

### TRUSTEES TO ASSIST THEM.

Will Encourage Plan to Teach Foreigners English Language.

Board Appoints Nurse to Inspect Public School Pupils.

Two New Manual Training Centres to be Opened.

The Board of Education warmed up enthusiastically last night to the scheme of assisting in opening a school for teaching foreigners the English language. There seemed to be some difference of opinion as to just what course should be pursued in encouraging the scheme, but the trustees were unanimous in feeling that something should be done.

Action was hastened by the appearance of a deputation from the Israelitish Benevolent Society in connection with the matter. The spokesman of the party urged that the board do something to open a night school. While appearing solely on behalf of the Hebrews of the city, they did not object to a school for all nationalities. If these foreigners were able to speak the English language, he said, they would make much better citizens. There were about a hundred Hebrews in city, mostly refugees from Russia, some of whom had been here two or three years, who would attend the classes. They would not object to paying a small fee.

The board had already decided to offer to those interested in the opening of the school such furniture as is at its disposal for that purpose. Mr. Adam Zimmerman, the member for West Hamilton, persuaded the Government to permit the use of the old customs house for school purposes. Most of the trustees last night thought it was a duty they should not shirk, although some of them protested against the board being put to any expense. It was thought that teachers of the school should be secured from the public schools, and all figures, that would be covered by the fees. The matter was left in the hands of the Internal Management Committee.

This clause in the Internal Management Committee's report carried without comment, although it was expected there was going to be a lively debate over it.

"That a professional nurse be appointed to inspect the Public School pupils, for a term of six months from Jan. 1, 1908, at a salary of \$250 for the six months, and that Emma J. Deymon be appointed to the position; that Dr. Roberts and Dr. Carr be a committee to draw up rules governing the work, and that a special inspection be made of all new pupils entering the Public Schools." Chairman Howell made a report on the visit of the deputation to Woodstock and Rochester to gather information regarding manual training. The board approved of the Internal Management Committee's recommendation that two new centres be opened at the Caroline and Wentworth street schools. There was some doubt about the latter school being a suitable place, but the matter was left with the Internal Management Committee, which will also have power to engage teachers.

The matter of arranging details in connection with the carrying into effect and operation of the Savings Bank system, to be introduced into the school's was left in the hands of a special committee.

The Building Committee, which is dealing with the matter of gas burners in the Domestic Science classes, to prevent a re-occurrence of a similar accident to that which happened in the King Edward recently, will arrange for improvements to the burners that will protect against danger.

Secretary Foster read the following communications:

Application from W. D. Platt to have the Mountain Avenue School opened.

Miss Mabel Strong, domestic science teacher, for an increase of salary to \$600 a year. She receives \$500 now.

Thomas Godsell, caretaker of Queen Victoria Avenue School, for an increase from \$550 to \$575.

Misses J. Caroline Smith, E. Victoria Johnson, Katharine E. McKown, Margaret Reyburn, for positions on the teaching staff.

J. Percy Gage, for a position as manual training teacher.

Miss W. C. Jamieson, leave of absence for a year.

Eleven applications for the position of sewing teacher were received.

### GUELPH SHOWS.

Big Time Among the Farmers and Their Women Folks.

Guelph, Dec. 12.—The combined experience of the best known men in the horse and cattle industry and of the leaders in women's institute work was given to-day for the guidance of all in attendance at the Winter Fair and its allied meetings, and all connected with these undertakings are convinced that all records have been broken in attendance, interest and general results. With some, and particularly the exhibitors, the judging at the Winter Fair has been the chief attraction, while others look upon the Ontario Agricultural College as the key to the door of success on the farm. Hon. Adam Beck, of London, in a vigorous speech, made a plea for farmers to take more interest in the breeding of good horses, and incidentally touched upon the question of cheap power for the rural districts and the operation of farm machinery. The Women's Institute continued and closed the discussion on allegiance to high ideals in the home. One woman here thought it was children's day at the Fair by the number of little ones who watched the parade of prize live stock. John Brown & Sons, of Galt, the winners of the grand championship, were the recipients of many words of praise upon their record of success. Never before, according to best judges, and they were there from all parts of the world, was there a better representation of high class beef cattle.

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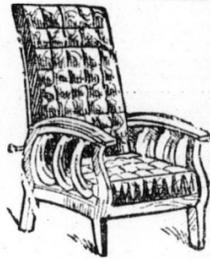
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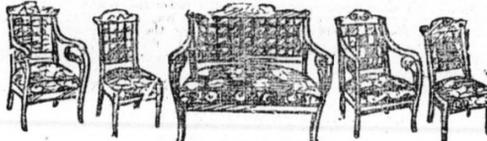
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### HYDRO OFFER WOULD STICK CITY.

