

fact the asking for tenders was really a farce, the course pursued being such as to do away with honest competition and assist certain contractors.

Judge Winchester then presents a memorandum of heating and ventilating tenders, showing how contractors who tendered honestly had, in his opinion, no chance of obtaining contracts.

The Fred Armstrong Company and J. R. Seager now contend that they were not required to supply the radiation asked for so long as they guaranteed to supply the heat required.

This was not in the contemplation of Mr. Bishop at the time the specifications were drawn up by him, as stated in his evidence; he purposely called for a larger amount of radiation than some people would consider necessary, because of the position in which he was placed with regard to the necessity for having the schools heated quickly.

His honor next referred to the contention of the Fred Armstrong firm, that they gave value for the amount of money they received for contracts. He said: "In the case of Mr. Seager and Keith & Fitzsimmons, no contracts have not been concluded, owing to an investigation. It has been shown that the amount of radiation installed by them has resulted in this insufficiency for the different rooms, and additional radiation has been required to be added to give the heat required. They, however, were merely following the methods they found had been adopted and carried out successfully by the Fred Armstrong Company. In all these schools numerous complaints have been received from time to time that all the rooms in the schools were not properly heated, and occasionally classes had to be dismissed by reason of the cold."

Under the head of "checking repairs," the judge says, "the evidence showed that repairs were not superintended in a proper way, the number of hours charged for by different tradesmen were not checked up, nor was the material used checked; since the commencement of this investigation a new system had been adopted of reporting in writing, but it has been shown that even under this system the repairs have not been watched or inspected as they should be. In my opinion a large amount has been lost by reason of the want of business management in connection with extra repairs."

It was shown that Charles Wilkes, caretaker of the Technical School, demanded and received \$5 from the Fred Armstrong Co. for assisting them in their work at the school after hours, that some years previously he had received \$9 from the painting contractors at the Louis Street School in connection with his work. It was also shown that the Fred Armstrong Co. had presented Mr. Carwood, the former caretaker of Dufferin School, with a reading lamp at Christmas some years ago.

Referring to specifications the report says: "It was shown again and again during the investigation by witnesses giving evidence on almost all the trades employed in the erection of the schools that the specifications were drawn in the most vague and careless manner, leaving room for serious differences of interpretation and resulting in many accounts for extra charges. The board which should have been covered by the specifications."

"It was also shown that overlapping occurred in the specifications of different trades, that is to say, two or more trades being required to do the same work. The loss to the board in consequence of these loose specifications is difficult to ascertain, but in my opinion it would amount to a large sum and was the result of gross carelessness on the part of those drawing the same, and the want of proper supervision."

Knew it was improper. With regard to the connection of school officials with outside matters, Judge Winchester comments that Mr. Bishop, who was connected with the Schools Supply Company, which at one time did business with the board, took knowledge of its connection with the company, "thus showing that he was aware that it was improper for him to be connected with a company having business to do with his own department. The judge also adds that 'not only did he transfer his interest in that but the dividends received by his brother-in-law from the company were paid by Mr. Bishop in bank bills, not in my opinion to save bank charges, as stated by Mr. Bishop, but to prevent discovery of his connection with the company.'"

Little supervision. Judge Winchester deals in some detail with the amounts expended in connection with some of the repairs and alterations to schools during the years 1906 to 1911, amounting to \$285,538.37. The greater portion was tendered for by contractors, but a very large amount was done by day labor and materials provided by the contractors, and, says the judge, "the evidence shows that there was little or no supervision over the work so done, nor even mentioned in the accounts on the part of the building department. In many cases the number of hours were not even mentioned in the accounts; in other cases larger rates were charged per hour by a contractor in the same business than by another contractor. Until within the last two or three years no attempt was made to check up the time and material used in repairs. Since then an attempt had been made to have this done by the appointment of certain district inspectors, but clearly their work had not been

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carried out as it should be, as the evidence showed that hours were charged beyond the number actually occupied, in connection with some of the work. "In my opinion," the judge declares, "the board has lost very large sums of money in connection with the repair accounts, which, if the officials had been more alert and had a better business system been used in looking after same, would have been saved to the board."

