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The School Board Will Put in Another Requisition.

Trustees Particularly Sore at Being Called Beggars.

Some Wanted Nothing More to Do With the Council.

But to Go Direct to the People—Dr. Wilson Blames the Mayor—What the Latest Requisition Calls For.

The School Board decided last night to again ask the City Council to issue school debentures to the extent of \$20,000. This carried in the face of the opposition of some trustees who had suffered "indignities" of all kinds from the aldermen, and with the half-grudging consent of others, who smothered their feelings sufficiently to permit them to overlook being called "beggars," an expression which almost every trustee felt called on to repudiate at one time or another during the night. The latest requisition does away with the new school at Colborne street, and instead asks for \$1,500 for repairing purposes. It also adds four rooms to St. George's school, instead of building two new schools in the north end.

Dr. Campbell, in opening, suggested that all requisitions before the City Council be withdrawn.

Trustee Logan moved to that effect, and only three—Messrs. Griffin, Bradford and Murphy—voted nay.

Trustee Johnston, "for fear the board might adjourn hurriedly," asked that the public school children be given a half holiday, in order to be able to attend the L. C. I. field day.

The chairman proposed to be guided by the vote of the board, which acquiesced in Mr. Johnston's suggestion.

"We know from the proceedings that took place at the last meeting of the board of aldermen," said Mr. Greenlee, "that there is not a ghost of a show of having our requisition for either the \$18,000 or \$20,000. And the majority of us know that if we will moderate our demands we are likely to succeed in getting sufficient funds to enable us to erect buildings that would at all events enable us to relieve the present pressure."

Later, Mr. Greenlee rubbed up the council by saying that "now the council preach economy, they will in the future practice it as well." (Hear, hear.)

"I think if we appeal to the electors the vote of the electorate will be a large majority against us," added Mr. Greenlee. He suggested that the following rooms be built: Wootley road, 2 rooms, \$2,700; Rectory street, 2 rooms, \$2,400; Lorne avenue, 2 rooms, \$2,800; Aberdeen school, 2 rooms, \$2,500; St. George's school, 4 rooms, \$5,500; purchase and repairs at the Waterloo street school, \$2,500; repairs at Colborne street, \$1,500.

"This will give us fifteen rooms," said Mr. Greenlee, "eleven rooms in excess of what are occupied at present."

Mr. Burdick seconded.

Dr. Wilson asked what time would have to elapse before the question could be submitted to the people.

Solicitor Love said that it would take from five to seven weeks.

Trustee Griffin thereupon asked another way of getting this money?

Mr. Love—That is the only way.

Mr. Griffin—Supposing there was a

committee appointed by this board to wait on the Minister of Education, and he was to send up an inspector and condemn the school accommodation, can the Government grant be withdrawn?

Mr. Love said that the Government might threaten to refuse the grant, as they had in the case of the high school, but never fulfilled the threat.

Mr. Keenleyside—Could the Council take its own time before submitting the question to the people?

Mr. Love—They have to submit the bylaw to the people within a reasonable time. If not, a mandamus could be issued compelling them to do so.

Dr. Wilson moved in amendment that the council be asked to submit the question to the people at the earliest date, and that they ask for the sum of \$18,000, as stated in their previous requisition. He spoke of the school trustees as representative men, and said that the refusal of the council to hear their chairman was something which had never been known before in Canada.

"Mayor Little was, I believe, at the bottom of it," said Dr. Wilson. "He said to me on the street that he was going to personally address me on Monday night. But he did not do it, and it is just as well for him that he did not. Mayor Little or any person else in the city has no right to refuse Dr. Campbell a hearing, and I think this board should have enough backbone to back up their chairman."

Mr. Wilson went over the whole history of the case. "It is time," said he, "that this board shows the council that we are not indifferent in this matter." He warmly criticised ex-Trustee Jeffery, who, when he left the School Board, was given "an address as long as your arm." He accused Mr. Jeffery of wanting north end schools last year, but being opposed to them this year.

