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FOR SECOND TERM

Mr. Wilson is Elected Chairman
of the School Board.Committees For the Year Struck—
McKeough School Salaries
to be Revised.

The new school board held their inaugural meeting last evening. There were present Dr. Bray, Wm. Robertson, R. M. Paxton, J. A. Wilson, Dr. G. T. McKeough, W. N. Morley, W. E. Campbell, Andrew Thompson, J. E. Johnston and John McCorvie.

Secretary McNabb occupied the chair during the session of the chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Robertson, seconded by R. M. Paxton, that Mr. Wilson be the chairman for the ensuing year. Carried unanimously.

In making the motion, Mr. Robertson said: It has been the custom for the chairman to have a term of two years in the chair and I think that Mr. Wilson made an ideal chairman last year. Some nice things were said about Mr. Wilson at the last meeting of the board and I quite agree with them all.

Dr. McKeough—Unfortunately it was impossible for me to be present at that meeting and I didn't have the opportunity of hearing the nice things said but I read them in The Planet. I now wish to say that I am glad to see at this board under a number of chairmen and none have conducted their duties in a more courteous, amiable or dignified manner than Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson then took the chair and thanked his colleagues for the honor. He said: It is a great pleasure to me to know that my efforts last year were appreciated. I only hope that the feeling of unanimity which prevailed will continue for the coming year.

In 1899 at the inaugural meeting of the board, I said that I would like to see the Central school finished. The city finances, however, would not permit of this being done at that time, and I am afraid that it cannot be done this year owing to the increased cost of building material. I think we have missed our opportunity.

COMMITTEES STRUCK.

Dr. Bray moved seconded by W. E. Campbell, that Wm. Robertson, R. M. Paxton, John McCorvie, Dr. Bray and Andrew Thompson strike the committees for the year. Carried.

The board then adjourned for five minutes. Mr. Robertson was elected chairman of the nominating committee and on the board resuming reported as follows:

Finance—J. E. Johnston, W. N. Morley and Dr. McKeough.

Model school—Dr. Bray, Wm. Robertson and W. E. Campbell.

Kindergarten—R. M. Paxton, John McCorvie and Andrew Thompson.

Supply committee—W. N. Morley, Andrew Thompson, Dr. McKeough, R. M. Paxton and John McCorvie.

The report was adopted, it being understood that the committees should meet and elect their own chairman. The finance committee in the same as last year. W. E. Campbell takes the place of Dr. McKeough on the model school committee, Andrew Thompson and Dr. McKeough are added to the supply committee in place of Wm. Robertson and W. E. Campbell. The kindergarten committee remains the same.

On motion of Dr. McKeough, seconded by Dr. Bray, the managers of the schools for 1899 were re-elected for 1900.

On motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by W. E. Campbell, Miss Mounter was again appointed entrance examiner for 1900.

On motion of W. N. Morley, seconded by Dr. McKeough, Edwin Bell was elected to represent the school board at the C. C. L. board.

On motion of John McCorvie, seconded by Dr. R. V. Bray, R. A. Hughes was elected to the library board.

On motion of Dr. Bray, seconded by Wm. Robertson, Wm. Needham was appointed caretaker of the King St. school at a dollar a month.

John E. Johnston moved, seconded by Dr. Bray that a committee of one from each ward, be appointed to look into the salaries at McKeough school, members of the committee to be, Wm. Robertson, W. E. Campbell, J. A. Wilson, W. N. Morley and the managers of the school. Carried.

R. M. Paxton called attention to a pool of water at the back entrance to the Central school. Several parents were complaining about their children having to wade through this water.

Dr. McKeough—That is a matter for the janitor and principal to attend to.

R. M. Paxton—Well, someone has got to attend to it.

Dr. Bray moved that the managers of all the schools be empowered to approach the water commissioners and get a flat rate for all the schools.

The motion carried and the board then adjourned.

"Take time by the forelock." If your blood is out of order, begin taking Hood's Sarsaparilla at once and prevent serious illness.

LADYSMITH FIGHT.

First D tailed Account of Two
Terrible Struggles.They Commenced in the Early Morning
Darkness and Lasted all Day.
Boers surprised British.

