EDUCATION BOARD STATES POSITION ON **COLLEGIATE QUESTION**

Unit System Has Many Advantages Over Central School,

SAYS TRUSTEE HAYMAN

Detailed Statement of Entire Situation Given to the Press.

Following out the decision arrived at by the board of education at its recent special meeting, the chairman of the board, Trustee H. Hayman has issued the following detailed statement of the board's position in conection with the Collegiate Institute problem.

The statement asserts that the board has secured the best possible advice to be obtained on the question of the ad vantages or otherwise of the unit system vantages or otherwise of the unit system over the central plan. It also declares that the board is satisfied that the two units proposed for immediate construction can be built and maintained at a cost not exceeding that of the suggested large central school. This latter claim is indorsed by the chairman himself on the strength of his own personal experience as a contractor. perience as a contractor. A higher efficiency is claimed for the unit system as well as a declaration that it is the more economical.

Board's Statement.

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The board's statement is as follows:

"The destruction of the Collegiate Institute by fire left the city without high school accommodation. The board at once recognized that they had a very serious problem to face. It was now not a question of adding to the accommodation we already had, but of starting from the beginning, and providing a solution for Collegiate accommodation for London not only for present needs, but anticipating future requirements. This was one that no board could afford to settle without having all available information before them.

Expert Advice Sought.

"The board, accordingly, sought the best advice available. The department of education in Toronto was consulted. Their advice combined the information of all of the provincial high school inspectors. Dr. Merchant and the minister of education. They were unanimous and there emphatic that the best results from an said educational and economical standpoint had emphatic that the best results from an educational and economical standboint were obtained in unit collegiates of no more than sixteen teaching rooms. The following are a few of the many reasons

wen by the department of education or favoring the unit system:

"That it was the unanimous experience of provincial high school inspectors that the best work was done in collegiates of about sixteen class rooms."

class rooms.
"That cities with a large central collegiate, such as Ottawa, recognize that a supreme mistake had been made, which is now very costly to rectify. London should avoid making such a mistake. "That cities such as Toronto are adopting the small unit system in

extending their collegiate education.

That in large schools the personal influence and contact of the principal and teacher on the student hody are largely lost, the principal becomes a policeman and a judge rather than an educator and the large schools became factories rather than educational institutions. "That adequate recreation grounds are essential to the modern

urban collegiates. The great war has taught more than anything else the need of physical training. "That one central collegiate, no matter how large, will not accommodate the city when the adolescent attendance act comes into force.

"The present principal, Mr. Mooney, ax-Principal Rogers, now high school inspector for the province, and ex-Principal Dr. Merchant, who is recog-

Principal Dr. Merchant, who is recognized as the best authority on secondary school education in the province, all advised the board that theu nit plan was preferable to a large central collegiate. The board then had a census of the high school teachers of the city taken. The result of this was that forty-five were in favor of the unit plan and three in store of a central school plan.

"In the face of this overwhelming evidence on the part of educational exdence on the part of educational experts there can be no question that the unit system is more efficient than a large central school plan and the question therefore resolved itself into one of

Most Efficient; Most Economical. "In considering the question of cost, let me say that there is no body of citizens more anxious to see economy prac-ticed in the affairs of the city than the board of education. To arrive at the board of education. To arrive at the cost of the two plans the board had tentative plans of a central building and branch collegiates prepared and figured on by local contractors and architects. It was found that the two units to be at present built would cost from ten to twenty per cent less than the building of a central unit and to the cost of the building on the central site would be added the cost of purchasing adjoining property both on Dufferin avenue and Princess avenue, and this would be a very considerable item.

