

WILL ASK GOVERNMENT TO ABOLISH SCHOOL LIBRARIES

York Library Association Condemns Present System of School Reading—Will Also Ask Legislation to Compel Municipal Grant—Eliminating Light Fiction From County Libraries.

York District Library Association, which opened its third annual conference in the public library at Richmond Hill yesterday, will memorialize the government to abolish school libraries from the province, a resolution which is to be passed today.

The association in its resolution today will also request the Ontario Government to make library grants compulsory upon all municipalities in which libraries exist. It will also request that the secretary, Henry Durrant, Rummey, be authorized to make a special contribution to their maintenance. The 22 free libraries in York, for instance, do not receive a dollar toward their upkeep from the county council. In this connection it was announced that a petition from the York Library Association will wait upon the council in the near future and make a direct appeal for funds.

The legislation asked from the government will be to compel every municipal council affected by libraries to duplicate the provincial grant. The duplication of the grant to the establishment and maintenance of school libraries should, it will be suggested, be diverted to the public library boards. Where libraries exist in towns or villages, the municipal council is obliged to donate one-half of the cost of its maintenance.

A striking feature of the brief reports submitted by the representatives of the different library boards in the district was the effort that is being put forth to overcome the modern tendency toward an indigence in the reading of light novels. Nearly every fourth President Daley, representing St. Michael's Public Library, stated that they had gone over their entire stock of books last year and made a further selection of the works of fiction, with the result that now 70 per cent. of all the volumes are non-fiction.

At the public session held in the Richmond Hill Library last night W. H. Narey, inspector of libraries, told of the increase of sentiment in favor of free libraries in Ontario. In New York State, which boasts many useful libraries, the government grant is only \$100, and is distributed between 35 library districts. The greater sympathy shown this movement in Ontario is evinced by the fact that the annual grant to 14 library districts is \$2000.

It was reported that Bracondale, King, Maple and Thornhill libraries have been receiving the provincial grant.



But he is letting it go by.

North Toronto

Yesterday's mail brought in several cheques to pay the first instalments on this year's taxes for the year 1912. Tax Collector Thomas W. Brantford stated last night that about \$8000 out of the possible \$100,000 of taxes has been collected so far. This speaks well for North Toronto property, and it shows the confidence the property owners have in the northern suburb.

The widening of Yonge street is still a bone of contention and those councilors and citizens who would like to see the much-needed improvement consummated, view the situation with alarm, as now and then a new building is erected on the west side of Yonge street, which will add to the expense of the town whenever the municipality is ready to widen Yonge street. Only recently a new store was erected between Balliol street and Davarville avenue, which will add to the town a considerable sum of money when ten feet of its front will be cut off to widen the street.

Present time excavations are under operation for the erection of a five cent shop between Roselawn and Castledale avenues, and as the lot is only 100 feet deep it requires the whole depth of it for the building. Altogether the lot is nearly dug out, yet it is understood that the owners, Messrs. Sluder and Beer, are negotiating with the council to make allowance for a ten foot strip, 25 feet frontage, on Yonge street, and that the street will accept from the front ten feet of the rear of their lot, which the municipality can purchase for \$50. They also accepted \$50 for extra excavation work and for the filling in of the front ten feet already excavated. North Toronto will have five years' time to widen Yonge street, and the council will make this improvement in the specified time, Messrs. Sluder and Beer will take possession of the front ten feet and reimburse the municipality the money expended. The mayor stated last night that the council would deal with this matter towards the end of this week.

Engineer E. A. James had the pleasure yesterday of chartering some 15 young men, all third and fourth year students of the faculty of applied sciences, over the newly finished county roads, and also over the streets of North Toronto, which are receiving a permanent pavement, to show them how roads are built.

Six months in Central Prison on each charge, the sentence handed out by Magistrates Clay and Ward in the county police court to Edwin Swan, Swan faced two charges of housebreaking. One was preferred against him by Joe N. B. Colley of Spadina road and Forest Hill road, for forcing an entrance into the house thru the cellar and stealing some clothing and other things. The other charge was laid by George W. McFarlane of Summerhill avenue, who claimed that the prisoner forced an entrance into his summer cottage, taking away some bedding and tools. Swan pleaded insanity to both charges and when his sentence expires he will receive a free trip to the land of his birth. W. D. Tursky acted as county crown attorney.