London, Jan. 18.—The Standard publishes the following despatch from Ladysmith, dated Jan. 6, by way of Frere, Jan. 17:—"The enemy to-day made a determined effort to capture two positions—Caesar's Camp and Wagon Hill.

CAESAR'S CAMP

was held by the First Battalion Manchester Regiment. In the early hours of the morning, under cover of darkness, the Heidelberg commando succeeded in evading our pickets, making their way through the thorn bush and reaching the foot of the slope at half-past two. The alarm was raised by our sentries, but before the full extent of danger could be realized the outer sentries had been rushed and their defenders slain. On the morning of the 17th, two companies of the Gordon Highlanders went to the assistance of the Manchesters. At first it was thought that the Boers were concentrating on the southern slope, where they had already secured a footing on the plateau. Here, however, their advance was checked by the steady volleys of our infantry, and the deadly fire of the automatic gun. Lieutenant Grubbe went out to see if any aid were needed by the troops stationed on the ridge near the town. He was not aware that the enemy had already captured the breastworks, and called out to the sergeant. He received the reply:—"Here I am, sir," and then he suddenly disappeared from sight. Captain Carnegie, suspecting a ruse, ordered the Gordons to fire a volley and to charge. The enemy thereupon fell back precipitately leaving behind them the officer whom they had captured with so much presence of mind. The lieutenant was quite unhurt. By daybreak reinforcements of Gordon Highlanders and of the Rifle Brigade had been hurried up to the fighting line. Lieutenant Col. Dick Cunningham, who was leading the Gordons out of camp, fell mortally wounded, being hit by a stray bullet while still close to the town. The 53rd battery of field artillery, under Major Abdy, crossed the Klip river and shelled the ridge and the slope of the front position, where the enemy were lying among the thorn bushes. The enemy fought throughout with the most stubborn courage, being evidently determined to take the camp or die in the attempt. A terrific storm of rain and hail, accompanied by peals of thunder, had burst over the camp during the fighting. This served to swell the streams into raging torrents. In their efforts to escape, numbers of the enemy flung themselves into the current and were swept away. The struggle in this part of the field was now ended, and the finale was a terrible fusillade all along the line, the crash of which almost drowned the incessant thunder above.

WAGON HILL.

"Meanwhile a more exciting contest was in progress in the direction of Wagon Hill. At 2 a. m. a strong party of Boers, furnished by the Harrismith Free State commando crept cautiously along a donga in the valley which divides our posts from their camp. A few well-aimed rifle shots killed our pickets. The Boers then gradually reached the crest of the heights. Here a body of Light Horse were posted, but they were forced to retire before the advance of the Free Staters. With little to impede their progress, the enemy soon came to an emplacement, where they surprised working parties of the Gordon Highlanders and leaders and Sixteenth Rifles. Lieutenant Digby Jones, of the Royal Engineers, collecting a handful of men, made a gallant effort to hold the position, but the numbers were against him, and after a stubborn resistance, he was driven back, and the enemy got possession of the summit. Here it was that Lieutenant McNaughton and 30 of the Gordon Highlanders were captured, although not until every man was wounded.

"Colon Edwards, with two squadrons of Light Horse arrived on the scene, and the 21st Battery of the Field Artillery, under Major Blewett, came into action, preventing the besieging party to be reinforced from the Boer camp. At the same time the 18th Hussars and the 5th Lancashire checked the movement of the Boers on our right flank. Nevertheless our position at this point had become critical. Major Bowen rallied a few riflemen, but fell while leading them to the charge. His example was at once followed by Lieutenant Todd, but the latter met the same fate. The enemy were making good the footing they had gained when Major Watson, calling the scattered Gordons, charged in and drove them back. Having thus cleared the ground, Lieutenant Watson joined Lieutenant Digby Jones on the west side. A pause ensued for a time, but the Boers were not yet finally beaten. Taking advantage of the storm now raging, they essayed to capture the position by another rush. Three of their leaders reached the parapet, but were shot down by Lieutenant Digby Jones and Lieutenant Watson, the latter of whom also fell. The renewed check effectually discouraged the assailants, and the duel was practically at an end. Nevertheless parties of the brave assailants kept up a murderous fire on our men from behind the rocks.

