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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

Latest Financial News by Mail and Telegraph.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8—1 p.m.—Stock market quiet; firm; American Express, 113; Atcheson, 43⅛; C. B. and Q., 103⅞; Canadian Pacific, 89; Canada Southern, 63⅞; Delaware and Hudson, 122½; Delaware and Lackawanna, 138½; L. and N., 80½; Lake Shore, 115⅝; Michigan Central, 108½; Northern Pacific, 23⅞; preferred, 68; Northwestern, 115½; New York Central, 117; R. I., 85⅛; St. Paul, 77⅞; preferred, 121½; St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, —; Union Pacific, 40⅞; Western Union, 80⅞.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 8—12:30 p.m.—Consols 95 5-16 for money, 95 11-16 for account; U. S. 4s, 129½; St. Paul 8s; Erie seconds 107⅛; Erie, 31; Pacific Central, 56⅞; Reading, 19⅞; Canadian Pacific, 91½; New York Central, 120⅞; Illinois Central, 107½; Bank of England rate, 4 per cent.; open market discount, 2⅞.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.	ASK.	OFF
Montreal	224	220
Ontario	114½	111
Molsons	—	—
Toronto	230	228
Merchants	151	148
Commerce	132⅞	132½
Imperial	185½	185
Dominion	250	248
Standard	—	167½
Hamilton	—	168½
British America	—	98
Western Assurance	149	148½
Canada Life	—	—
Confederation Life	—	—
Northwest Land Company	79½	79½
C. P. R. Bonds	—	—
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	89½	89½
Canadian Savings and Loan	—	—
Dominion Savings and Loan	94	91
Farmers' Loan and Savings	—	122
Farmers' L. & S. 20 per cent	—	113
Huron and Erie Loan and Savings	—	160
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	—	—
London and Canada, L. and A.	129	127
London Loan	—	110½
London and Ontario	—	118
Ontario Loan and Debenture	130	128

SALES—Ontario, 12 at 112½; Commerce, 30 and 4 at 131⅞, 20 at 132, 20 at 132⅛, 20 at 132⅛; Hamilton, 5 at 169; Western Assurance 50 at 148 reported; N. W. L. C. 25 at 81, 25 at 80½, 100 at 80; C. P. R. Stock 25, 100, 50, 25, 100, 50 10 and 25 at 80½.

COMMERCIAL.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Son.

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Wheat was steady to-day at $1 50 per 100 lbs for best quality. There was very little bought by the standard, both millers and shippers bidding by the cental; the former bid also by the standard, making 87c the price, and allowing sellers to choose between the two. The consequence was that most sales were made by the cental. Oats steady at 90c; the demand and supply were both good. Corn was steady at $1 to $1 05; most sales at $1 on account of damp samples. Prime beans unpicked, sold at $1 10 per bushel. Buckwheat sold at 91c; offers of 95c were made for Silver Hull, but no sales reported. All other kinds of grain steady and unchanged. Provisions quiet and unchanged. Dressed hogs steady; there is a good shipping demand and values firm. Hay slow; receipts large. Quotations as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, per standard bush	$ 87	to $	87
Wheat, white, fall, 100 lbs	1 45	to	1 50
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs	1 45	to	1 50
Wheat, spring per 100 lbs	1 45	to	1 50
Oats per 100 lbs	90	to	92
Peas per 100 lbs	95	to	1 05
Corn per 100 lbs	1 00	to	1 05
Barley per 100 lbs	85	to	1 00
Rye, per 100 lbs	1 15	to	1 25
Buckwheat 100 lbs	90	to	95
Beans per ub	1 00	to	1 15
PROVISIONS.			
Eggs, retail, per doz	21	to	23
Eggs, basket, per doz	18	to	20
Eggs, store lots, per doz	16	to	17
Butter per lb., pound rolls	16	to	18
Butter per lb, large rolls or crocks	15	to	17
Butter per lb, tubs or firkins	10	to	14
Lard per lb	10	to	10
Cheese per lb	10	to	10½
Chickens per pair	40	to	70
Ducks	50	to	75
Turkeys per lb 9c; each	70	to	1 50
MEATS, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, quarters, per lb	4½	to	5½
Mutton, quarters, per lb	6	to	6
Veal, quarters, per lb	5	to	6
Lamb, quarters, per lb	7½	to	8
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs	5 00	to	5 50
Hides, No. 1, per lb	4½	to	4½
Hides, No. 2, per lb	3½	to	3½
Hides, No. 3, per lb	2½	to	2½
Calfskins, green, per lb	5	to	6
Sheepskins, each	60	to	90
Lambskins, each	60	to	90
Wool, per lb	16	to	19
Tallow, rendered, per lb	5½	to	6
Tallow, rough, per lb	2½	to	3
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Apples, per bag	50	to	60
Grapes, per lb	5	to	10
Mellons, Citron	06	to	02
Pears, per bu	50	to	60
Onions, per bu	70	to	70
Carrot, per bu	25	to	35
Parsnips, per bu	40	to	40
Turnips, per bu	20	to	20
Radishes, per doz. bunches	20	to	20
Celery, per doz	30	to	30
Cabbages, per doz	15	to	45
Cauliflowers, per doz	50	to	60
Squashes, each	5	to	20

