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BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

\$63,500 FOR THE SCHOOLS

Public School Expenditure This Year Jumps Up by \$7,500.

For the proper maintenance of schools in this city, the Public School board is asking the City Council for the sum of \$63,500 and has presented a detailed statement of expenditure to the estimates committee. Last year the board received \$56,000, which was not sufficient to cover actual requirements. The result was that at the close of 1912 a deficit of \$2,000 was encountered and this has to be met this year. The result of trimming in the City Council last year was apparently only postponing the evil day. As a consequence there is a jump this year in school board demands of \$7,500. The increase is attributed to increased salaries and a greater staff, consequent upon increasing population. The trustees also announce that a by-law will have to be carried to put in a new heating and sanitary system in the Central School the present ones being obsolete. This expenditure will have to be met outside of the grant asked for. The figures for school board expenditure at this particular stage of civic financial depression are not only interesting but impressive. The teachers will receive in salaries \$47,850; the inspector, secretary and janitors, \$7,000, making a total of \$54,850. The other items are taxes and water rates \$11,000; repairs \$2,824; fuel, \$3,600; books and supplies, \$2,000; domestic science \$500; rent, Crown street school \$300; insurance (three years), \$900; incidentals, \$680. The total expenditure for all purposes is thus \$67,844. The government grant amounts to \$15,000, and fees from children, \$3,000. It will readily be seen that running the Public Schools in Brantford is a big business.

One Minute Interviews

Mr. Sam Burnley—"Talking about these prosperous days, I'd rather have the good old times, when wages were perhaps lower, but so was the price of everything else that we can scarcely look at now." Mr. S. H. J. Reid, Secretary Ontario Portland Cement Company—"I refuse to be interviewed; but I read the Courier sporting page." Mr. E. L. Gould, Chairman Parks Board—"We wish to have a satisfactory solution of the many demands for the use of the sporting parks, and it was a wise policy that prompted our board to have these places set aside before real estate went sky-high and civic financial problems became acute."

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TO-MORROW'S WEATHER

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 6, 7, 8, Special Matinee Saturday at 2.30.—MARKS BROTHERS' new company, supporting the big favorite, GRACIE MARKS, in a repertoire of new plays, opening with "The Sweetheart" Thursday evening. Change of play every performance. High-class specialties between acts. Prices: Nights—10, 20, 30. Matinee—Children 15c, Adults 25c.

Tuesday, March 11—Gaskill & Mac Vitty (Inc.) present Harold Bell Wright's great play, "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS," dramatized by Mr. Wright and Elshory Reynolds. "The Shepherd of the Hills" has the distinction of playing the largest business and breaking all records for this season at the Grand, Toronto, having to put on extra matinees to accommodate the crowds. The same great cast and production that played Toronto will be seen here. Prices: 14 rows, \$1; 8 rows, 75c; balcony, 50c; balcony, 75c and 50c; gallery, 25c. Seats Saturday.

Ald. Suddaby Is After a Scalp

Ald. Suddaby, who is fathering a by-law to change the frontage system of charging for street watering, is indignant that Assessor Ludlow should express criticism of a measure which is being considered by the City Council. "In the first place," said Ald. Suddaby this morning, "Mr. Ludlow did not state the facts correctly when he said that the old method of charging on the assessment plan had resulted in deficits. As a matter of fact, the plan of A. G. Montgomery, which has been in operation two years, resulted in 1911 a deficit of \$1,308, and last year the deficit was \$218. It rained all last summer, and street watering wasn't necessary, yet there was a deficit."

FATHERS AND SONS CHUMMY

Very Pleasing Event at the Y. M. C. A. Last Evening.

The "Father and Son" banquet held last evening in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A., under the direction of the association, was a tremendous success. At about 7.30 fathers and sons to the number of one hundred and fifty sat down to heavily laden tables, which had been so ably and carefully prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the association. The Ladies' Aid are certainly very capable caterers and this was by no means the first time their good work has been the subject of congratulation. Immediately following the first part of the programme of the attack, Mr. George Wedlake, the genial president of the association, the toastmaster, called the banquet to order. It was certainly a great pleasure and a grand sight, he said, to see so many of the boys present, the more especially so as in so many instances they were accompanied by their fathers. Too seldom were the father and son seen together in such gatherings. Too often was the father a stranger to his son and the son a stranger to his father. It was to overcome to a certain extent, if possible, this estrangement that these banquets were being held. Then to the Father-Cloney conducted service at St. Joseph's cemetery.