"Who is Mayor Little," asked Dr. Wilson again, "that he should dictate to this board?" He held that Mayor Little had no more right to dictate to the School Board than the School Board had to dictate where they should put down sidewalks.

"Mayor Little's funds are low," reasoned the doctor, further on. "What is that to Mayor Little if the children require rooms? If the people are to be saying they had been forcibly sent on, and if they had any backbone at all, they would first submit the question to the people. If the people did not want schools the council would be right and they would be wrong."

Trustee Bayly thought being called "but of beggars" was most offensive.

"I don't see how a man can maintain his dignity or maintain the dignity of his board," said he, "and make another requisition."

Trustee Griffin accused his ex-confederate Jeffery of (1) having a high opinion of himself; (2) of being "big toad in the puddle at the council caucus"; (3) of wanting no schools this year, so that he could be elected by promising to build next year.

Mr. Greenlee—I rise to a point of order.

It took considerable time to get Mr. Greenlee's point of order noted, and still more to convince Mr. Griffin that he was out of order, after which Mr. Greenlee's characterisation of the chairman's part to allow a member to traduce one who was not present to defend himself, and hardly proper for Mr. Griffin to make the charges.

Finally the chairman administered a rebuke all round, and told Mr. Griffin to confine himself to talking about the school, and not to make any charge against the chairman's part to allow a member to traduce one who was not present to defend himself, and hardly proper for Mr. Griffin to make the charges.

Mr. Greenlee said that an alderman told him that if his resolution was put in the form of a requisition it would carry.

Mr. Logan—May I ask the name of the alderman?

Mr. Greenlee—You may as long as you like, but you will never get it. Before calling for the vote, Dr. Campbell asked the board to consider the annoyance and great row they would have if they went before the people, and to consider if unfortunately the people decide against them they would be blackballed worse than before.

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Not see how they could go before the people, especially after doing all last year without a grant, and asking the city to spend \$500 to get the people's opinion. The public school attendance for the first half year of 1895 was 3,729; second half, 3,574; making 7,303, or an average of 3,651. In the first half of 1895 the attendance was 4,331; second half, 4,204; making in all 8,535, an average of 4,267 for the year, and showing an increase in three years of 467 pupils.

"There were six rooms built in 1893," said Mr. Anderson. "That ought to have relieved the pressure to a certain extent."

Before sitting down Mr. Anderson said the following was in the lower rooms, and the upper floors were almost empty.

"I was in a principal's room this week and saw one principal teaching ten pupils," asserted Mr. Anderson.

Trustee Logan—What principal's room?

Trustee Anderson—I don't wish to name the room, but it is a fact. If you want to dispute me I will tell you the name afterwards.

Dr. Wilson (to Mr. Anderson)—Do you think the physical condition of the children is as good today as it was last year?

Mr. Anderson—I have no statistics but I think the physical condition of the children is just as good today as it was last year.

Dr. Wilson said the physical condition of the children was not what it should be owing to overcrowding.

Mr. Anderson—Ray in Hygiene states that all children under ten years of age should not attend school over three hours a day. If there is overcrowding in the schools send one lot to the day school, and the others in the afternoon.

Trustee Johnston said that after the way they were treated by the aldermen the other night the best thing for them to do would be to treat them as children, and ask them for \$20,000, doing away with all new schools.

"You can't argue with them," said Mr. Johnston. "They won't go down and look at the school. They won't just the way they are told to vote. There is a caucus held; there is one man running the show, and whatever he says has to go."

Mr. Johnston took the mayor to task for charging the School Board with the responsibility of the school, when he had bought for the fire department before the horse was purchased.

Mr. Johnston wanted the \$1,500 included for repairs for the Colborne street school struck out. He defied Trustee Anderson to name a name of the man who was teaching only ten scholars.

Mr. Anderson—I will not be twitted into giving the name of the principal of the school.