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English Markets.

Beerbohm's Report by Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Floating cargoes—Wheat steady, corn none.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat firmer, held higher; corn quiet, steady.

Mark Lane—Wheat, good No. 2 club Cal. wheat 39s 9d, was 39s 6d; present and following month 40s, was 39s 9d.

London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal. prompt sail 44s 9d, was 44s 6d; nearly due 44s 3d, was 44s 6d.

Weather in England colder.

Liverpool—Spot wheat slow at the advance; corn not much demand; No. 1 Cal. 8s 10½d, American red winter 8s 6d, Indian 8s 7½d, spring 8s 6d—all 1d dearer.

On passage to United Kingdom—Wheat 250,500, corn 226,000 qrs. To continent—Wheat 1,801,000, corn 45,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8.

The quotations for the past three market days are as follows:

	Dec. 6.		Dec. 7.		Dec. 8.	
	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.	S. D.
Spring	8 5	8 5½	8 5	8 5½	8 6	8 6½
Red Winter	8 5	8 5½	8 5	8 5½	8 6	8 6½
Kan. winter	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
No. 1 Cal.	8 9½	8 10	8 9½	8 10	8 10½	8 11
Corn	6 0½	0 0	6 0	0 0	6 6	0 0
Peas, por c.	6 7	0 0	6 6	0 0	6 7	0 0
Pork	48 9	0 0	48 9	0 0	48 9	0 0
Lard	33 0	0 0	33 0	0 0	33 0	0 0
Bacon, h'vy.	34 6	00 0	34 9	0 0	034 6	00 0
Bacon, light	35 0	00 0	35 0	0 0	035 0	00 0
Tallow	25 6	00 0	25 6	00 0	25 6	00 0
Cheese, wh.	55 0	00 0	55 0	00 0	55 0	00 0
Cheese, col.	55 0	00 0	55 0	00 0	55 0	00 0

Wheat firm, demand improving; holders offer sparingly; corn quiet, demand poor. Receipts of wheat during the past three days 305,000 centals, including 107,000 American, corn same time 72,300 centals American. Weather fine.

British Grain Trade.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Mark Lane Express, in its review of the British grain trade during the past week, says: English wheats were in favor of buyers; there was an average decline of 6d; foreign supplies were immense, and there was the same decline in price. California was quoted at 45s and No. 1 American spring at 42s, flat maize has fallen 6d, grinding barley and oats have fallen 1s and beans and peas 6d. To-day business was slack. For English wheat there was no demand. Foreign suffered a further decline of 6d. Foreign flours were weak. American lost 1s. Malting barley declined 1s. Oats were dull. Maize was irregular. Beans, peas and lentils were down 6d. Linseed was 9d lower.

Montreal Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.

FLOUR—Receipts, 6,100 bbls; market quiet and unchanged; Patents winter, $5 00 to $5 25, do. spring, $5 25 to $5 35; straight roller, $4 65 to $4 80; extra, $4 30 to $4 40; superfine, $4 00 to $4 15; strong bakers, $4 85 to $5 10; Ontario bags, $2 10 to $2 20.

GRAIN—Wheat, No. 1 hard Manitoba, $1 05 to $1 04; corn, 72c to 74c; peas, 74c to 75c; oats, 34c to 36c; barley, 60c to 62c; rye, 91c to 93c.

MEAL—Oatmeal, $2 10 to $2 20; cornmeal, $1 50 to $1 60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, $16 00 to $16 25; lard 7½c to 7½c; bacon, 9½c to 10c; hams, 10½c to 11½c; cheese, 11½c to 11c; butter townships, 19c to 20c; western, 16c to 17½c; eggs, 14½c to 16c.