"In regard to the cost of the building, I would say that upon this part of the plan I can speak with considerable assurance. As a practical builder, I can guarantee that the facts are as presented to the board. The large central school would require a large auditorium, by local contractors and architects.

school would require a large central school would require a large auditorium, a large cafeteria and kitchens for the same, a large gymnasium and swimming pool, while with the unit plan of ming pool, while with the unit plan of distribution a much smaller proportion would make use of the lunch rooms and the auditoriums would be much smaller. Every practical builder knows that when you double the size of an auditorium you very much more than double its cost, and it is in the cutting down of this accommodation that the unit system is proving itself economical. In regard to maintenance cost, the board was also assured that the unit system would not you more for maintenance than the central school plan.

Plan Adopted.

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the city of London:

"To build at once a complete Collegiate Institute of sixteen teaching rooms north of the C. P. R.

"To build at once a ten-room Collegiate Institute on a site in South London, to be completed to a sixteen-room collegiate when recuired."

and with the proceeds purchase the new north site.

"To make provision for a unit Collegiate to be built in the eastern part of the city when the requirements of the city demand.

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"This plan provided for only one upper school until such time as the number of students attending upper school justifies more than one.

"The fact that this plan was favored by eleven out of fourteen of the trustees who had given careful attention to the problem and had all sources of information before them and have no other object to serve than the best educational interests of the city will, I am sure, commend the plan which they have adopted to the citizens. I am sure that with the facts before them, the citizens will approve the unit plan adopted by the board at its last meeting."

HAMILTON YOUTH IS FOUND GUILTY OF STEALING BICYCLE

Harry Whalen Remanded to Jail While Police Look Up Past.

Harry Whalen a Hamilton youth arrived in this city Tuesday night without a cent and out of work. Desperate in his attempt to reach the United States where he has relatives, he stole a bicycle belonging to Harry Armstrong of 53 Wortley road, from the rear of the C. P. R. telegraph office where Armstrong is employed as messenger boy. A few minutes later he was arrested by Detective Harry Downs while he was endeavoring to sell the stolen wheel in a local pawnshop for \$5. Although he pleaded innocent he was found guilty in police court today and in order that the authorities might find more about him he was remanded one week to jall.

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While Detective Downs stood at King and Clarence streets at 8:15 in the evening he saw Whalen take a wheel into T. Fox's pawnshop. He followed evening he saw Whalen take a wheel into T. Fox's pawnshop. He followed and questioned the youth.

The boy he said was endeavoring to dispose of the wheel for \$5. although it was easily worth \$30. He claimed that he had purchased the wheel one year ago for \$15. He told Mr. Downs that he lived on York street and that he worked at the carshops. When he claimed he had got the wheel from another place on King street Mr. Downs requested him to take him to the place. They reached the market square and then the hoy seemed confused because there were no houses there. Mr. Downs said Whalen then confessed the wheel had been stolen.

In police court today Whalen claimed that the wheel had been given him to pawn by another chap on the market. He told the magistrate that he had just come from Hamilton where he had been working recently. He named a large manufacturing concern and the G. T. R. shops as places of his employment. His family he said had been living in California for the past four years and he had relatives in several parts of the United States.

Harry Armstrong identified the wheel.

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Middlesex Farmers Are Wintering Fewer Hogs.

Toronto, Dec. 15 .- The following a summary of reports made by the agricultural representatives to the Ontario Department of Agriculture: Several representatives again refer o the fact that live stock men are facing the winter with more satisfaction than for some years because of an abundance of corn and straw to supplement the good supply of coarse grains produced this season.

Northumberland notes a distinct fall-ing off in prices paid for all kinds of cattle, more particularly for the com-mon grades of stock. While the Prescott and Russell rep-Northinberhand notes a distinct fairing off in prices paid for all kinds of cattle, more particularly for the common grades of stock.

While the Prescott and Russell representative states that more milch cows will be wintered as the corn crop has been an excellent one. Leeds reports that good average cows due to freshen in the spring are selling at from \$45 to \$70, and canners at \$25.

Cheese prices are lower. Dundas quotes recent prices as ranging from 21 to 23 cents a 1b., while Leeds states that recent sales were around 21-2 cents. The supply of cheese on hand is said to compare favorably with that of a year ago.

