

TENDERED RESIGNATION

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vice. Every member of the board and every citizen appreciates the long and faithful services of Mr. Burt, and we hope to have the use of his valuable services for many years to come.

Great care had been exercised in the selection of the new principal, concerning whose ability and qualifications the most flattering reports had been received. The board felt that the right man had been obtained, and that the school would continue in the future its good work of the past.

Mr. Burt Replies
"I appreciate what you have said, gentlemen," said Mr. Burt, in reply. "I have no doubt that I have made many mistakes, but I have always endeavored to do my best. I feel that you are making no mistake in the selection of my successor, both from my personal acquaintance with him and from what I know of him by reputation. I feel that he is the right man, and assure you that I will give him my support and assistance whenever they may be required."

The following letter was sent by Mr. Burt:

Brantford, March 8th, 1918.
My Dear Mr. Shepperson,
As you inform me that the board has decided to accede to the proposition I left for their consideration last evening, I hereby tender my resignation of the principalship of the Brantford Collegiate Institute, and agree to discharge the duties of head of the English Department for a period of at least two years.

I thank you and the board for the generous spirit in which this proposition has been met.

Yours truly,
A. W. BURT.

Buildings and Grounds.
The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported as follows:

That they be authorized to have the wiring at the King Edward School made satisfactory to the Electrical Inspection Department.

That your committee be allowed to arrange now for the necessary repairs, painting, etc., to be done at the several schools during the summer holidays.

That your committee be authorized to procure on the best terms possible a full supply of coal for the season's requirements of all the schools, and that they be authorized to erect sheds or other structures where necessary at the several schools, in order to care for any excess quantity which cannot be stored in the building.

The Finance Committee in its report recommended payment of a lengthy list of accounts, amounting to \$4,154.85, for which over \$400 was a cap of coal purchased from the Standard Coal Company.

Miss Collier and Mr. Miller submitted reports upon the recent convention of the Ontario Educational Association in Toronto. Mr. Miller deplored the lack of advice on ways and means of besetting plumbers' bills.

An oratorical contest will be held in the Collegiate Institute on Friday afternoon next, according to an announcement made by Dr. Gamble, who has donated a prize for the event. Second and third trophies have been supplied by J. W. Shepperson and M. W. McEwen, respectively.

Minor Matters.
The wiring in King Edward School is defective and must be repaired at once, according to a report from the

electrical inspector to the buildings and grounds.

The monthly report of Principal Burt of the Collegiate showed an enrollment of 495, with an average attendance of 452.

J. McDonald, janitor of Ryerson School, wrote asking a substantial increase in salary.

The monthly report of the Public School Inspector showed the following attendance at the Public schools throughout the city:

Schools	Enroll.	Average
Central	541	581.6
Alexandra	311	484.1
Victoria	370	382.9
King Edward	529	498.5
Ryerson	275	253.2
Dufferin	240	307.9
King George	351	311.7
Totals	3027	2770.9

Kindergarten—Primary—

Central	23	20.3
Alexandra	34	31.0
Victoria	27	25.5
King Edward	45	41.4
Ryerson	27	23.3
Dufferin	43	38.5
King George	30	25.0
Totals	229	205.0

Those present were J. W. Shepperson, chairman, Mrs. Ballachey, Miss Collier, A. Coulbeck, L. L. Miller, Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Dr. Marquis, W. Lahey, Dr. Gamble, M. W. McEwen, Principal A. W. Burt of the Collegiate Institute, Public School Inspector Kilmer, and A. K. Bunnell, secretary-treasurer.



The New Principal, A. M. Overholt, of Sarnia.

Distinguished Career.
Mr. A. M. Overholt, M.A., has had a most distinguished career as a teacher, having completed seventeen years on Collegiate staffs.

He was an honor graduate in mathematics of McMaster University in 1897 with degree of B.A., and in 1898 with degree of M.A. in Department of History and Political Economy.

Graduate of Ontario Normal College (now Faculty of Education) in 1899, as specialist in Mathematics. Principal's certificate for High schools and Collegiate Institutes granted in 1904.

After graduation he taught for one and a half years in the Woodstock College and since has been identified with Collegiate work as follows:

Three years in Hamilton C. I. (2nd Mathematical Master), three and a half years in Woodstock C. I. (head of Mathematical Department); five and a half years, London C. I. (head of Mathematical Department); five years, Sarnia (principal of C. I. and teacher of Senior

Mathematics). While in London he was secretary of the Canadian Club and a member of the Broomfield (Literary) Club.

In Sarnia from which place he comes to Brantford, he has not only been head of the Collegiate with marked success, but he has also taken an active interest in the affairs of the community, as member of the Board of Trade, on the Committee for Greater Food Production and vice-president of the Canadian Club. He is spoken of as a fine educationist as well as organizer.

Mrs. Overholt is an honor graduate of McMaster University, with the degree of B.A. in Classics and is a sister of Dean McEwen of the university.

MERCHANTS VETO APPEAL FOR MORE HALF HOLIDAYS

Will Not Close at Noon on Wednesday in May or June

Delegates from the City Council waited upon the Merchants Club last night, and urged the advisability of extending the weekly half holiday now observed during the months of July and August. After discussions on the part of the merchants, however, it was decided to make no change.