Toronto Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.

WHEAT—Manitoba hard, No. 1, $1 05 to $1 05; Manitoba hard, No. 2, 97c to 98c; Manitoba hard, No. 3, 94c to 95c; spring, No. 2, 92c to 93c; red winter, No. 2, 93c to 94c.

BARLEY—No. 1, 56c to 57c; No. 2 extra, 51c to 53c; No. 2, 53c to 54c.

PEAS—No. 2, 65c to 67c.

CORN—70c to 71c.

OATS—No. 2, 34c to 35c.

FLOUR—Extra, $4 10 to $4 25; straight roller, $4 15 to $4 25.

HOGS (dressed)—$4 to $5 40.

HAY—Timothy, $11 50 to $13.

RYE—91c to 92c.

Market unchanged. Sales—No. 2 extra outside at 46c; oats on track at 35c and outside at 30c to 31c; peas outside at 43c.

American Markets.

OSWEGO, Dec. 8.

WHEAT—Market Unchanged; white State at $1 02; red State at $1 03.

CORN—Unchanged; No. 2 western at 67c.

OATS—Market dull; extra No. 1 white at 45c.

CANADA BARLEY—Market quiet; extra No. 2 Canada offering at 57c in bond.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.

THE LEADING FUTURES CLOSED.

WHEAT—Dec., 92⅞c; Jan., 93⅞c; May, 89½c.
CORN—Dec., 48½c; Jan., 44½c; May, 43⅞c.
OATS—Dec., 32⅞c; Jan., 32½c; May, 44⅞c.
PORK—Dec., $8 45; Jan., $11 20; May, $11 67½.
LARD—Dec., $6 10; Jan., $6 20; May, $6 55.
SHORT RIBS—Dec., $5 52½; Jan., $5 57½; May, $5 95.

CASH QUOTATIONS.

No. 2 spring wheat and No. 2 red, 92½c; No. 2 corn, 48½c; No. 2 oats, 32½c; No. 2 Dec., 88½c; No. 2 barley, 59c to 60c; mess pork, $8 50; lard, $6 15; short rib sides, $5 50 to $5 70; dry salted shoulders, $4 37½ to $4 40; short clear sides, $5 85 to $5 90.

Receipts—

Flour	17,000	Wheat	149,000
Corn	200,000	Oats	167,000
Rye	23,000	Barley	80,000
Shipments—			
Flour	42,000	Wheat	101,000
Corn	229,000	Oats	205,000
Rye	19,000	Barley	47,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.

FLOUR—Unchanged; moderately active.

WHEAT—Receipts, 347,900 bu; exports, 497,000 bu; sales, 5,856,000 bu futures, 198,000 bu spot; spot unsettled; No. 2 red, $1 06 to $1 06½, store and elevator; ungraded red, 93½c to $1 12½; options closed steady at ⅛c to ¼c over yesterday; No. 2 red, Dec., $1 06⅞; Jan., $1 07½; Feb., $1 08⅞; March, $1 10½; April, $1 10½; May, $1 10; June, $1 08⅞.

RYE—Easier; western, $1 03 to $1 04½.

BARLEY—Dull, unchanged.

CORN—Receipts, 196,850 bu; exports, 133,957 bu; sales, 1,160,000 bu futures; 87,000 bu spot; spot closed easy, moderate business; No. 2, 56c to 57c, elevator; 77c to 68c afloat; ungraded mixed, 53c to 68c; options, December declined ⅛c; other months advance ⅛c to ¼c on local manipulation; Dec., 54c; Jan., 56½c; Feb., 54½c; March, 54⅝c; May, 53½c.

OATS—Receipts, 107,075 bu; sales, 30,000 bu futures; 168,000 bu spot; spot, options firm; Dec., 41½c; Jan., 40½c; May, 39½c; No. 2 spot, 42½c to 42¾; mixed western, 40c to 43c; white do., 42c to 45c.

SUGAR—Steady; standard "A," 4⅞c; cut loaf and crushed, 5½c; powdered, 4½c; granulated, 4⅜c to 4½c.

EGGS—Firm, 28c to 28½c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 8.

WHEAT—Quiet; 88½c cash and Dec., 86c May.

TOLEDO, Dec. 8.

WHEAT—98½c cash and Dec., $1 03⅞ May.
CORN—48c cash.
OATS—33c cash.