Middlesex reports that a number of farmers in that county are wintering fewer hogs.

There also appears to be a tendency among sheep raisers generally to thin out their flocks.

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been shipped from around Murillo in the Port Arthur district at \$2 a bag f. o. b. at point of shipment. Some of them were for Duluth and some for Manitoba.

Middlesex reports that some flax was in the fields up to the end of November.

Fall wheat is generally regarded as being in most promising condition. Fall plowing was renewed in some of the southwestern and other favored localities during the past week or two. Some late harvesting of roots has also been done, although in some cases a number of farmers have turned their sheep upon the turning

ASHPLANT DELIVERS FIRST ADDRESS IN MUNICIPAL FIGHT

Speaks to Carshop Employees at Noonday Meeting.

Ex-Ald. H. B. Ashplant, mayoralty nominee of the Labor Representation Committee, opened his election campaign by an address at the Grand Trunk car shops Tuesday noon. He criticized Mayor Little's attitude toward the Labor representatives at the last municipal election, his attitude on the London bill, and his policy in regard to the City Gas Company's service charge. the City Gas Company's service charge.

"All I want at the coming election is a fair deal," Mr. Ashplant said. "I challenge Mayor Little to come out of the woodpile and meet me on a public platform and take up the issues that he started himself or the last election." started himself at the last election."
Harry Kibbler, Labor candidate for alderman in ward four, also gave a brief address.

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Many Automobile Accident
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The jury civil sessions of the county continue to drag out their somewhat tedious course in the courthouse what tedious course in the tediou

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LONDON IS A BUSY CITY

Despite the thought that some try to spread "that things are quieting up a little," London goes on as busy as ever, and crowds are buying gifts that last from John A. Nash, My Jeweler. His store is 206 Dundas street, "where you will eventually buy."

HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF

BARNES CRITICIZES

GENEVA, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press).—The first step for disarrmament of the nations must be cautious and deliberate, the assembly of the League of Nations decided today, despite sharp criticisms by George Nicoll Barnes, the British labor leader, and Christian Lange of Norway.

Mr. Barnes said there was "too much within and the said quibble and not enough pluck" in the

decisions to go slowly.

United States Policy.

The policy of the United States on this question was, by more or less veiled allusions, invoked as one reason why the control discussions.

IS RECOMMENDATION ONLY. GENEVA, Dec. 14.—The assembly of the League of Nations this afternoon have I went on record as favoring the limiwent on record as favoring the limitation of armaments by the powers for the next two years by agreement among them. The limitations clause of the disarmament committee's report was adopted after it had been modified so as to take the form of a recommenda-

tion. France, Brazil, Chile, Greece, Poland, Rumania and Uruguay voted against

MAY DOUBLE SIZE OF BRANTFORD HYDRO-**ELECTRIC SYSTEM**

Plant Proving Inadequate To Supply Many Customers.

Brantford, Dec. 15.—Announcement was made by Chairman Wedlake of the Hydro-Electric Commission here this morning that the commission was planning to duplicate its system here next year at a cost of \$75,000. The plant now in use was constructed for 650 customers, and there are now 4,000 domestic consumers, and in addition power users get 2,600 horsepower. With the Crippawa power available soon all apparatus and transformers will need duplication, and this work is projected

BORAH WOULD ASK FOR NAVAL **BUILDING TRUCE**

Would Offer Agreement To Britain and Japan To Cut Down.

DANIELS OPPOSES

Says United States Cannot Offer To Take Naval Holiday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14 .tumored intentions of Great Britain and Japan to seek a tripartite agreement with the United States for limitation of warship building programs came up

informed by Admiral Coontz, chief of naval operations, who accompanied Secretary Daniels, that if all building capital ships tonnage figures would be: Great Britain, 864,600; United States, 468,000; Japan, 326,000.

Admiral Coontz was instructed to be ready tomorrow to discuss in detail at an executive session the question of relative strength existing and projected.

