principal of the business. The committee consisting of Trustees Jay and McNeill reported on the purchase of the two new sites, one at the south end at the corner of Queen's Avenue and Fisgard, the other in the north end, sixteen lots bounded by Queen's Avenue, Princess street, and Columbia Street, from D. McIntosh, at a cost of \$3,000.

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TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF FUTURE

Island Will Become Tourist Playground States C. P. R. Hotel Manager

"With climate and scenery it would be hard to excell and resources almost unlimited, Vancouver Island and Victoria, its principal city, only needs advertising to make it the most popular resort of the continent." So stated H. W. Wills, manager of the C.P.R.'s magnificent hotel, the Alexandra at Whinlipp, Man., who also is superintendent of the company's hotel.

Mr. Wills is making his first official tour having entered the service of Canada's great railway corporation only eighteen months ago. "The Little Boy Blue" was nicely received by a bright little girl and one of the boys showed a sense of humor in his rendering of the "Night Wind," by the same author.

The "Little Sunflowers" were as cunning as could be, as they told each other—

To look towards the sky And follow the light.

The audience did not expect a phony curtain drop from the stage of little girls carrying wreaths of roses who sang a spring song as they marched to their places, but before they had right into play. "Happy Children," "The Brave Soldiers" were sung very sweetly by the little boys of the school.

The entertainment concluded with a picture of the "Flower Angel" in which a number of tiny maidens acted very gracefully. A little boy caused much amusement and laughter when he said that beauty, grace and goodness were less admirable than kindness of heart.

Throughout the whole entertainment the perfect enunciation of the words and the sweetness of the voices of the children were very noticeable.

WORK PROGRESSING ON IMMIGRATION BUILDING

Large Number of Travellers Examined During Last Month By Immigration Officers

Work is progressing favorably on the immigration detention building, which is being built for the Canadian department of the Dominion represented locally by Dr. G. L. Milne, of Luney Bros. The contract allows of the building being completed in six months time, but it is expected to be ready for use before then. An idea of the value of the detention building for immigrants is given by the large number of travellers examined each month by the Canadian department of the Dominion. During last month there were 92 steamers at this port from foreign ports, and these brought a total complement of 27,028 passengers. There were 2,191 arrivals, 2,000 departures and 2,337 passengers landed here, a total of 4,521 passengers landed here, and through passengers landed here, the total passing through the examination of the local officials being 27,028 passengers.

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The question of a bazaar, to be held in November, was next decided and much deliberation and preliminary measures were decided upon:

A tone of lively enthusiasm concerning the aims and objects of the proposed bazaar, and a general expression of confidence in the tenor and conduct of affairs.

Hear them played at Fletcher Bros.

1221 Government St.

FUNDS NOT DIVERTED BY THE EXECUTIVE

Position of Anti-Tuberculosis Society Explained By the Secretary

A meeting of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis Auxiliary society was held yesterday at the Balmoral hotel at 10 o'clock.

The president took the chair and there were present Miss Pooley, treasurer; Miss Bullen, secretary, and 22 members.

After the secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, the president announced that Dr. C. J. Fagan was present, by request, and was prepared to reply, for their information, to any question that might be advanced in relation to the interests of the society as a whole.

Attention was thereupon drawn to certain articles which appeared in the local press, reporting a recent meeting of the Council of Women wherein certain statements were made of a nature calculated to throw discredit upon the officials of the British Columbia Anti-Tuberculosis society, more especially in regard to the alleged diversion of funds and further, an alleged attempt to foist upon the general hospitals of the province cases of consumption which could not be treated properly within the scope and management of the said Anti-Tuberculosis society.

It was stated that the doctors of Victoria disapproved and were antagonistic to the action of the government.

Dr. Fagan's Reply.

Dr. Fagan, being called upon, rose to reply. He said that he deeply deplored the feeling of antagonism which appeared to have arisen between the Anti-Tuberculosis society and the workers engaged upon the interests of the Jubilee hospital, from which latter section these insinuations appeared to have arisen. Both causes, he said, were good and admirable, and equally urgent necessities both from the humanitarian and social standpoints, and each was equally worthy of every assistance and support that the public could afford, but it was also right and needful that each should confine itself to its own proper and particular sphere and certainly with out any feeding of competition, and still more so when apparently both sides which would seem to have actuated the speakers at the meeting aforesaid.

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