DETROIT, Dec. 8.

WHEAT—No. 1 white, 95c cash; No. 2 red, 96½c cash, 96½c Dec., $1 03⅞ May.

Live Stock Markets.

EAST BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Cattle—Offerings were 25 cars; steady; some 14 cwt export cattle sold at $4 90; a few loads of good shipping cattle, $4 35 to $4 65; good cows and heifers, $2 50 to $2 65; common thin bulls sold down to $1 30.

Sheep and Lambs—Offerings about 60 cars, including 30 to 35 cars of Canadas which came in late. Native sheep and lambs, $3 75 to $4 25 for fair to good fine-wool lambs, and $4 90 to $5 25 for feeding lambs; the Canadas sold tolerably well at $5 40 to $5 65—the bulk of the trade being $5 50. The feeling is steady for good to prime ewe and wether lambs and sheep, and buyers looking only for good stock, and while that suits right up to the line, anything below good quality is slow, and averages low and weak in price.

Hogs—Offerings 110 cars, 100 of which remained from yesterday. Market firm; good demand, at about steady yesterday's prices on packers' grades and best heavy, and for roughs and ends of loads and best weight Yorkers, but for the prime live weights, small lots of 120 to 150 lb Yorkers, and the best pigs, they were in active demand, and prices ruled about 5c stronger, good light weight Yorkers and pigs bringing $3 70, and for selected lots $3 75. Good 180 and 200 lbs Yorkers, $3 70 to $3 75, and a few of the best lots to packers taken in with the medium weights, $3 80, packers generally paying $3 85 to $3 90 for choice heavy. The market closed steady, about all good being sold.

THE SCOTCH TRADE.

EDINBURGH, Nov. 28.—John Swan & Son's weekly report says: The supplies of home-fed fat cattle of good quality have been smaller and these met a good trade. There was a considerable number of secondary and inferior animals on offer, which had to be sold at considerably less money. The meat markets have been glutted with cows slaughtered under the Privy Council orders, and on this account everything under first-class quality can only be sold at nominal prices. One thousand four hundred States cattle sold at Yorkhill are reported to have made from 6s 9d to 7s 3d per stone. Eight hundred Canadian cattle in Glasgow met for the best of a fairly good trade. Anything rough were sold on buyers' terms.

The number of fat sheep on offer has been a full average, with improvements in the quality. The demand for young sheep was slower, at a reduction in prices of about 2s. Calves—A small show, and they realized extreme prices. Pigs have also experienced an active demand at advanced prices.

At the close of the season all classes of store cattle are difficult to sell, buyers being as a rule supplied. Store sheep met a very limited demand.

The best class of milk cows met a good demand at quite as much money, but secondary were slow to sell, at rather less money.

Best beef, 8s 6d; secondary, 7s to 7s 3d; inferior, 6s 3d to 6s 6d per stone.

Best mutton, 7½d to 7¾d; secondary, 7d to 7½d per lb.

The Oil Market.

PETROLEA, Dec. 8.—Oil opened and closed to-day at $1 30.

LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—She said the ring he gave to her
Was not a perfect fit.
Oh, fatal error! For he got
Another girl for it.

—"Hercules" at the Grand to-night.

—James McCrimmon, city, has opened a blacksmith shop in Inwood.

—Mrs. J. Brown, of Briscoe street, South London, is visiting friends in Lucan.

—Sam Grigg and Conductor Snider, of this city, will deliver anniversary addresses to the Hamilton Travelers' Circle on Sunday next in that city.

—There were two drunks in the Police Court yesterday. One was discharged and the other remanded. It was thought he was slightly demented.

—Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Stark, of Grand Ledge, Mich., left Saturday morning for home, after five weeks' visit with friends in South London.

—Rev. H. C. Speller, of this city, preaches every night this week (Saturday excepted) at Tilsonburg, where the Baptists are holding special services.

—The trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home thankfully acknowledge donations for October and November. The list is in the advertising columns.

—As a result of falling downstairs Monday County Crown Attorney Hutchinson was indisposed yesterday. It is not thought at present that any serious results will follow.

—Dr. Hobbs, Waterford, arrived in the city Monday to commence his duties as physician in the lunatic asylum as successor to Dr. Ross, who has been incapacitated through illness.