DRURY APPEARS **OPTIMISTIC OVER COLONY FUTURE**

Former Kapuskasing Settlement Now Hive of Pulp Industry.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.-Twelve hundred men are at work at Spruce balls, Ont., formerly known as Kapuskasing. Pulp mills are being rushed to completion and thousands of cords of pulpbe given Spain. China had many supporters as a successor to Greece, and it appeared Norway would replace Belgium. There were many delegates, however, who were expected to support Belgium when the election took place.

ASSEMBLY URGES

ARMAMENT LIMIT

wood are being cut, according to wood are being cut, according to Premier Drury, who returned to Toronto today from a stop-off at the former solders' colony of Kapuskasing on his way back from Winnipeg.

The premier appeared optimistic over the prospects of Spruce Falls as a settlement under Government auspices, and he stated that a colony of experienced settlers from Haliburton County was expected to move in next County was expected to move in next spring. Spruce Falls already has elec-

spring. Spruce Falls already has electric lights.

The first unit of the Government pulp mills will be completed by next May, the premier said. Wood-cutting is being done in one block, instead of in small patches. The brush will be burned and the area reforested, the land not being specially adapted for agriculture, although nearby is good agricultural land.

Premier Drury expressed admiration

Premier Drury expressed admiration for the courageous and cheerful French-Canadian settlers going into the woods to build their homes.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Grove's LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE tablets. The genuine beare the signature of E. W. Grove. 30c.

PLAN TO SHUT OUT CANADIAN WHEAT IS OPPOSED IN JOURNAL

Wall Street Publication Sees

There also appears to be a tendency among sheep raisers generally to thin out their flocks.

Poultry shipments are being rushed to the Christmas markets. Leeds gives the following as the prevailing prices per pound at the turkey fairs recently held in that county: turkeys. 45 cents; ducks, 28 to 30 cents; chickens, 30 to 37 cents; fowl, 26 to 27 cents.

Northumberland quotes the prices of mill feeds handled in carloads by local farmers' clubs as averaging per ton: bran, \$41; shorts, \$46; ground buck-wheat screenings, \$39.25, the latter in bags.

About six carloads of potatoes have been shipped from around Murillo in the Port Arthur district at \$2 a bag f. o. b. at point of shipment. Some of them were for Duluth and some for Manitoba.

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M. Foullet of Belgium said:

"Belgium has received no reparations."

Belgium has received no reparations. Schemes to help them in Congress are multiplying as rapidly as the natural farm pests. One of the most menacing is a proposal to shut out imports of Canadian wheat, the rate of 40 000 000.

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"At a time when wheat is going from this country at the rate of 40,000,000 bushels a month, and Bradstreet's report shows that 230,000,000 bushels have been shipped from both countries, while Europe is steadily buying, it is well for people to think of the future. Canada's idea of the outlook may be inferred from the fact that the present price of wheat at Winnipeg is considerably higher than at Chicago.

"Farmers have not suffered loss through imports from Canada. But they might suffer irreparable loss if a tariff wall were raised against that country.

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"The loss of an important market might result. No farmer can prosper unless he can find a market for his products. He will not find it among other farmers. The manufacturing centres and foreign countries furnish his market for surplus products. Without them his work for the year will go to naught."



A Christmas Sale of the Wanted Silks of the Season

Today silks are used in every branch of the feminine wardrobe, because it has been proven that in many instances they are more serviceable even for practical wear than other fabrics. Concessions in this sale are considerable, and often times you may obtain the making of two garments at what was formerly the price of one, affording rare opportunities for gift buying.

Can You Afford To Miss This Sale of Silks?

A big clearing of Fine Quality Silks from one of the largest jobbers has just passed into stock. All are silks of recommended wearing qualities or they would not find room in this store. A description of these, which are known to most every woman, will be sufficient to warrant a spirited demand for such superior lines at old-time low prices. We advise early buying of your Christmas gifts from amongst them to insure a full choice.