The moment had evidently arrived to strike the final blow, and Col. Park quickly issued the necessary orders. Three companies of Devonshires, led by Captain Lafone, Lieutenant Fields and Lieutenant Masterson, made a brilliant charge across the open under a terrific fire, and fairly buried the enemy down the hill at the point of the bayonet. In the course of the struggle Captain Lafone and Lieutenant Fields were killed, and Lieutenant Masterson received no fewer than ten wounds.

The Standard's vivid account of the assault upon Ladysmith shows that the garrison was surprised, and that several times the situation was critical. Out of a detachment of thirty Gordon Highlanders who surrendered, every man was wounded, says the correspondent. This is the first mention of the capture of the Highlanders. The Boer repulse at Ladysmith was the heaviest counter stroke of the war.

LOCAL BRIEFS

D. R. VanAllen is in Newbury today.

The Essex county House of Refuge will be located at Leamington.

Miss Swan, Delaware avenue, left for Detroit yesterday, on a short visit.

W. H. Taylor is doing as well as could be expected after his recent accident.

James Skagel, of Seltou, underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital this week.

Good smart lad for light office work wanted at once. Wm. Gray & Sons, Co., Limited.

Mrs. Wallace, of Merline, who underwent an operation at St. Joseph's Hospital, is doing well.

Mrs. Wm. Baize entered St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday suffering from nervous prostration.

Petitions to Hon David Mills to spare Mordred Stewart's life are being circulated in Windsor.

Fred Liddy, son of Ald. Liddy, who is suffering from a relapse of typhoid fever, is much better.

Miss Wing, who is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever at St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving.

Miss McLean, city, left St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday, having recovered from her recent illness.

James Wanless, King St., is suffering from an attack of blood poisoning, the result of a dog bite on the hand.

It is expected that between forty and fifty families from Toledo, O., will settle in the Canadian Northwest this spring.

Mrs. G. W. Doane left for Leadville, Mich., to-day, after a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. Archie Wemp, Wellington street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller, of Walkerville, were in the city yesterday attending the marriage of Mr. Miller's sister.

Lamon & Avechouser, merchant tailors, are offering \$16 suits for \$13, and \$4 pants for \$3, for the next 30 days. These are snags.

Rev. R. McCosh and Mrs. McCosh will entertain the officers of Christ Church and the members of the choir in the rectory this evening.

R. Parsons & Co.'s furniture factory at Stratford was burned Monday night. There was an insurance of \$30,000, which will not cover the loss.

Book your orders for fence wire with Geo. Stephens & Co. They are booking orders for spring delivery and guaranteeing prices; also books, staples, slats and fence tools.

A. F. Nash, provincial gas inspector, has laid an information against W. D. West, manager of the Windsor Gas Co., charging him with supplying to patrons illuminating gas of less than the standard quality, which is 16-candle power.

Last evening the Rev. Father Superior, Francis Solanus, and Fathers Paul and Herman, the clergy of St. Joseph's church, entertained the choir in the Ladies' Aid Hall, on Queen St.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, excellent refreshments being served.

Albert Miller, a Walkerville baker, was driving a delivery wagon Tuesday afternoon over the car tracks of the L. E. & D. R. R., when a freight train struck the wagon and completely demolished it. Horse and driver were thrown to one side and Miller escaped with a few bruises.

The remains of Mrs. W. J. McGuire, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. M. Tylhurst, King St., will be brought from Elmville, Ont., to Chatham, on the G. T. R. train from the East tomorrow morning. The funeral will take place tomorrow at half-past two o'clock, from the residence of Mrs. Tylhurst to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Frank Wigle, assistant agent of the L. E. & D. R. R. at Wallaceburg, has been removed to Blenheim to succeed Fred. Anderson, who has accepted of position as agent at Thamesville, on the Wabash.

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork, and then, when they were tired, we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help, a pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

Among the successful candidates in the December election of the Ontario Normal Schools are the names of Miss Marion McCall and Miss A. Keller, of this city. Miss Jenner, Charing Cross, and Miss McLane, Eber, (who obtained honor standing) and Bagnall, of Raleigh. Miss Clark who is at present teaching in Richmond's school house, Dover, Miss Howe, of Keith, and Miss Campbell, Cedar Springs. Miss Beatty, of Hignate, took honors, and Miss M. J. Smith, of Moraviantown, obtained pass standing.