Samuel Newman pleaded guilty to a charge of assault on H. Goodman, a pedlar. Defendant pleaded self-defence, but had to pay one dollar and costs.

Alexander Morgan of Perth avenue was also assessed one dollar and costs for being disorderly on a suburban car. Judge Morgan is revising the Toronto

THORNHILL

The opening meeting of the Literary Circle, held at the residence of Mr. D. James, assured well for the future. The quotations from favorite Canadian poets brought forth some of the best thoughts of our authors, showing much research. The music of Mr. Hignat and Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton was much appreciated. "Westward Ho," as given by Mr. Burton, showed decided ability. Miss M. Elliott gave some account of her trip last summer to the Province of Quebec, especially of the historic city, the Gibraltar of America, and the peculiarity of the habitants. The address of the Rev. Mr. Oke was particularly instructive and entertaining.

Miss Bryan of the public school staff of Toronto rendered the "Widow Bodett's Letter" and "Papa's Boy," with much skill.

The next meeting will be held in November, when definitions of following subjects are expected: "Thanksgiving," "Civil," "Autumn" and "Music."

STOUFFVILLE

An effort is being put forth to attract several new industries to Stuffville. A condensed milk factory and a canning factory are being particularly sought after. Today, at the direction of the local board of trade, Reeve R. P. Coulson left for St. George in Brant County to endeavor to make arrangements for the St. George Condensed Milk Factory to establish a branch here. It has been known for some time that this concern is contemplating a new branch, and the board of trade here in Stuffville should set it.

Correspondence between the secretary and the management of the company has been carried on for a number of weeks, and by Reeve Coulson's visit to St. George today it is hoped a suitable arrangement will be made.

Farmers in Stuffville district have been turning to dairying of late years, and a good number are now shipping their milk to Toronto. Dr. F. A. Waies, president of the board of trade, stated to The World yesterday that while the price paid the farmers for their milk at a condensed milk factory would probably be no higher than that paid by city dairies, he believed the new industry, if it comes to Stuffville, will be a great benefit to the farmer, as the milk can be shipped to Toronto at a lower cost than the station each day.

The local tendency agriculturally to get into dairying has led the board of trade to commence looking for a company to establish a canning in the town.

AUCTION SALE

Auction sale of farm stock, implements, a quantity of manure, stone, and 150 gallons of cider vinegar, on lot 10, con. 2, East York, on Thursday, October 24, 1912, the valuable property belonging to Solomon Turner. Sale at one o'clock.

CREDIT AUCTION SALE

The sale of live stock and implements, the property of Wm. Prophet, will take place on Monday, October 28, at lot 28, con. 2, Scarborough (Agincourt). The live stock consists of 8 horses, 30 cattle, pigs, poultry, etc.; also a quantity of hay. Sale at one o'clock. Terms, 12 months' credit, 5 per cent. for cash. Prentice and Ingleton, auctioneers.

Quebec Athletic Union Officers

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—The annual meeting of the Quebec division of the A. U. C. was held at the M.A.A.A. clubhouse, when the reports of the season's work were adopted and the treasurer's report showed a credit balance. There were more registration cards issued this season than ever before in the history of the association, which shows a boom in athletics. Two athletes were suspended in Pelletier and Leclair, for competing in an unannounced meet in Quebec. The following are the officers elected:

President—J. C. Bowie, M.A.A.A. First vice-president—J. N. O. Ledoux, Nationals. Second vice-president—P. C. Barrett, Montreal. Police A.A.A. Hon. secretary—R. E. Melville. Hon. treasurer—John Davidson.

NEED NEW TRACK AT EXHIBITION

Horse Racing and Motor Events Then Could Be Held Separately—Exclusive Refreshment Privilege.

Parks Commissioner Chambers, yesterday advocated the renting of the Exhibition track for racing purposes on a percentage basis only, with a fixed rate. He stated that as the track, when prepared for trotting horses, etc., is not fit for motor or cycle races, and vice versa, he would suggest that the track should be enlarged and a smaller one laid out within its limits, the larger one to be made suitable for motors and the smaller for horses, but he was not sure whether the revenue from sporting events would be sufficient to warrant such an expenditure.

In order to make a refreshment concession more valuable, he also suggests that the concessionaire, as by so doing, the proper authorities will be able to charge a higher rental. It is also deemed advisable to restrict the location of the Exhibition buildings for the storage of non-flammable material, as the possible loss of flammable material, as by so doing, the idea of seating the grand stand with park seats is considered a good one, as it will permit of them being distributed thruout the park during the summer.