MORE LAND IS SOLD BY DUKE OF BEDFORD

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(Can. Press.)—The Duke of Bedford, whose Covent Garden estate was disposed of recently, has sold another site on Gower street, Bloomsbury. The national committee, which has in charge the erection of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, is the purchaser. The price paid was \$350,000.

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BLAME THE TARIFF FOR DEPOPULATION

Members of the Dominion Grange Says Protection is Unfair to Farmers

MUNICIPAL OVERSIGHT

Of Highways is Advocated in Resolution at Final Meeting.

The government and the provincial highway engineer were highly commended for appointing a commission to obtain information as to the best system of improving the roads throughout the entire province by the members of the Dominion Grange at their resumed session yesterday.

J. G. Lethbridge stated that so far the farmers had not taken the interest in this important question that they should, and suggested that committee be appointed to draft a scheme for the best method of improving the roads. The committee was named and submitted the following report for the approval of the members, which was adopted: "That there should be municipal control of construction and maintenance of highways, subject to regulations by the public works department; that expenditure should be controlled by a commission appointed by the municipalities concerned; that the provincial government provide 50 per cent. of the necessary funds by increasing the tax on railways and taxing automobiles according to their horsepower; that cities and towns arrested from counties be required to pay 25 per cent. of the cost of construction and maintenance; that the balance of the money required be supplied by the municipalities through which the roads pass and the cities, towns and villages to which they lead; that the municipalities should be controlled by a commission appointed by the provincial government; that the municipalities should be required to pay 25 per cent. of the cost of construction and maintenance of good roads throughout the province."

Who Will Pay? J. G. Lethbridge stated that some of the cities were willing to aid in the construction of rural roads, saying that the board of trade of Hamilton had suggested that the cities pay 25 per cent. of the cost of roads a certain distance out from the city. Another suggestion made was to put a tax of half a mill upon the assessable value of the property to go into a provincial fund for the building and maintenance of the rural highways.

James McEwing, M.L.A., J. C. Dixon, J. B. Lethbridge and J. Michael were appointed a committee to meet the roads commission at Guelph in January.

An affiliation of all the different farmers' associations throughout the province with the Dominion Grange will be the object of the present meeting. A resolution was passed which stands for the organization of a co-operative association, and a committee was appointed to advance the project as quickly as possible.

Want Tariff Changes. Resolutions asking changes and an increase in the British preference were passed by the grange without discussion as follows:

"That the protective tariff as it now exists and it has stood for many years places an unfair burden upon the farmers of this country for the benefit of the manufacturing industries; that these facts are largely responsible for the conditions which are forcing population from the rural districts into urban centres and that this movement from country to town has now reached a point where rural depopulation threatens the whole nation; that industrial, social and political. Upon these premises they resolved "That in justice to agriculture and in the interests of our national life it is imperative that the tariff be so adjusted as to remove in toto the burdens under which agriculture has labored, to the end that agriculture may be made more profitable and attractive and the balance between city and country be restored."

"We recommend a gradual increase of the British preference, such as will lead in a few years to complete free trade with the mother country." Besides serving the economic ends of this country, this would prove of incalculable value to Greater Britain and would best express our loyalty and devotion to our motherland.

Direct Legislation. Another resolution was "That the present system of government has outgrown its usefulness, so that it no longer serves to express the will of the people, and it was recommended that a referendum be held on the initiative of direct legislation through the initiative of referendum applied to all legislative processes."

On the naval question the following resolution was passed: "That the people should be asked by a referendum to pronounce upon three choices—a rapidly rebuilt and a Canadian navy, or the maintenance of the present situation, and that the will of the people, as recorded by such referendum, should be followed."

New Officers. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Messrs. W. C. Wood, Bradford; overseer, Col. J. Z. Fraser, Burford; secretary, J. J. Morrison, Arthur; lecturer, W.

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With the Atlantic squadron, Fohle testified he went around the world and the experiments with the wireless telephone during this cruise were satisfactory. For nine hours without a break he operated the telephone he said, and at Port Townsend, Wash., the apparatus met with particular success. "The operators objected to the telephone," he declared, "because it might make them lose their jobs."

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