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WARD-HEELING, WIRE-PULLING, GRAFT MAN SOUGHT CHARACTERIZE OUR SCHOOL BOARD

Such is the Serious Expose and Charge of Mayor Cowan—Newspaper Proprietors and Editors Held in Check by an "Influence They Won't Come Up Against"—Messrs. Robertson and Paxton are Disqualified and Criminally Liable to Heavy Fines—Board Cannot Transact Business Without Manipulation and on Its Merits—Could Not be Elected by the Reputable Citizens at Large—Such are Mayor's Conclusions

The Public School Board—and incidentally the proprietors and editors of the local newspapers—have a grand opportunity to-day to "see ourselves as others see us," or, at least, as some others see us; for Mayor Cowan held up the looking glass with considerable energy at last night's City Council meeting, and the reflections his worship found therein were not particularly complimentary.

It is seldom that a public body receives a more drastic or terrible arraignment than that which was handed out to the School Board. They were plainly told that their institutions and proceedings were permeated with graft, and wire-pulling and ward-heeling. They were assured that it seemed "almost impossible for these men to do things on their merits," and told that they "couldn't be elected by the reputable people of the city at large." An impersonal exception was made to "a few of them," but three at least were singled out for special serious attention. Trustees Wm. Robertson and Richard M. Paxton were definitely accused of graft and informed that they were criminally liable to disqualification and heavy fines—and a third, unnamed, was instanced as supplying the "influence that the editors and proprietors of our city papers don't come up against."

More than that, the Mayor intimated that a very similar state of affairs must exist in the Collegiate Institute Board, as he said, Rev. Dr. Battisby, a member thereof—had called him up to congratulate him upon his determination to do away with it and said, "If you knew the facts of the workings of this Board as I know them, you would never stay your hand until its extermination was accomplished."

The charges arose during the discussion of Ald. Austin's motion to abolish the C. I. and P. S. Boards and form a Board of Education in Chatham. His worship read the report of the last meeting of the School Board from The Planet and the criticisms of some of his statements and figures made by the trustees.

"Now," said the Mayor, "I have taken pains to verify my figures as to their expenditures of this Board from their own figures. I find them as follows:—

Central School.	
Addition	\$6,000.00
Heating plant	5,500.00
Fitting up additions, new lavatories, floors and walks and fitting up two new rooms now unoccupied	2,500.00
Repairs	500.00
McKeough School.	\$14,500.00
Heating plant	\$84,000.00

MAYOR DECLINES

Says It is Extremely Improbable He Will be a Candidate for a Second Term

Mayor Cowan in conversation with a Planet reporter this morning stated that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the mayoralty chair next January.

"I think I have done my duty by the city," said he, "in sitting several terms as alderman and one as Chief Magistrate. I am not tired of it but, naturally, the drain on my time is very severe and, consequently, my business has suffered. Instead of lying awake nights thinking of my own affairs I have to think of civic matters."

This announcement will be received with regret by the Mayor's many friends. During his term he has gained reputation for fearlessness and outspoken conduct when civic affairs have demanded it—a reputation which will not soon be forgotten. In addition to this his energy and ability have made his administration one of the most successful on record.

NOTED ARTIST

A. M. Fleming, Chatham's popular and talented artist, came off with flying colors at the London Fair, where he exhibited some of his paintings. Mr. Fleming secured the first prize and received most flattering notices on his work from the London newspapers. Mr. Fleming has exceptional talent and gives promise of wonderful achievements.

Repairs

Total—\$19,000.00

Now, I want to call the attention of the citizens to the class of men who sit at this School Board and their methods of doing business. We hear nothing of their mismanagement or their wire-pulling in the press. You never see a particle of criticism on their actions no matter how rank they may be. What individual on the Board holds them in check? He exerts the influence that editors and proprietors of our city papers will not go up against. They are silent.

"And yet we know—the public know—that it is wire-pulling and manipulation from start to finish. It seems almost impossible for men on this Board to do things honestly concerning their figures. Who is this man Paxton? One of the worst ward-healers in Chatham. Who is this man Robertson? Another of the same stripe. The reputable people of our city have no confidence in them. They couldn't be elected by the general vote of the reputable citizens at large. What is the record of these men? I see by their accounts that Paxton receives \$25 from the School Board for inspection of the Central school addition. Robertson, on the other hand, secures contracts for repainting McKeough school for which tenders are never asked. Such things are illegal; they are criminally punishable. They would not be tolerated by reputable men.

"It is just to avoid the election of such men as these that we want a general vote and a Board of Education. The Act provides that these men are now disqualified—that the County Judge shall declare their seats at the Board void and that a penalty of \$20 fine shall be assessed against them for every meeting they have attended."

"The School Board has been conducted along these lines for a long time. It is time we called a halt. A few of them no doubt act honestly and conscientiously, but the atmosphere is bad and the methods are worse.

"Under the new state of affairs men can be elected that will not be objected to. An ex-Trustee in whom the city has great confidence told me he would offer himself as a candidate for the Board of Education but never for the School Board. Such is their present reputation.

"Is the C. C. I. Board much better? Rev. Dr. Battisby, who is a member of it, called me up to congratulate me on the stand we were taking. Said he, 'If you knew the facts about this Board as I do, you would never stay your hand until its extermination was completed.' That's significant enough, surely.

