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TRUANCY TROUBLE

Sarnia Seems to be Also Afflicted With it and Asks Questions.

Two New Teachers Appointed to the McKeough Schools—Accounts Passed.

The Chatham Public school board held a special meeting last evening to wind up the year's business. There were present, Chairman J. A. Wilson, John McCorvie, J. E. Johnston, Andrew Thomson, W. E. Campbell, W. N. Morley, Dr. G. T. McKeough, R. Paxton, Wm. Robertson, Dr. Bray, and Secretary Macnabb.

Mr. Johnston, chairman of the finance committee, presented the following report:

Recommended payment of these accounts—Central school, water rate, \$14.80; A. E. Crow, \$18; W. Draden, \$22.75; J. Watt & Sons, \$5.85; insurance, \$30; teachers' salaries, \$52.61; Junior, \$33.37. Total, \$675.18.
McKeough school, water rate, \$10.44; D. C. Clements, \$1; A. R. Crow, \$9; supplies, J. W. Dyer, \$1.46; Westman Bros., \$2.83; Banner, \$2.75; teachers' salaries, \$28.59; extras, \$19; Junior, \$29.24. Total, \$339.31.

Queen St. school, water rate, \$1.58; J. Watt & Sons, \$1.90; Westman Bros., \$1.52; W. Draden, \$18; teachers' salaries, \$75.11; Junior, \$8. Total, \$138.11.

Kindergarten Central, R. Cooper, \$1.06; T. Stone & Son, \$6; teachers' salaries, \$42.12; Mr. Robertson, \$1.50. Total, \$45.28.

Kindergarten, McKeough, R. J. Smith, \$6; R. Cooper, \$7.50; J. W. Dyer, \$5; Banner, \$6; J. McCorvie, \$3.30; teachers' salaries, \$41.33. Total, \$54.14.

Model school, teacher's salary, \$43.75; Inspector, \$100; secretary and treasurer, \$50; Jas. Birch, \$34.62. Total, \$228.37. Gross total, \$1,575.90.

Report adopted.

Wm. Robertson, chairman of the physical culture committee, said that the matter of introducing it into the schools required time and study, and he would move that the matter be left to the new board. W. N. Morley seconded, and the motion carried.

THE TRUANCY QUESTION.

A communication was received from the Sarnia board of education in regard to truancy. Some of the questions asked were:

What number of officers do you employ?

What steps do you take to ascertain the cause of absence of pupils on the roll and not on the roll?

What is done to the parents?

What to the truants?

What salaries do you pay truancy officers?

To what extent is the police court used in the punishment of truants?

What punishment is inflicted on the parents and what on the pupils?

What do you consider defects, what the strong points of the truancy act?

What parts of the law are unsatisfactory and how would you suggest that they be amended?

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. Thomson, that the secretary reply to the communication. Carried.

MISS GAME RESIGNS.

Miss Game wrote resigning her position as teacher in the McKeough school.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, Miss Game's resignation was accepted.

In making the motion Mr. Johnston said: I am sure the acceptance of Miss Game's resignation with much regret. We are very sorry to lose Miss Game, who has been a very successful teacher.

Mr. McCorvie in seconding the motion spoke along the same lines.

Mr. McCorvie—I went down to St. Joseph's Hospital to-day to see Miss Richards, teacher in McKeough school. The doctor advises her to go to Muskoka to the sanitarium, and she requested me to ask for six months' leave of absence.

It was then moved by Mr. McCorvie, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the request be granted. Carried.

Chairman Wilson—I am sure Miss Richards has the sympathy of the board.

A circular was received from the Montreal Protestant High School, enclosing a program of a concert given by them on Empire day, and advocating that the 23rd of May be made a day of celebration in the schools.

On motion of Dr. McKeough one of these circulars was ordered sent to each of the principals.

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that Miss Gertrude Holmes be given the vacancy on the McKeough staff caused by the resignation of Miss Game, at a salary of \$2.50. Carried.

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that Miss Ryan be given Miss Richards' situation at a salary of \$3.00.

Dr. McKeough—we adopted a rule that we would not pay more than \$2.75 to a new Normal teacher.

Chairman Wilson—The point is well taken.

Mr. Johnston then changed his motion to \$2.75.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Thomson that Miss Nellie Young receive the appointment. Mr. Paxton seconded the amendment and it carried.

The board then adjourned.

These appointments make a saving in the salaries of \$125 a year at McKeough school.

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Castro's government, of Venezuela, has now been formally recognized by all nations.

The Irish Catholic citizens of Montreal, have nominated William McNally as their candidate for mayor.

THE TUGELA FIGHT

Willy Boers Reserved Their Fire to the Very Last.

British Bombardment Failed to Draw Them—When They did Open up it Was a Hot Blaze.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Friday, Dec. 15.—The relief column continued its advance from Chieveley to-day, intending to assail the Boer positions, which were known to be very strong to the westward and northwest of Colenso. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without conceding to reply with a single shot. They were determined the British naval brigade commenced shelling all the ridges north of the town with marvellous accuracy. From this time the artillery attached to Gen. Hart's division was busy among the entrenchments on the hills, on the British left, under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order, to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at the battery, the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train, which was forced to change its position. While this was transpiring the field artillery on the right were busy shelling the ridges of the Boer left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage horses.

WAR NOTES.

The war office has ordered 25,000 pounds of evaporated apples in Belleville.

The Boxes of chocolate sent by the Queen to the soldiers have been started on their way.

The British second class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

The Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher-bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught Rangers took cover under the guns and snipers of the Red Cross, and that this act drew the Boer fire, three being killed and several wounded.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to

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WALLACEBURG

Dec. 20.—The English S. S. entertainment drew a good crowd at the opera house last evening.
Two carloads of turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens were shipped from here yesterday by W. Trotter. At one time there were over 75 rigs in line, awaiting their turn.

W. D. O'Leary was in Detroit a couple of days this week.

M. Peels has returned from Lorain, Ohio, where he has been working for some time.

A large number of new books have been received at the library and will be first placed in circulation this evening.

The lively firm of Penwace & Armstrong have dissolved partnership. Mr. Armstrong will continue to run the business.

John Gott, of Windsor, representing the Deering Co., is in town.

GEN LAWTON KILLED.

While leading the firing line in a Philippine skirmish, General Lawton was killed instantly. He was one of the best American generals, and performed the special task of running down Gerónimo, the famous Apache chief, who had been the terror of Arizona.

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