—Special revival services were begun Monday evening in King Street Methodist Church, Rev. R. Hobbs assisting the pastor, Rev. S. Bond. There was a good attendance and a very successful meeting. Mr. Hobbs preaches again this evening, as well as each evening of the week.

—The annual meeting of the McAll Mission Auxiliary was held in the "Y's" rooms, Nitschke block, Monday afternoon. An address by Rev. J. A. Murray, of this city, was listened to attentively. Mr. Murray gave an account of what he had seen at the McAll missions in France, where good work was being done. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. J. H. McMechan; first vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Roger; second vice-president, Mrs. Boomer; secretary, Mrs. Mathewson; treasurer, Mrs. Brown.

"Hercules."

The performance of "Hercules" at the Grand Opera House this evening promises to be well attended. All who wish to enjoy a good laugh should be there. There will be but one performance, that on the evening mentioned. Parties are coming from Ingersoll, St. Thomas and other places to see the entertainment.

Mrs. Gauld and Miss Gilmour at Blenheim.

Referring to the recent St. Andrew's concert in Blenheim, the News speaks thus of two well-known London artists: The programme was comprised wholly of songs by Miss Aggie Gilmour and recitations by Mrs. A. H. Gauld. The former, in her renditions of Scottish ballads, is without a superior in Canada. Her voice is full and free, with much of that deep pathos so essential to the proper rendering of Scottish song; it covers a large compass, and is very sweet. The faith and loyalty which she infused into "Bonnie Prince Charlie," the tenderness of "Doon the Burn," or the humor and spirit of "Dolly's Revenge," have never been equaled in Blenheim. For the latter she was called back and gave the old favorite, "Cemin' Thro' the Rye." In her recitations Mrs. Gauld was equally successful. In her Scottish selections she won the hearts of her audience with "The Cottar's Saturday Night" and "Bairnies, Cuddle Doon." With "Sandy Macdonald" and "Hugh Airlie Tobogganing" she showed that she was fully mistress of the humorous portion of her art, while in the others, especially in "Sent Back by the Angels," she showed a wonderful depth of feeling and tenderness. For all of these she received and deserved the very highest encomiums.

Another Pioneer Gone.

David Y. Decker, an eighteenth century landmark, lot 16, concession 9, London township, died Monday at the ripe age of 96 years. He was born in New Jersey, and for a time resided in New York State before coming to Canada at the age of 22 years. He was then a member of the surveying party that made the first survey of London township, where he has ever since resided on the lot named above, on which also he will be buried on Thursday. Deceased kept a store on his farm before any were opened in this city, and made occasional trips with oxen to Toronto and Hamilton for goods. He had frequently refused municipal office, but had been a magistrate for many years. He was twice married, three children by his first wife being now in Michigan, and three by his second wife residing in London township. The latter are Alonzo Decker, who resides on the home farm, Mrs. Duncan Carmichael and Mrs. James McFarlane. Nearly 30 grandchildren have also grown to manhood and womanhood to do honor to the departed pioneer, whose last wife died about two years ago at the ripe age of 81 years. Deceased had been a consistent member and was a deacon of the old York Street Baptist Church in this city for many years, and was highly esteemed for the many estimable qualities he possessed as a neighbor and friend. His recollections of early days in the township, there being no signs of the white man when he came, have often interested those who have gathered to hear him narrate them. Several times he walked to and from York State before any canals or railways were built, and on many occasions he floated down the river to Detroit with produce, punting his boat back in shallow parts of the river. Deceased was an uncompromising foe to tobacco and liquor in every form, and to his abstinence may be attributed many of the years of his useful life. In politics deceased was a member of the Reform party.

W. T. STRONG, druggist, 184 Dundas street, keeps a full line of toilet articles.

THE SALARY SUBJECT

Still Agitates the Minds of the School Trustees.

Resignation of Mr. Yates and Dr. Ferguson.

The Model School Matter Creates a Slight Breeze—Lady Teachers Petition for More Pay—A Language Master Chosen for the Collegiate Institute—The Christmas Holiday Term.

There were present Chairman Stephenson, Trustees Love, McElheran, Cook, Jeffers, Tanton, Craig, Yates, Jeffrey, Brady, Durden, McRobert, Turner, Childs, Dewar and Ferguson, Principal Merchant and Inspector Carson, at last evening's meeting of the Board of Education. This was the last regular meeting of the Board for this year. The following communications were received:

John Isaac—Asking for $26 64, amount of salary alleged to be due James Penn, late janitor of Hamilton road school. No. 2, with power.