Mr. Murphy urged that the board had no guarantee that the aldermen would consider any new requisition.

Mr. Greenlee said "this board has submitted to enough indignities without going back to the council and listening to some of the speeches tonight I am disposed to thank Providence that I am not troubled with the other night I did not hurt me." Even being called beggars did not bother Mr. Greenlee.

Trustee Buchner said that the board was divided against itself, and in the face of that he thought it was useless to go to the people.

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Nays—Trustees Sanders, Hunt, Johnston, Burdick, Martin, Greenlee, Wilkins, Buchner, Anderson, and Keenleyside—10.

Trustee Logan refused to vote, saying he was disgusted with the whole affair.

"Are you satisfied with Mr. Logan's excuse?" asked the chairman.

There were answers both "yes" and "no," but Mr. Logan still refused.

Mr. Hunt then moved to ask the council separately for \$18,000 debentures for a new school at Colborne street. Trustee Griffin seconded.

Dr. Wilson moved to include a new school in No. 2 ward. Mr. Bayly seconded.

Mr. Johnston called the whole thing a farce, and the chairman ruled both motions out of order.

The original motion then carried, and the meeting concluded with Mr. Griffin endeavoring to explain to Mr. Logan across the address to ex-Trustee Jeffery without knowing what it contained. This news caused a big laugh in Mr. Logan's remarks.

Touching Mr. Jeffery, earlier in the evening.

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Disputed Extras Connected With the Aerial Truck.

Better Accommodation for the Farmer—Will Test the Electric Light—New Horse and Water Carts—Other Matters.

The meeting of No. 3 committee last night was a quiet and business-like one while it lasted. The members present were Ald. Heaman (chairman), Garratt, Nutkins, Skinner, Douglass and McCallum.

Market Clerk Wilson, in his report, stated that butchers and dealers were bringing hides into the market in contravention of bylaw No. 757, which prohibits same. He was instructed to carry out the bylaw. He notified the committee that the tables on the market were inadequate to accommodate parties bringing in butter, eggs, etc., on Saturday, and that in case of rain it was particularly annoying to women to stand in the wet. On motion of Ald. Garratt it was decided to use the north half of the east side of the market house under the veranda for this purpose, and erect tables there. Horses will not be allowed there, and tenants and other parties having horses will be allowed only the south half.

The cases of sidewalk obstruction by parties placing goods and cases upon the sidewalks was considered, and the clerk instructed to carry the bylaw into effect in future.

Chief Roe was empowered to call for tenders for 125 feet of rubber hose for the watering carts, and report to the committee prior to the council meeting on Monday night next.

Ald. Heaman and Skinner were appointed a deputation to attend No. 1 committee, which will meet a representation from the other committees, with a view to the reduction of the estimates, when all estimates will be made to keep the taxes as low as possible.

Water Inspectors Grant and Leadbitter reported the need of greater facilities for street watering, and are doing their best at present to keep down the dust. The contract calls for the completion of the new wagons by May 25.

Engineer Graydon, during the discussion of the "more light" question, principal he had received an offer for the old lamp posts, from a junk shop, which was \$11 per ton. The ward foremen will be instructed to report the number of lamp posts in their several sections.

A communication was read from the Waterworks Engine Company, of Brantford, re an old account for extras supplied by them with the aerial truck, amounting to \$187. It appears that these extras were not at all essential to the proper working of the truck. The company states these extras to have been ordered by Ald. Powell while chairman of No. 3 committee, and Chief Roe, but both gentlemen pleaded ignorance of any knowledge of such order. The matter was laid over, and Ald. Powell will be asked to attend the next meeting to explain the difficulty.

Engineer Graydon was empowered to procure the necessary apparatus for testing the strength of electric lights, and report upon same to committee. The idea prevails with some members of the council that the extra not up to the standard required by the contract.

A communication from the Bell Telephone Company was received asking permission to erect three poles—two in front of the market bazar, and one at McCann's corner. Referred to the engineer and chairman to report.

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