LOT 1-400 YARDS EXTRA FINE QUALITY PONGEE SILKS, 95c YARD. NO TAX.

There are almost innumerable uses for this silk-ladies' and children's dresses, girls' middies, men's fine shirts, inside curtains, etc. This Pongee Silk is made in Japan of pure raw silk (linen color), very fine and even in weave, free from rough threads and dust, will not fade with washing or by sunlight, 33-34 inches wide. Buy your full requirements while this low price (almost half) is pos-

LOT 2-500 YARDS BEAUTIFUL COLOR MESSALINE PAILLETTE SILKS, \$2.00 YARD. NO TAX.

sible. Sale price (no tax) 95c yard

This is a rare offer of extra quality silks from one of the best Swiss silk manufacturers. A quality of all silk, rich satin finish, untearable in weave, recommended for wear; a large range of colors for street wear and others for party. dinner and dance frocks. The cost of an extra dress from this lot costs but little more than a muslin dress. The price is half of what they were usually sold for. Your choice of these colors-Nile green, pink, old rose, turquoise, duck blue, sapphire, orchid or deep mauve, nigger, copen blue, old blue, navy, also black; all are 35 inches wide. Sale price (no tax)\$2.00 yard

LOT 3-400 YARDS SATIN STRIPE SHIRTING SILKS. \$1.85 YARD. NO TAX.

There are many qualities of these silks made-some are light in weight and do not give satisfactory service to the wearer. This whole lot of 400 yards comprise only extra heavy makes, suitable for men's shirts and women's wear. All are made of the Japanese habutai pure white silk with pretty satin



Don't wait until the night before Christmas to do your shopping unless you want to take all the "Merry" out of Christmas for yourself and others.

stripes woven over; some have a series of colors in combination that harmonize perfectly. There's a choice of fourteen different pieces to choose from; all are 33-34 inches wide. Sale price (no tax).....\$1.85 yard

LOT 4-FLORAL PRINTED PUSSY WILLOW-FINISH SILKS, \$2.50 YARD.

Possibly the best offer made in years in silks of this character. The qualities are such as used by fur manufacturers to line the finest seal coats, which is a guarantee of their superior values for long wear. All are made of pure silk, having floral designs in a combination of wonderful color effects. Besides the use for fur coat linings, they are smart for kimonos and lamp shades, also camisoles. A choice of six different pieces. All are full yard wide. Less than half price. Sale price \$2.50 yard

THAT BLACK SILK DRESS FOR MOTHER'S CHRIST. MAS GIFT-FRENCH BLACK ARMURE MAROC DRESS SILK, \$3.95 YARD.

This silk is greatly below what it could be placed in stock today-a silk worthy of giving. There is none better in black dress silks for long wear and beauty as Armure Maroc. The quality is such as makes it adaptable for the long coat wear as well. If you are considering a gift in black, we could not do better than recommend this French Armure Maroc; yard wide. Sale price \$3.95 yard

Unusual Silk Stockings For Gifts Silk Stockings, just a little different, a grade better quality, beautiful plain colors; a gift

that any woman will delight in. We have them here prettily boxed. Ladies' Glove Silk Hose, a soft, close weave of heavy pure silk, in black or white only, guaranteed against runs, splendid wearing hose, full fashioned, double heel and toe. Price \$4.00 pair Ladies' Gordon Pure Silk Hose, in brown, navy and black, full fashioned, double garter top

Ladies' Black or White Cashmere Hose, seamless double feet, winter weight, good value.