PERSONAL

Mr. Relyea, caretaker of the Court House, is suffering from a slight attack of pleurisy. W. H. Peirce and W. C. Rean of Woodstock Y.M.C.A., were here attending the banquet at the Y.M.C.A. last evening.

The Brant Avenue patrol of which Mr. D. T. Williamson is the Scout Master, made the presentation of a moose head to the Boys' Dept. last evening. The following Scouts of the patrol were present: Asst. Scout Master Perry, Scouts H. Middlemiss, R. Williamson, W. Sloan, B. Schultz.

Mr. Clayton Moyer, president of the Boys' Department, was the next speaker. In opening he thanked Mr. D. T. Williamson, I have half of every member of the Boys' Department.

Mr. Moyer dealt very capably with the work of the department, showing the advancement made in the last few years. In 1907 the boys' department had a membership of 84; to-day there is a membership of 204.

He dealt in detail with the advancement of the boys' work, closing by saying too much credit could not be given Mr. Hamilton, the secretary, for his untiring efforts along these lines. In the near future the speaker hoped to see their boys' club second to none in the Dominion, and it was up to every father and son present to help put it there.

Fred Coles, another orator from the boys' department, dealt briefly with "The relationship of the fathers to sons, and vice versa."

Mr. T. H. Preston offered congratulations upon the success of this second fathers and sons banquet. Mr. Preston spoke from the father's viewpoint in regard to father and son matters. In the course of his remarks he gave the boys the following advice: Do not leave school so early. Try to be captains of industry, rather than galley slaves. Be honest. Have an ideal and live up to it, and above all, secure an education at all costs. (Continued on Page 5).

DYNAMITE BLEW UP SHIP

Terrible Accident to British Steamer Near Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 7.—The British steamer Alum Chine, loaded with dynamite for use in the Panama Canal, was wrecked by an explosion, followed by fire, this morning, in the Jower harbor off Hawkins Point.

The force of the explosion swept away the upper works of the United States collier Jason, killed three men and injured 29 others. The Jason was about 700 feet away at the time.

The rest of the people on the steamer saved themselves by jumping overboard, and were picked up by launches and tugs.

A large lying alongside, containing 340 tons of dynamite being transferred to the Alum Chine, was completely destroyed. It is believed the first explosion occurred on the barge.

Six of the crew of the tug Atlantic, lying alongside the Alum Chine, were killed and the tug practically destroyed. The latest reports place the number of dead at 20 and the injured at 40. Of the latter ten of the Jason's people are said to be fatally hurt.

Forty stevedores are unaccounted for. If they were on the steamer it is considered certain that they perished.

The tremendous explosion shook the country for miles around. Windows were broken and chimneys knocked off for a dozen or more miles from the scene of the disaster. At Sparrow's Point a schoolhouse was partly destroyed and several children hurt.

Baltimore was shaken as if by an earthquake, and tall buildings in the centre of the city were rocked by the shock.

WAS VETERAN OF THE CRIMEA

The late William Graham had the unique distinction of an honorable record as a veteran of the Crimea and also of the Indian Mutiny. He was in his 82nd year. The funeral took place this morning from the residence of John McGraw, 30 Adelaide street, St. Basil's Church. The pallbearers were John Fitzgerald, Frank Mather, J. J. Kelly, A. Stanley, E. Crocock and P. Haffey. Rev. Dean Brady and Rev. Father Cloiney officiated at the funeral services. Rev. Father Cloiney conducted service at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Queen Mother Alexandra Celebrates Anniversary of Her Arrival From Denmark

Fifty Years Ago To-Day Her Royal Highness Left as a Danish Princess to Become Wife of Prince Edward.

LONDON, March 7.—The fiftieth anniversary of the landing in Great Britain of Queen Mother Alexandra, the Danish princess, who became the wife of King Edward, then Prince of Wales, is being observed quietly to-day, in accordance with the expressed desire of her Majesty.

The Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London went to Marlborough House to present an address to her Majesty on behalf of the citizens of London, while the Mayor of Windsor and the Mayor of Margate, where she first came ashore, expressed similar congratulations.

Many members of the diplomatic corps called at Marlborough House in the course of the day, and the vicinity of the royal residence was thronged with people anxious to pay their tribute to her Majesty.

Another Cable. NEW YORK, March 7.—A cable from London says: To-day is the jubilee of Queen Alexandra's first landing in this country. The Lord Mayor and sheriffs, representing the city of London, presented at Marlborough House an address in celebration of the occasion, emphasizing the loyalty and affection of Londoners toward the Queen Mother, which grows ever stronger, if possible, with passing years. Alexandra expressed a strong desire a few weeks ago that the day should pass without any celebration, either official or private. If King Edward had been alive, it would, of course, have been a day of general rejoicing, but Queen Alexandra feels that any form of public celebration

Mercury Took a Drop To-Day

TORONTO, March 7.—It is very unusual for the month of March to afford the lowest temperature of the winter, but it has done it this year, in Toronto, at least, and possibly in many other places. The thermometer at the Dominion Observatory this morning fell to two degrees below zero, which is about a degree lower than on any previous day this winter. Only twice before has this occurred, according to the records of the Observatory—in 1890, when an official reading of 2.6 below on March 6th was the lowest of that winter, and much further back, in 1868, on March 3rd, when the glass fell to 15.6 below. February, in the majority of cases, supplies the coldest day of the year.

In Brantford the mercury went down to five degrees below zero.

HEAVY DEMAND FOR PARKS

Sporting demands were made on Parks Board meeting last night the Baseball Club being given the holiday dates with the exception of May 24. Other demands from football interests were also received. Those present were Mr. E. L. Gould, Mayor Hartman, William Glover and Secretary Hawkins.

The Secretary presented a large number of communications, one from W. F. Coekshutt, M.P., in regard to the payment of care of the parade grounds. The money has been received.

The Brant Historical Society have had correspondence with Secretary, re piece of land on Gilkinson St 60 by 200 depth to river. This piece of land is supposed to have been a portion of Richardson street which at one time led down to Gilkinson bridge across the Grand River. After the bridge was carried away, this piece of land became a no man's land.

It is not assessed, merely a valuation is made annually by the Assessors of the amount of arrears of taxes and other charges the land belongs to the city, having been many years in its possession.

The Historical Society discovered that from general inquiry this is the site of what was once known as Brant's "Ford", afterwards Brantford. It has historical interest not only for Brantford, but for the province generally. The Society desire that the City Council should make over the land to the Parks Board, who are willing to fix it up and make a park of it, while the Society intend to erect thereon a fitting memorial not only to Joseph Brant's ford, but also as being the original form of name of the city. The Historical Society was advised by the board to interview the City Engineer and Solicitors and find out just what rights the city possesses, re this land.

Mayor Hartman promised to take the matter up immediately with the Solicitors, to acquire the necessary information, after which application to the City Council will be made for its transfer to the Parks Board.

Estimates. The estimates of the board for the year having been prepared and presented to the City Council, the Secretary read a copy, showing the result.

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PILLOWS NOW IN COMMONS

Member Also Brings in His Night Cap and Goes to Sleep.

OTTAWA, March 7.—D. A. LaFortune of Montreal furnished the debate on the navy to-day by carrying off the long distance honors for oratory. He arose at 8 a.m., and was silenced only by the pangs of hunger, concluding his effort at 12.30.

Dr. Clark of Red Deer then began his second speech in the common committee stage and fourth since the debate began. He said closure might come in the matter of the Canadian parliament, but when such an act was passed it should first be mentioned in the speech from the throne. He scoffed at the idea that Germany wanted to fight England. They were able to fight England on the seas now if they wanted to, he declared.

Mr. Ethier finished his speech in French at 3 o'clock and was succeeded by Hon. Charles Marcell, who declared that Canada should fulfil her part in the imperial program by possessing a navy of her own. Canada's gratitude to the Empire would not be met by a donation of \$35,000,000 and it should not be flouted in the eyes of new immigrants that in making their homes in Canada they were continuing their contribution to European warfare. The clause in the admiralty memorandum that the people of Canada should be left entirely free to the exercise of their own judgment in the matter of navy defence, he said, should be emblazoned on the portals of parliament.