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pump the reservoirs full the city will have to pay for that given amount all the time, even when it is not being used. "The Cataract Company's offer, also clearly and definitely declared, will be based on the average of power used. When the pumps are running the city will pay for the power used. When the reservoirs are full and the pumps stop the charges stop too—the average of power used will be the basis of the cost to the city. "And now, let me show you where the city will get the most of it under the Hydro scheme. It is an indisputable fact that the proportion of increase will be much larger in the maximum than in the average; therefore the city will be 'soaked' to a very much greater extent on account of the increased consumption of water by having its pumping done by the Hydro, than if the Cataract does it. "Under the Cataract offer, the city will get its pumping done for six years at a saving of 30 per cent. of what it will cost if done by Hydro-Electric power, and will save the whole of the capital expense. Now, what will the capital expense be under the Hydro scheme? I

am prepared to say that \$50,000, the amount estimated, will not buy and install the pumps and complete the system with transformers, lightning arresters, switches, connections, etc. It may buy the pumps. The Cataract Company will buy and install the pumps, provide the transformers, lightning arresters, switches, connections, and everything complete, entirely free of cost to the city, and will present the whole outfit to the city at the end of the six years. "Then look a little further. The city, at the present condition of the money market, will pay \$55,800 or more for the \$50,000 required to buy the pumps. By the time they are installed and equipped ready to deliver water the outfit will be anywhere from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Under the Cataract offer the city is saved this entire outfit and will get as good an electric pumping plant as it can buy for the figures I have given above. "Then if the waterworks department will introduce a good system of metering the consumption of water can be materially reduced, and that should be done, no matter what power is used. "Mr. Hawkins was asked this question: It has been estimated that your offer is equal to \$35 a horse-power a year. How is that figure arrived at? "It is reached by computing interest, repairs, depreciation, cost of power and everything else. On the same process the Hydro-Electric proposition will figure out at \$45. "Mr. Hawkins repeated the statement

he made on Tuesday, that the city would save \$69,000 in six years by accepting the Cataract offer. He figures it as follows: Hydro proposition— 1,000 horse-power at \$17.50 for six years . . . . . \$105,000 Interest . . . . . 15,000 Sinking fund . . . . . 15,000 Maintenance . . . . . 4,500 Capital cost . . . . . 50,000 Total . . . . . \$189,500 Cataract Power Company's charge for power . . . . . \$120,000 Saving to city . . . . . \$ 69,500

### DEAD ON THE TRACK.

Body of Henry Tennant, of Lagark Township, Found. Carleton Place, Dec. 12.—The remains of a man named Henry Tennant, about 50 years of age, of Lagark township, were found on the C. P. R. track near the freight shed this morning. It seems he rushed this morning some time last night, and from bottles found in his pockets it is supposed he was under the influence of liquor and wandered on to the track. His remains were taken to Leslie's undertaking establishment, awaiting the action of the coroner.

### WAS ACQUITTED.

JUDGE EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE JURY'S VERDICT.

Man on Trial at "Soo" for Slaying Companion Told a New Story of How Tragedy Occurred.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 12.—Thos. McFarlane, who has been on trial for the murder of William Dixon by shooting at Iron Bridge, was to-night acquitted, and left the court a free man. When the jury returned with their verdict at 9 o'clock the judge expressed great surprise at their finding, declaring that he could not conceive how it was possible for any jury to arrive at such a verdict on the evidence which had been presented. Throughout the day McFarlane showed the deepest dejection, and while his counsel was addressing the court sat with his head concealed below the rail of the dock. When the verdict was rendered a fervent "Thank God!" burst from his lips. This morning the prisoner took the stand in his own defence, and told an entirely new story. He said that on the day in question he was at the cabin, which he occupied with Dixon,

and was engaged in feeding the dog when Dixon arrived in an intoxicated condition. He did not pay any attention to him until Dixon took down the gun from the wall and shot the dog. He, the prisoner, at once grappled with Dixon, and in the struggle the weapon was discharged, killing the latter. McFarlane went on to relate how, under the stress of excitement, he attempted to commit suicide, but the gun missed fire. He then left the house, and passed the night at a lumber camp, returning in the morning. He knelt down by the body of the dead man and made a vow that he would give himself up and tell the whole truth, but instead when arrested that night he broke his vow and told conflicting stories.

The judge's charge was strongly against the prisoner.

As soon as the verdict had been rendered, McFarlane left the court.

### BABY BADLY BURNED.

Galt Woman Had Left Children Alone for a Brief While.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 12.—The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Simmons, Pollock avenue, was terribly burned this morning. The child's mother had gone to the butcher shop near by, leaving the children alone, and on returning, after a very brief absence, found

the baby with its clothing in flames. By means of a blanket they were immediately extinguished, but the child was frightfully burned about the upper portion of the body. It is thought that the children were playing about the fire with paper.

### LENIENCY FOR STEPHENS.

The Wabash Engineer's Case Considered by Grand Jury.

St. Thomas, Dec. 12.—The grand jury at the Sessions to-day recommended leniency in the case of Murray Stephens, former Wabash engineer, sentenced to half a year in jail two months ago for disregarding signals, which resulted in the fatal collision at the C. P. R.—Wabash diamond crossing. The jury think the ends of justice would be sufficiently met if Stephens were soon released, and now that the attention of the railway authorities and employees had been drawn to the subject by the punishment of this man fewer accidents may be anticipated from the carelessness of railway employees. The jury also recommends that prisoners in the county jail be given employment at breaking stones for roads.

A new navy league, to be called the Imperial Maritime League, is in process of projection in London. It threatens to deprive the older organization of much of its authority.