Ladies' Extra Fine Cotton Hose, good weight for those who cannot wear cashmere, in black, grey, brown or navy. Price 75c pair

Children's Heavy Pure Wool Worsted Hose, 2-1 rib, in red, cardinal, grey, brown, white and black, unequalled for wear. Prices\$1.00 to \$2.50 pair

GIFTS FOR SMOKERS 89c to \$10.50

At Novelty Counter--- West Elevator

Special line of Brass Ash Trays with glass lining, four different styles, with cigar rest. Specially priced...89c Handsome line of Ash Trays and Smokers in the polished nickel with the colored linings. Some of these come in the sets with the individual ash tray, others have the ash tray and match holder and cigar rest. Prices ranging from ...\$1.75 to \$10.50

Ash Trays, in mahogany with brass or nickel-plated cigar rest and match holder, with glass lining. Prices \$2.75 and \$3.75

Smoking Set of Brass, with tray, tobacco jar, match holder and ash tray. Extra special. Price \$5.00

Tobacco Jars, glass with burnished silver top. Price \$3.00 each

Sale of Sweaters and **Sweater Coats** 89c Each

WORTH FROM THREE TO FOUR TIMES THIS PRICE.

468 Boys' Sweater Coats and Pullovers, with V neck, also Pullovers with roll collar. This lot is, with exception of a few, ALL WOOL, and comprise a choice variety of shades and color combination. This is, without doubt, a very unusual bargain; 24 to 34 inch sizes, for boys 4 to 16 years. No phone orders. 9 o'cock (Richmond street entrance) tomorrow. Sale price, each

See Display in Richmond Street Window.

PARCEL AND MAILING BOOTH FOR CHRISTMAS PACKAGES.

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dog Which Bit

Ralph Williams of Ingersoll Attacked and Painfully Injured.

INGERSOLL, Dec. 14.-That a collie dog, which viciously attacked little Ralph Williams, son of Dr. R. A. Williams, on Sunday, inflicting serious face wounds, was not rabid, was the word received from London today. The child was bitten while in the country, where the doctor was making a call. So badly was he injured that the animal was at once killed and its head sent to the Public Health Institute, Lon-

Children Ury FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Boy Not Rabid MEIGHEN TO DISCUSS NATURAL RESOURCES

OTTAWA, Dec. 14. - (By Canadian

OTTAWA, Dec. 14. — (By Canadian Press.)—At tomorrow's conference between the prime minister of the Dominion and the premiers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta a strong endeavor will be made to reach once and for all some satisfactory basis for settlement of the old question of the transfer of natural resources in the prairie provinces.

So far the difficulty has lain in inability to reach a basis which will be satisfactory to all the provinces. In the prairie provinces in the prairie provinces in the prairie provinces now receive an additional subsidy from the Dominion. In the past they have asked for retention of this additional subsidy as well as for transfer of the resources. Provinces other than the prairie provinces, on the other hand, have objected to this course unless they,

don, for examination. Although very Gas Is Too Dear making satisfactory progress. Woodstock Claims

> WITH WESTERNERS Mayor Believes All Places Should Be On Same

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 14 .- Considerable dissatisfaction exists here in regard to the price of gas. Windsor, Chathan and Sarnia through a tentative arrangeand Sarnia through a tentative arrangement made between the Provincial Government and the companies are to secure gas at forty cents per thousand feet, while Woodstock will pay 100 per cent higher, Mayor Gahagan and others believe that if the Government intends taking hold all places should be dealt with in a proper basis. The matter is to be taken up with the provincial gas commissioner.

begun today by a senate interstate commerce sub-committee headed by Senator Kellog, Republican, Minnesota. Besides the general question of cable landings the sub-committee expected to go into controversy between the state department and the Western Union Telegraph Company, regarding the latter's connection at Key West with the British cable from Barbados.

MUST STAND TRIAL

CHATHAM, Dec. 14.—The grand jury CHATHAM, Dec. 14.—The grand juthis afternoon returned true bit against Frank, Theodore, Andrew, Afred and Eugene King, all of Dov. Township, charged with conspiracy rob with violence Frank Cornish. Tymen are also charged with robbing Viam Grier, L. Howell and John We and in addition Theodore Kincharged with shooting Cornish, men all pleaded not guilty, and has been set for January 26. Balbeen requested.