City clerk—Re annex to the Freeman school. Application granted.

Miss H. E. McEwan—For leave of absence during Normal School term. Granted.

Wm. Yates and Dr. Ferguson resigned their seats, as they had not the time to attend to the work properly.

Mr. McElheran moved that Mr. Yates be requested to reconsider his resignation.

Mr. Dewar thought that Mr. Yates' determination was final.

Mr. Love stated that it caused a great pecuniary loss to Dr. Ferguson, but he would like Mr. Yates to reconsider the matter.

Mr. McElheran's motion carried.

Mr. Love moved that the resignation of Dr. Ferguson be accepted. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Childs, seconded by Mr. Love, Mr. Yates' resignation was also accepted, he having stated that his resignation was final.

Miss J. Campbell resigned her position as kindergarten teacher at Talbot street school. Resignation accepted.

From James Learn re recent report of inspector with respect to King street school. No. 1 Committee.

C. C. Hodgins—Stating that the County Council would pay their proportion of expenses at Model School examinations. The examination is now being held.

Mr. McElheran moved that the communication be referred to Messrs. Love, Stephenson and Jeffrey, and that No. 1 Committee be instructed to furnish the necessary funds to complete the examinations.

Mr. McRobert said that the Board should go slowly in this matter, and that Inspector Dearness would march the pupils of the London Model School down to Strathroy if he could. "If Mr. Dearness occupied the chair that Inspector Carson occupies all would have been lovely, and we would have had a model school," said Mr. McRobert.

Mr. Jeffers thought that no man would risk his reputation by taking the London pupils to Strathroy. He thought that a man who would speak to two members of the Board like Mr. Dearness had should be reported to the Minister of Education.

Mr. Love thought it was a matter of great importance and should be referred to a committee. Mr. Dearness was simply the mouthpiece of the County Council and that they should be attacked instead of him. He would support Mr. McElheran's motion.

Mr. McRobert moved in amendment that the communication of Mr. Hodgins be received and that the city's proportion be paid without prejudice. The amendment was lost and Mr. McElheran's motion carried.

R. M. Graham read his report on the Model School. It was referred to No. 1 Committee.

Miss E. Yates—Asking increase in salary.

Miss L. Pitcher—Asking for increase in salary. Filed.

Several members did not think it was fair that some teachers should get $450 and others $425 while Miss Yates, who did the same work should receive only $400. The maximum was settled after these ladies' salaries were fixed.

Dr. Ferguson thought the maximum was too low and should be raised.

Mr. McElheran thought the maximum should remain as it was.

Mr. Cook asked if the petition could not be referred to No. 1 Committee.

Mr. Dewar thought Miss Yates' petition should be filed as Miss Pitcher's was.

Mr. Jeffers moved that the salaries of Misses Yates and Magee be raised to $450.

Mr. McRobert thought the petitions should be dealt with as a whole, and should be sent back to No. 1 Committee, once for all.

Miss Yates' communication was filed, the chairman casting the telling vote.

The communication of about 30 lady teachers for increases in salaries were read.

Mr. Love moved that it be granted. They were entitled to having specific action taken.

Mr. Durdin—Where are the funds going to come from?

Mr. Dewar thought that all these matters should be ruled out of order in accordance with a resolution passed by the Board at a late meeting.

Mr. McElheran knew of at least ten teachers who had not been consulted in getting up the petition, and he thought that the petition should be filed, and filed quickly.

The petition was received.

R. M. Graham—Re new stairway for Simcoe street school. No. 2, to ascertain cost.

C. B. Edwards—Asking for agreement between School Board and himself regarding English mastership of Collegiate Institute. The agreement has been sent.

City Clerk—Asking to have the Board of Education estimate amended so as to read, "For building annex to the Askin street school, $424," instead of "For paying off mortgage on the Askin street school," as it now reads. Filed.

Effie Johnston—Applying for position as teacher. No. 1.

Education department—Granting $415 towards salary of inspector. Filed.

Mr. Hawkin—Application for position as teacher. No. 1.

Letitia Brett—For position as teacher. No. 1.

Harriet D. Irwin—For position as teacher. No. 1.

Maggie K. Sharp—For position as assistant kindergarten teacher. No. 1.

Education Department—Re grant to the Model School. Filed.

Miss E. Ingamills—For leave of absence to attend Normal School. Granted.