Mr. Marcell was followed by Power of Quebec West, Cruiser of Dauphin, Papineau of Beaufort and Chisholm of Antigonish.

One of the humorous incidents of the debate occurred in the early morning when H. B. Adams of St. Antoine brought in a bright blue pillow, pulled on a night cap and serenely went to sleep. He slumbered for several hours.

Taxpayers' Association. A mass meeting will be held in the morning at Echo Place to-night for the purpose of forming a taxpayers' association. Messrs. J. J. Burke, A. Edmondson, A. M. Paterson and Geo. C. Smith are those behind the movement.

Obituary. William Snider, who was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition yesterday afternoon, passed away shortly after 2 o'clock to-day. His remains will be taken to the undertaking establishment of H. S. Peirce, from where the funeral takes place. The deceased for some years past has been in the circular distributing business and was pretty well known in the city.

Succumbed to Injuries. The 15-year-old German boy, A. F. Schmitt, who received internal injuries from being jammed between a number of logs on a skid and a gate, at Bow Park on Saturday last, succumbed to his injuries at the hospital yesterday. His father is John Schmitt. The remains were conveyed from the undertaking parlors of Messrs. Reid & Brown this morning to Clifford, where interment takes place. The event is a very sad one indeed.

WATCH US GROW! The Courier wishes to announce to its subscribers that experts are now engaged in overhauling the linotype machines in this office, and that improvements are being pushed ahead rapidly. Notable improvements have already been made, and The Courier will continue to carry all the news of interest to Brantfordians in accurate and breezy style. Mr. Reg. Lee has recently taken over the duties of circulation manager, and will be at the service of all subscribers in this department.

Suffragette Is Sentenced

LONDON, March 7.—Joyce Locke, a militant suffragette, whose real name is Olive Wharry, was sentenced to-day at the Old Bailey Sessions to 18 months' imprisonment on the charge of setting fire to a refreshment pavilion in Kew Botanical Gardens on February 20.

When first arraigned at the police court on the day of the crime she hurled a book at the magistrate, narrowly missing him, and fought desperately against her removal to the cells.

She was, besides being sentenced to prison, ordered to pay all the costs of the prosecution and to find two sureties in \$500 each that she would be of good behavior for two years from the completion of her sentence.

The judge warned Olive Wharry that if when she had finished her prison sentence she did not keep the peace she would be sentenced to an additional year.

Miss Wharry declared that she would not pay the costs of the prosecution and would immediately start a "hunger strike."

RESIGNATION OF MR. HEWITT

Is Greatly Regretted by Members of Brantford Golf Club.

A meeting of the directors of the Brantford Golf and Country Club was held last evening at the office of the secretary in the Temple Building, the President, Mr. H. W. Fittin, in the chair.

On motion, Mr. D. S. Large was appointed Treasurer of the Club and Mr. W. H. Webbing, secretary.

Under the club's charter, Mr. Webbing in accepting the secretaryship had to resign from the directorship. Mr. A. S. Towers was unanimously elected to take his place on the board.

The standing committees for the year were appointed as follows: Finance committee—D. S. Large, (chairman), C. A. Waterous, H. T. Watt.

House Committee—H. T. Watt (Chairman), W. T. Henderson, A. S. Towers.

Grounds committee—L. Waterous (Chairman), D. S. Large and S. Schell.

Match committee—N. D. Neill (Chairman), R. H. Reville, C. J. Watt.

The Chairman of the Grounds Committee reported on several improvements to be made the coming season, notably the raising of the bunkers behind No 5 and No 6 greens and the clearing up of the gullies and brush at No 7, No 8 and No 9. The course promises to be in splendid shape this year and golfers are eagerly anticipating the opening of the season.