Ald. Symons.

When the routine of the evening had been concluded, Ald. Symons and Chalcraft appeared before the merchants in connection with the main issue of the evening, the movement of retail clerks to obtain a weekly half holiday in the months of May, June, July and August. Ald. Symons pointed out that the clerks had submitted a petition signed by over three hundred of their number to the city council, and that as the latter body had no direct concern in the matter, it had been deemed advisable to lay it before the merchants. The speaker disavowed any personal interest; he was not there to dictate, but he pointed out that the clerks of every line of retail business were behind the petition. The granting of such a half holiday would aid in conserving the health of the working class. The future mothers of our country and this was of primary importance in view of the manner in which the health of the nation would be impaired by the war. This argument might sound sentimental, but there was sound reason behind it.

Ald. Chalcraft.

Ald. Chalcraft expressed the opinion that the clerks might have been going above the heads of their employers in laying their case before the city council. He was in favor of allowing the merchants to settle the matter with the clerks, suggesting that a committee might be appointed to meet the latter and agree upon a settlement; perhaps a holiday for three months, June, July and August.

Ald. Symons doubted whether the clerks had gone over the heads of their employers in going to the city council; he pointed out that the merchants not long ago had gone to the council for the passing of a by-law closing their stores at five-thirty, which the speaker declared was not legally sound.

Keep Trade Here

When the aldermen retired, general discussions followed, and speakers dealt with the necessity of keeping trade at home. Brantford was now drawing large business from Simcoe and other points along the route of the L. E. and N., therefore Brantford stores must be made accessible to the visitors, or the trade would go to Hamilton and other localities. In Hamilton it was pointed out, the merchants closed at five o'clock in the summer months, and gave no half holidays. It was finally decided to continue the half holiday for the months of July and August only, as has been the practice for many years.

SAYS DETECTIVES ARE RESPONSIBLE

"Foolhardy Way of Handling Alleged Absentees" Declares Laverne.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Quebec, April 11.—Armand Laverne was a witness to-day at Coroner Jolicoeur's inquest into the death of four civilians killed during the rioting in Quebec.

Mr. Laverne said he did not know of federal agents being attacked on Thursday until he read the morning papers on Friday. This attack against some federal officers, he said, was no surprise to him. In the afternoon of Friday, the day following the attack in the federal station, he visited the scene of the first demonstration, No. 3 police station. There, he says, he heard some one telling of the proposed attack on the registrar's office in the Auditorium Annex for that evening. "I did not believe this would materialize," added Laverne, in his testimony. "For if I may tell you honestly, I never thought the people would have the punch to do it."

Mr. Laverne then went into the events that brought him to the scene of the Auditorium. On Sunday Allyn Tachereau called at his house on the telephone and asked him to go to the Chateau Frontenac Hotel. There he met Colonel Machin, representative of the Department of Justice, and Col. Carruthers. Col. Machin asked him to what he attributed the troubles in Quebec and he told the Colonel they were due to the "foolhardy way the federal detectives were handling the arrest of alleged absentees."

He added he believed the Government had chosen men who did not inspire confidence.

Mr. Laverne said he agreed to meet the disturbers that Sunday night and Col. Machin told him that if he stopped the trouble it would be well received by Ottawa. He quieted down the mob's fervor and led them to the Jacques Cartier Market where he held a meeting, after which the crowd broke up. It being understood he was to meet them on the following night, Monday, to tell them what he could gain from Ottawa if the trouble ceased. But Monday no meeting could be held, all groups were broken up by the militia and the bloody encounter in St. Sauveur followed.

Captain Dr. George St. Armand, medical officer, who with Major Tasse had charge of the military ambulances on the night of the fatal riot, testified that he had orders to attend the civilian wounded as well as the military and did.

GERMAN OFFICIAL

Berlin, via London, April 12.—In reference to the situation on the Ploesti battle front, the official statement from German general headquarters to-day says:

"On the battle front on both sides of the Somme and on the southern bank of the Oise, the fighting activity was limited to artillery duels and minor infantry operations."

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS

The sole head of a family or any male over 18 years old, who was at the commencement of the present war, and has since continued to be a British subject or a subject of an allied or neutral country, may homestead a quarter-section of suitable Dominion Land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for District. Entry by proxy may be made on certain conditions. Duties—six months residence upon and cultivation of land in each of three years.

In certain districts a homesteader may secure an adjoining quarter-section as pre-emption. Price \$2.00 per acre. Duties—six months in each of three years after earning homestead patent and cultivate six acres and erect a house worth \$500.00.

A settler after obtaining homestead patent, if he cannot secure a pre-emption, may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$5.00 per acre. Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate six acres and erect a house worth \$500.00.

When Dominion Lands are advertised or posted for entry, returned soldiers who have served overseas and have been honorably discharged receive one day priority in applying for entry at local agency (but not Sub-Agency). Discharge papers must be presented to Agent.

W. W. COBY, Deputy Minister of the Interior. N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will be held for.

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