NEW BRANCH BANKS.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has secured premises at Fredericton and Moncton, N.B., and will shortly open branches at those points.

Ottawa Golf Champions.

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—In defeating Mr. Alex. Fraser in the final game, Mr. Gerald Lee won the championship of the Royal Ottawa Golf Club for the third year in succession. Previous winners since the Ottawa Club took over its present links were as follows: 1904—Mr. A. S. Palmer. 1905—Mr. H. S. Southam. 1906—Mr. H. H. Hansard. 1907—Mr. Thomas Mackellar. 1908—Mr. Levison-Gower. 1909—Mr. Gerald Lee. 1910—Mr. Gerald Lee. 1911—Mr. Gerald Lee. 1912—Mr. Gerald Lee.

WILL RUSH WORK ON EASTERN ENTRANCE

Mayor Hooker Has Given Instructions For Preparation of Plans For Exhibition and New Entrance Will Be Completed Next Year—North Toronto Annexation.

Mayor Hooker is anxious to get the new eastern entrance to Exhibition Park under way as soon as possible, and he has instructed the works commissioner to submit plans and specifications for the necessary bridge, etc., as soon as possible. He also intends to have the work rushed on with the least delay possible so that its completion early next year will be assured.

City Solicitor Johnson has received formal notice of application for the annexation of North Toronto. No special provision will be made in the order with reference to the facilities, which, as a matter of law, have to be assumed by the city unless specially provided for. The one municipality is merged into the other, and the debts of one become those of the other.

Old Folks' Home.

Property Commissioner Chisholm and Mr. Woolnough of the city architect's department will go to Cleveland for the purpose of obtaining ideas to be used in the preparation of plans for the Old Folks' Home, which is the intention of the city to erect on Yonge street.

Improved Train Service.

Owing to the increased travel on day trains, Nos. 17 and 18, leaving Toronto 9 a.m. and Montreal 8:05 a.m., and in order to offer every comfort to passengers, the Canadian Pacific Railway has inaugurated a parlor car service in addition to the standard first-class sleeping between Toronto and Montreal, which should prove popular with the traveling public.

Ward Seven

The presentation of the prizes and trophies won in the recent inter-church athletic meet was made last night by the president of the association in the club rooms at the High Park Avenue Methodist Church. The cup for the all-round individual championship was presented to H. Phillips of the High Park Methodist church, which team also won the inter-church championship.

The choir of St. John's Church were tendered a banquet last night by the congregation. An enjoyable evening was spent, and an excellent program provided, by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Smith, acting toastmaster. The banquet was provided by the ladies of the church.

AGINCOURT

The funeral of the late Simpson Bennie, who died at his residence, 421 1/2 Ontario street, Toronto, on Monday, will take place this afternoon from Knox Church, Scarborough, to Agincourt Cemetery. Mr. Bennie was 73 years old, and was born in Scarborough, where he lived until his retirement. He was well known as a successful and scientific farmer, was a champion cyclist, and an exponent of the Scarborough Old Boys' Association. It is expected that the funeral will be very largely attended, especially by members of the Old Boys' Association, which will be officially represented by E. C. Jackson, president; T. C. Irving, vice-president; and Alex. McCowan, M.A.A.

WESTON

The following are the officers of the Weston Curling Club elected last night for the approaching season: H. G. Verrill, president; T. Mosgi, vice-president; W. Kopy, secretary; treasurer, D. Rowntree; chaplain, Rev. F. Vipond; skips, Messrs. Sims, McEwen, Nattress and Mosgi. The meeting was held in the club rooms, and the club look forward to a successful season.

The death occurred yesterday of Mary Jane Malaby, aged 66 years, of 3 Jerome street, West Toronto. The funeral will take place this afternoon at St. Phillip's Cemetery, Weston.

FAIRBANK

The trustees of School Section No. 15 have announced that they will erect a large new school at Fairbank. It will be built on the latest plans and should be one of the most modern in the county. To successfully finance the new structure the trustees have decided to issue debentures for \$25,000, which will be placed on the market in the near future. Official notice of this has been served on the York County Council.

Tomorrow evening a harvest home service will be held at St. Hilda's Church, on the Vaughan road. Special music has been arranged.

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