"That's all, gentlemen. I have to say about the School Board at present."

GENEROUS ACT

Big Hearted John Pleasence Equips Young Crippled Lad This Morning

"Say," said a little one-legged lad of about twelve years of age, to Barrister W. F. Smith and a couple of on-lookers this afternoon, "I'm very glad and happy and I can't help telling it, even if he told me not to."

Mr. Smith drew the smiling-faced little cripple out and he told his sad story. This morning he was playing around the Hotel Rankin when the burly, big-hearted proprietor, John Pleasence, noticed him. He procured his story and forthwith served him a generous meal. Then he purchased him a new shoe, a new hat and a new crutch and sent him on his way rejoicing—with but one caution, that he say nothing about it and try to become a good and useful young man.

But the happy child with his glowing face and eager determination to prove worthy of the kindness and trust extended to him, was an inspiration to all who saw him. This is, perhaps, an age of grasp and self-consideration, but every now and then one stumbles upon a shining evidence of consideration for "one of the least of these." And how often it comes from sources least looked to!

No man's a failure until he's dead or loses his courage, and that's the same thing.

SUICIDE'S END

Intoxicated Unfortunate Twice Endeavored to Drown Himself in the Thames

Wife Attracted Attention and He Was Rescued—Fire Dept. Called Out

The usually quiet neighborhood in the vicinity of Pigott's mill, on King-St. West, was thoroughly aroused last evening about half-past six o'clock, by the screams of a child who appeared at the front of her home crying for help.

It was not long before the attention of two men who were standing near, was attracted and they learned that a man was trying to drown himself in the river. Both of the men rushed down to the spot indicated and found conditions as described. The man was up to his neck in the water, and his wife, who was trying to keep him from suicide, was holding on to a scow with one hand while with the other she madly clutched the clothing of the man in the water.

The two men who were attracted to the scene managed to pull the man out, in spite of his desperate struggles to the contrary, and finally got him home and locked him in his bedroom.

The man was Richard Masters, who had returned home in the evening intoxicated, and was seized with a burning desire to end his life. His home is on the river bank, and he made a dash for the water through the rear gate; not, however, before his wife learned of his intention and followed him, with the above mentioned result.

The second alarm came at seven o'clock. Masters, still intent upon ending his life, had broken out of his bedroom window and was once more making his way to the bank of the river. His wife again arrested him and held him until assistance arrived, and he was once more pulled out of the water. Word was telephoned to the Police Station and Tom Groves arrived in time to escort the would-be suicide to the Police Station. Almost at the same time the Fire Department was called out. They came on the scene with the hook and ladder truck, but by this time a crowd had gathered and Masters realized his game was up.

He came up at the Police Court this morning and was remanded till Monday. Masters denies all knowledge of the affair this morning and claims he was too drunk to know what he was doing.

IN THE FAMILY

Vital Goodreau is carrying a Detroit Free Press around to-day and proudly exhibiting it to his jealous rivals in the art of fishing. The following item, which appears under the Canadian News, is at the root of Vital's powder pigeon stunts:—

"Vital Benoit, of Anderson, caught a muscalonge, in the Detroit river, Sunday, which weighed 35 pounds, ten ounces, and measured over four feet in length."

People generally wonder why Vital is so deeply interested in the item until he proudly explains that Vital Benoit, the young man mentioned in the item, is one of Mr. Goodreau's nephews and also a namesake. Vital claims that his nephew is an understudy of his, and this has given grounds for the suspicion that the item may be grossly exaggerated.

DETROIT EASY

The Pilgrims Roll Up Large Score Against the Pick of the Western Elevens

At Detroit, yesterday, before a crowd numbering only 500, the picked team from the western section of the Peninsular League were defeated by the touring English soccer by the score of 10-2.

The Peninsular Leaguers started out strong, but soon tired before the continued and practiced onslaught of the Englishmen. The passing of the latter was high and this, coupled with the fact that they used a great deal of head work, confused the losers. The formation of the Englishmen was quite different from that usually used in this country. Their defence played close to the forwards so that only short kicks were required to feed the forward line, instead of the long relays necessary when the defence plays back.

The match was played under English rules. Woodward, the star centre forward, shot five of the English soccer's goals.

REPORT CONFIRMED

Word has been received in this city confirming the sad report of the sudden death in Cleveland of Miss Lucille Rockey, who spent the summer months in Chatham. Miss Rockey died of typhoid fever at the home of her aunt in Cleveland.

Ladies and Gents...

If you are going to paper any of your walls or use Wall-paper of any kind just please listen a moment.

Did you ever think that a firm twenty years in the business could give you some pointers on what to use and what not to use on your rooms? Did you ever think that a firm who has made a success of the Wallpaper business should know paper shades and patterns to use on your rooms. Did you ever think that there is such a firm in Chatham (one) where you can get this experience for the asking without cost. It is surely worth something as experience is a great teacher. Now we ask you to bring the size of your rooms to us and we will fix them up to suit any one that has good taste and will give you value for your money and satisfy you with a good selection of seasonable goods. Our Fall stock is now in shape for your benefit.

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