No. 1 Committee had no report as they had had no meeting since they submitted their last report at a special meeting of the Board.

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Trustee Cook, chairman: 1. Recommending payment of accounts amounting to $228 16. 2. Stating that seats stored at Waterloo street school had been sold for $18 30 and that amount had been paid to the city treasurer. 3. Recommending that tenders of Wm. Hayman, John Murray, A. H. Cook and F. J. Reid for work at Hamilton road kindergarten school be accepted. 4. Recommending that the janitor of Hamilton road school be selected from the following: Richard McBride, Thomas Brown, H. Hartson, E. H. Cooper or Anthony Adair.

All the clauses were adopted, except the last, the names of Richard Evans, William Galpine and T. Parkinson were added to the list.

Mr. Cook stated that Mr. Galpine was an ex-janitor, while all the others were entirely new men. A vote resulted as follows:

R. McBride	9	11	11	12	13	13 12
T. Brown	10	10	8	8	10	8
H. Hartson	6	4				
E. H. Cooper	5					
A. Adair	12	10	11	8	9	7
R. Evans	7	11	6			
W. Galpine	11	11	8	8	8	
T. Parkinson	12	12	7	6		

R. McBride was therefore declared elected, and the report was adopted as amended.

A question of supplying more cupboards for the schools arose out of Principal Graham's request for two more for Simcoe street school. The matter was referred to No. 2 Committee.

Principal Merchant stated that seven applications had been received for the position of modern language master for the Collegiate Institute—three gentlemen and four ladies. He recommended the appointment of Mr. Ferguson, of St. Marys, at a salary of $1,100. Mr. Merchant spoke very highly of Mr. Ferguson, as did also Mr. Love.

Mr. Dewar asked to have the names of the applicants read, as he thought Mr. Ferguson was almost too young for the position.

Dr. Ferguson moved that Mr. Ferguson be appointed at the salary mentioned. All but Messrs. Dewar, McElheran and Tanton voted yea. These three voted against the extra $100 in salary and not against the appointment of Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Merchant stated that the average attendance at the Collegiate Institute was 400. Some of the pupils had suggested having an annual entertainment at the close of the term.

Mr. Jeffers moved that the chairman of the Board and the chairmen of the two committees be a committee to aid the principal and to take all necessary steps. Carried.

Inspector Carson reported that there were 4,883 pupils on the roll for November and on average attendance of 3,956. He recommended the appointment of Miss Lena Rudd as kindergarten assistant at Askin street school and Miss Gillean at Talbot street. Mr. Liddicoatt had opened the night school on No. 26 with 44 students present. The report was adopted.

Mr. Dewar moved that the Board place on record their deep regret at the resignation of Messrs. Yates and Dr. Ferguson as members of the Board. Carried.

Mr. Cook moved, seconded by Mr. Dewar, that the Board out of respect to the memory of the late Inspector Boyle, and also to stimulate the pupils to greater efforts in a cause that he loved so well, give a prize in each school to the best entrance scholar, the prize to be called the "Boyle memorial prize," and the subject matter be sent to No. 1 Committee to report on the best manner of carrying out the same. Carried.

It was decided to leave the matter of furnishing the kindergarten schools with the necessary supplies with No. 2 Committee.

Dr. Ferguson gave notice that at the next meeting of the Board he would move that the recent resolution of the Board providing that principals of graded schools not holding first-class certificates on Dec. 31, 1892, be graded as assistants, be amended so that the words "31st December, 1892," shall read "1st September, 1893."

Dr. Ferguson gave notice that he would at the next meeting move that the salaries of assistant public school teachers be adjusted on the following basis: 1. An increase of $12 50 per annum shall be allowed to each teacher so long as the standard of efficiency (Grade "A") is maintained. 2. When a teacher is graded "A B" no such increase shall be allowed until standard "A" is attained. 3. Teachers in grade "A" who are "specially recommended" shall receive an additional increase of $12 50 each year that said standard (grade "A, specially recommended") is maintained. 4. The maximum salary shall be $500.

Mr. Love moved that the Christmas holidays for public schools and Collegiate Institute extend from Monday, Dec. 21 until Jan. 8, inclusive. Carried.

The number of members present gradually dwindled down until at 11:30 there was no quorum, and the Board adjourned.

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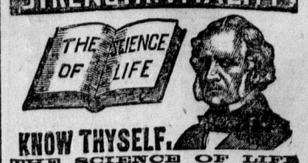

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