Elected a Life Member. The following resolution was unanimously carried: Moved by R. H. Reville, seconded by D. S. Large, that the members of the Brantford Golf and Country Club at the last annual meeting received with great regret the resignation of Mr. J. T. Hewitt, the active president of the club, for so many years, who was so largely responsible in securing the present ideal location for the links, and who gave so freely of his valuable time in the formation of the company and placing the club in the enviable position it occupies to-day, both from a financial and golf standpoint. That as a slight token of their appreciation of his valuable services so willingly given at all times, the directors hereby ask Mr. Hewitt to accept a life membership in the club, accompanied by the best wishes of themselves and Brantford golfers generally. And that the secretary be authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Mr. Hewitt.

MUST SHAVE ALL DEMANDS

Chairman Finance Committee Speaks Out for Retrenchment.

No progress was made at the meeting of the Estimates committee yesterday afternoon when civic financial problems came up only in a general way. From what could be learned, however, the job of striking the tax rate this year is going to prove some problem. It is true that there will be an increase in civic revenues of something over \$40,000, as a result of the increased assessment last year. But the sum of \$40,000 is a mere trifle when it is considered how high the various demands are thus far. The school board, for instance is asking for \$7,500 more than was appropriated last year. Other boards are proportionately increasing their demands.

Ald. Spence, chairman of the Finance committee, announced this morning that there certainly would have to be some shaving if the rate was secured. "I don't wish to go into details at present, but we are working alone. Lines whereby the council should make a good showing. The various boards at present are all up in the air."

Another meeting of the committee will be held to-morrow afternoon to which representatives of all the different boards in the city have been asked to appear."

In Brantford To-Day

The following are to-day's business visitors in the city: At the Bodega Tavern—Late arrivals yesterday: J. R. Simpson, Chicago; R. L. Anderson, R. C. Willis, W. M. Cameron, R. Weir, T. J. Parsons, Toronto; J. C. Campbell, name, Toronto; J. C. Campbell, New York City; C. Bradford, Toronto; B. H. Fish, Brantford; L. C. Tweed, London; C. Schmidt, Collingwood; J. E. Hammond, Hamilton; A. E. Ross, London; J. Hutton, Ibrhin. Arrivals to-day—Geo. W. Bailey, Hamilton; N. Goodrich, Montreal; F. S. Camp, London; J. W. Smith, Regina; A. E. Engleast, Hamilton; P. D. Bell, London; S. Schmitt, city; F. N. Boyd, Toronto.

At the Kerby—Late arrivals yesterday: R. A. Phillips, A. W. Sterling, Toronto; Douglas Bissell, Buffalo; T. Atkinson, Toronto; S. L. VanMarcom, Windsor; W. H. Short, London; W. Metcalf, Toronto; W. J. Murray, Toronto; E. E. Hull, London; Robt. McVittie, C. Hodgeson, City. Arrivals to-day: F. G. Johns, Cleveland, O.; W. G. Perks, Peterboro; Geo. McCrae, Dunville; B. Terryberry and wife, Cathart; W. A. Dickson, Montreal; James T. Taylor, Guelph; J. Dean, J. B. Hill, H. Balm, J. H. McKay, Toronto; J. P. Pratt, Montreal; M. Macdonald, Acton West; N. T. Moore, Acton West; W. S. Laird, Southampton; Eugene Foster, Detroit; J. T. Murray, Toronto; Ed. W. Orr, Chicago; S. Bennett, Port Hope; N. Reynolds, Toronto; Geo. Day, Detroit.

Hotel Belmont—Late arrivals yesterday: Thos. Azzard, W. J. Hevey, Toronto; W. Smith, Acton; W. E. Paikie, Toronto; I. Nash, Montreal; Frank H. Webb, Toronto; C. M. Carrie, Toronto; L. E. Marlock, Hanover; H. T. Rapp, Stratford; A. L. Gilham, Brockville; Will C. Power, Wallaceburg; J. H. Richard, Hamilton; A. L. Smith, Guelph; J. Moss, Windsor; J. L. Stauffer, Bright; R. Thompson, London; W. R. Havers, Toronto; J. Lichtman, B. Schmittz, Buffalo; R. A. Green, J. Lyler, Hamilton. Arrivals to-day: M. Galvan, John N. McDougall, Hamilton; John Griffin, Goderich; P. W. Prescott, Toronto; E. Lumsden, Hamilton.

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