SPRING FAIR ON APRIL 28.

A special meeting of the directors of the West Kent Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the old town hall for the purpose of passing accounts, revising the prize lists, appointing the standing committee and to set the date of the fall fair. A special committee will also be appointed to look into ways and means of putting the buildings. The directors are also open to receive tenders for rental of the grounds and track. The date of the spring fair has been set for the 28th of April, being the last Saturday in that month. The prize list has been revised and a number of special prizes offered. It is expected that this fair will be the best ever held.

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But what about the blood which the heart must pump at the rate of 70 times a minute? If the heart is to be sturdy and the nerves strong this blood must be rich and pure. Hood's Sarsaparilla makes sturdy hearts because it makes good blood. It gives to men and women strength, confidence, courage and endurance.

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That the great stock reduction sale commenced this morning?

Do You Know

That we sell better goods for the same money and the same goods for less money than any other store in Chatham?

Do You Know

That for the next nine days we are outstripping our own best records for value giving?

Do You Know

That you can buy any article in this store during this sale for 10 per cent less than the regular price of it?

Do You Know

We are selling 25c Dress Goods for 15c, 40c Dress Goods for 25c, 60c Dress Goods for 50c?

Do You Know

We are selling Fine Black \$1.00 Dress Goods for 75c, and \$1.75 Black Crepons for \$1.25 per yard?

Do You Know

We are selling Ladies' Dollar Flannelette Night Gowns for 78c?

Do You Know

We are selling a special line of Ladies' Ribbed Vests, regular 69c for 50c?

Do You Know

We are offering two bargain lots of Laces at 5c and 10c per yard?

Do You Know

We are selling Fine Sateen Comforters at about the cost of the material alone?

Do You Know

We have an immense stock of Cottons, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, bought months ago and that we are selling them for less than the present mill prices?

Do You Know

We have a line of Wrapperettes the regular price of which was 18c, bought at a bargain and our Sale Price will be only 10c per yard?

Do You Know

We have some bargain lines in Lace Curtains, Carpets and Floor Matings that are a snap for you if you need them?

Do You Know

We have only one price to everyone and it's no trouble for us to show goods?

DO YOU KNOW?



DO YOU KNOW?

DO YOU KNOW our Great Mark Down Sale of Clothing is in full swing?

DO YOU KNOW odds and ends have been gathered from all over the store and marked down at prices which make it profitable to shop here!

DO YOU KNOW our every day prices are as low as many advertised specials?

DO YOU KNOW we sell Men's, Boys' and Childrens Suits and Overcoats which captivate everytime?

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Men's Heavy Ulsters with all the comforts, at \$3.48, \$4.50, \$4.95, \$5.75, \$6.48? These prices are from \$1.50 to \$2 a coat less than regular.

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Men's Dress Overcoats from \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.50 and \$7.95? Coats that sold all season from \$1.50 to \$2.50 more. Come and see them.

DO YOU KNOW you can buy Solid Tweed and Serge Suits here at \$4.95 that are sold all over at \$6.50? and Nobby Up-to-date Tweed, Serge and Worsted Suits that sold at \$10, for \$7.50

DO YOU KNOW that the solid truth in this stores advertising makes each season's sales larger than the predecessor?

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Strong Wool Sox, ribbed tops, 2 pair for 25c? Handsome Pure English Cambric Dress Shirts \$1, fast colors, heavy Scotch knit shirts and drawers, 47c? Good Wearing Knitted Top Shirts, at 35c?

DO YOU KNOW comparison of our prices will secure for us a good portion of your future trade if you are not shackled by prejudice?

DO YOU KNOW we are selling Boys' Solid Tweed Pants, all sizes, 50c? Boys' Neat Check Cottonade Pants, 25c? Men's Heavy Tweed Pants 75c and 90c? Men's All-wool Tweed Pants \$1.25, \$1.48?

DO YOU KNOW we are having all our Clothing for the coming season made by the best tailors in America, importing our cloth and buying direct from the mills and will have them made to our own ideas? Will be in a position of showing you the finest and highest class and best gotten up clothing ever shown over a counter.

DO YOU KNOW everybody is invited to look through even with no thought of buying and it's no trouble, but a pleasure to display our goods?

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The Money Saving Spot for Men.