

ALWAY STRIKE.

rupted—A Serious Mis-
and Seven Police-
injured.

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22.—The street rail-
Brooklyn has ceased
business of the lines,
the various surface
practically restor-
throughout the city

ect that rails and oc-
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on the Rockaway
2 o'clock this morn-
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a slight embank-
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day of July 18th.

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that whenever a man
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Mr. Marchant and the Mayor

The School Trustee Corrects a Statement Made by His Worship.

No School for Orphanage-New Teachers Appointed-Holiday Question.

Considerable business was disposed of at the night's meeting of the board of school trustees, and several speeches of more than ordinary moment were made, among them by Trustee Marchant dealing with the financial question and refuting the assertion made a few evenings ago by the Mayor to the effect that the increased demands of the board rendered necessary the imposition of an additional mill of taxation.

Chairman McKimley was unable to be present at the commencement of the meeting which was called for 7:30, and Trustee Hall was asked by unanimous motion to assist the report of the superintendent up-coming the discussion of the report of the committee of school management.

There were present in addition to the chairman, Trustees Grant, William Marchant, Dr. Lewis Hall, William Marchant, and Secretary Eaton. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting and the receipt of several applications for positions on the staff, the report of the superintendent up-coming the discussion of the report of the committee of school management.

The attendance during the last term was put in and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. It read as follows:

Enrollment. Average.
High School 122 122.50
Spring Ridge 144 125.50
North Ward 245 216.32
South Park 442 406.12
Girls' Central 396 365.57
Girls' Central 387 354.02
North Ward 396 325.47

The punctuality percentage was 99.45, 99.45 cases of tardiness being reported. One truancy case, in the Girls' Central and sixteen corporal punishments were also shown in the report.

The finance committee recommended the payment of \$100,000 for the purchase of the property of the school, and the report was adopted. Another report came from the same committee recommending that the salary of the secretary be increased to \$30 a month, and that the board endorse the following resolution:

"That the trustees of the Victoria schools approve of the suggestion of the school trustees, that over and above the statutory holidays, the council of public instruction be asked to grant four days as holidays during the year, to be selected by each city school board as it may deem best, and that the secretary be instructed to ascertain from the New Westminster trustees what further action they propose taking in the matter."

This was adopted without discussion and the chairman reported that the school management committee was as follows:

"1. That the matter of the constitution of the provincial board of examiners, to which attention has been called by the trustees of the New Westminster schools, as such, are sufficiently interested to warrant action on their part with reference thereto."

"2. That the proposal to open a school in the Orphanage House be not carried out, for the reason that it would involve the appointment to the staff of one more teacher than would otherwise be necessary."

"3. That in view of the fact that a large increase in attendance next year at several of the schools, two additional teachers be appointed."

"4. That the supply committee be authorized to equip the vacant classroom in the Spring Ridge school."

"5. That the recommendations of the city superintendent in the matter of stationery fees be adopted and incorporated with the by-laws now in course of preparation."

The report was taken up clause by clause, and Trustee Marchant moved the adoption of section 1. He said this came up because of the action of the New Westminster board. There might possibly be some objection to the selection of the principals of High schools, but as such, the Victoria trustees could not have anything to do with it. He could not believe, for instance, that Mr. Paul could be partial in the discharge of his duty as an examiner, and if the idea were entertained that the two High school principals on the board would not be impartial, why should there not be the same possibility regarding the principals of private schools?

Mrs. William Grant could not quite agree with Mr. Marchant, because she felt that no one could help being partial when their own pupils were concerned.

Mr. McCandless seconded the adoption of the clause, and the motion carried, Mrs. Grant voting contrary.

The adoption of clause 2 was moved by Trustee Marchant, first on the broad ground that there was a danger of arousing sectional discord, secondly that it would entail the employment of an additional teacher, and thirdly that it would be distinctly injurious to the interests of the children in the Orphanage to restrict them to their own home and deny them the opportunity of mingling with the children in the public schools. He feared that such restriction would result in the hall mark of charity being stamped upon them, and he had seen something of that kind in one of the finest charitable institutions in the world, George Moore's Home at Bristol.

Mrs. William Grant endorsed everything Mr. Marchant had said, and Mr. McCandless said he would be very unwilling to see any sectionalism aroused and he was also strongly opposed to the children's being made more colorless and miserable by their being subjected to the opportunity of going to the public school with other children.

Trustee McCandless had not considered there would be much objection to the plan proposed. It was intended to allow residents near the Orphanage to send their children to the school and it would have been the North Ward and Spring Ridge schools. The cost of furnishing and maintaining the schoolroom would be borne by the management of the Orphanage, and it seemed as if the arrangement would be advantageous all round.

Trustee Marchant was unwilling to light the fires of sectionalism, and although on

a former occasion, when a member of the board, he had voted in favor of some similar proposal, it was under exceptional circumstances. If this request were now granted a similar application might reasonably be made by other institutions, and it would be difficult to avoid arousing discord.

Ald. McCandless agreed with some of the points raised and withdrew his opposition, the section being thereupon unanimously adopted.

Clauses 3, 4 and 5 were agreed to without discussion.

The question of the valuation placed upon the school property by the assessor was put, it being felt that the valuation was somewhat upon the side of exaggeration. The supply committee was granted authority to purchase the necessary furniture and furnishings for the Spring Ridge school and some needed shelves, not to cost more than \$15 will be placed in the High school laboratory.

Trustee Marchant drew the attention of the board to a report published in the Times of some remarks made by Mayor Welford at a special meeting of the council regarding the proposed increase in the taxation for the year, and in which His Worship said the levy of an extra mill was necessitated by the demands of the board.

Trustee Marchant wished to contradict this statement most emphatically, and for that purpose had prepared a statement which showed that the actual expenditure in 1898 for school purposes was \$45,617. This year the expenditure was estimated at \$40,250, so that the increase was \$5,367, and the additional levy of one-third of a mill would meet this increase. But this estimated increase of the expenditure would not air have to be provided for in this way, as there has also been an increase in the estimated revenue of the amount of \$719, a levy of two mills on the dollar producing \$25,126 in 1898 and being estimated at the same figure for 1899; the per capita grant last year was \$19,533 and had been estimated this year at \$20,000, while the revenue tax yielded last year \$9,475 and was placed this year at \$10,000. The revenue then, for 1899 is thus estimated at \$55,126, the expenditure estimated at \$40,250, sinking fund and interest \$4,402, leaving a credit balance in favor of the board of \$10,474.

This would show that His Worship had not stated the case quite correctly, and Mr. Marchant's object in bringing the matter up was that the true position of the school might be placed before the council and the ratepayers generally.

The position taken by Mr. Marchant was endorsed by Trustees Hall and McCandless and the matter was crystallized into a motion proposed by Trustee Marchant and seconded by Trustee McCandless, instructing the secretary to prepare a statement of revenue and expenditure for 1898 and 1899 and send the same to the city council.

The motion carried.

The question of appointments to the teaching staff then came up, and it was decided to appoint Mr. George A. Maudsley and Miss N. B. Marchant. A motion was made by Trustee Marchant, and Hall in support of the appointment of Miss Maudsley, and the proposition was carried.

The question of the disposition of the staff for the next term, and was unanimously adopted.

This ended the business of public instruction; the board resolved itself into a committee of the whole to discuss the regulations which have been occupying the attention of the board for some time, and the reporters withdrew.