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COUNCIL TO DECIDE IT.

Committee Could Not Agree on Number of Aldermen.

Kinrade Jurors Will Get Nothing But Ordinary Fees.

Grant Made For Garbage Collection on Mountain.

Such a difference of opinion existed as to the advisability of reducing the number of aldermen or rearranging the wards that the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon decided to let the council thresh it out. A letter was read from City Solicitor Waddell saying that if any action was to be taken this year it must be done before July 15. The committee sidestepped this difficulty by merely passing a resolution, stating it was expedient to reduce the number of aldermen, without specifying how it shall be done.

Two courses are open. The council can rearrange the wards, making four or five districts with three representatives from each, the new arrangement to go into effect at the next election, or submit a by-law to the people in January, reducing the number of aldermen from each ward to two. This would make it necessary to have twenty-one aldermen next year, in addition to the Board of Control.

Ald. Lees wanted to know what was to be gained by reducing the size of the council.

"We would never get through our meetings with twenty-five aldermen," said the Mayor.

Some of the aldermen favored having two aldermen from each ward and seven wards. The council on Monday night will settle the question.

The Kinrade jurors will receive only the ordinary fees for their strenuous labors in connection with the celebrated inquest. The committee so decided after hearing a letter read from Deputy-Attorney-General Cartwright, to the effect that the Government could not see its way clear to establish a precedent in this case by paying the jurors' fees.

The pure milk campaign for babies in hot weather is to be a go after all. Dr. Roberts, Medical Health Officer, appeared before the committee and on motion of Ald. Lees, a grant of \$100 to the Victorian Order of Nurses, which will have charge of the distribution. The balance of the money will be raised by private subscription.

Dr. Roberts reported that it would cost \$200 to make a gutter-cleaning crew a week, the cost of maintaining and once every two weeks in the eastern annex. The money was voted.

Edward Morwick appeared on behalf of the Hamilton Swimming Association, which asked for a donation for medals for the swimming carnival to be held in August 7, the first event of its kind in Canada, and which will bring swimmers from all parts of Canada. The committee voted \$50.

"These are all commendable objects," said Chairman Peregrine, "but the time is coming when we will have to cut out a lot of these things." K. L. Aitken, a Toronto electrical expert, who has an account of \$300 against the city in connection with the old street lighting arbitration, wrote saying that it was long overdue, and unless it was paid by July 15 he would draw at sight on the city.

Ald. Guy was appointed to represent Hamilton on the committee being formed in Toronto to ask the Government to widen and deepen the Welland Canal, also Burlington and other harbors on the lake.

The aldermen quickly set their feet down on the suggestion to send a delegate to Calgary to attend the convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

TRIED TO CUT HIS THROAT.

Insane Ingersoll Man in Padded Cell in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., July 8.—Displaying marked symptoms of insanity, Howard McMane, of Ingersoll, Ont., was taken into custody here to-day, and placed in a padded cell at Red Cross Hospital, after two other institutions had refused to admit him. McMane tried to cut his throat. He is suffering from a religious mania, the physicians say.

LEGAL BUT IMMORAL.

British Church Council Denounces Deceased Wife's Sister Act.

ELSIE SIGEL'S CASE.

Men Alone Should Do Missionary Work Among Chinese.

The case of Miss Elsie Sigel, of New York, whose murder by a member of New York's Chinese colony has almost stirred up a race war, suggests that young American women who go about the task of educating and Christianizing Chinese take some dreadful risks.

The opium dens which infest the large cities of the country, where Chinese have formed colonies, constitute a comparatively new danger to American morality and civilization. That the American Sunday school, an institution which in general is above reproach and which has so much to do with turning out young men and women who are equal, mentally, morally and physically, to the duties of citizenship, motherhood and child rearing—that this institution should be the means of introducing an intolerable vice and leading many to become victims of the opium habit seems almost beyond belief. Yet it is shown to be true in the tragedies, the mistakes and ill-judged marriages or unconventional and illegal alliances that have come about in consequence of the association between Chinese and American young women in such mission work.

The conditions which have been revealed by developments in the Sigel case and by somewhat similar episodes that have preceded it have created a strong sentiment to the effect that men alone should do missionary work among the Chinese in this country.

The opium traffic has been abolished by imperial decree in China itself. Yet in the United States, where the traffic has for some time been under the ban of the law, the habit of smoking opium is on the increase, it is said, and the vice is particularly rampant among the Chinese and supposedly best class of society.

It is charged that the young women who undertake the education and Christianizing of Chinese run in much danger of being themselves made the victims of vice which are common among these Oriental people, the influence of the Celestials being insidious and their wiles so cunning as to be hard to withstand. Once under the control of the Asiatic hypnotizer and his "dope" the fair missionary worker finds it hard to retrace the path back to health, morality and respectability.

It was one of the victims of the opium habit, a woman who had once been a respected member of a Christian church and who was led astray by her associations with Chinese in Sunday school work, who wrote thus:

"Every Chinese tries to get his teacher into some corner, and room as far as possible from the other groups as possible. The pupil is learning to read from a primer. As the lesson goes on their claims are moved until their faces are so close together the girl can feel the breath of the Chinese on her cheek. Their glances meet many times during the lesson. His eyes are always fastened on her face. After that it's only a question of months when she gets to be the same kind of opium fiend I am."

That an innocent and unsuspecting girl could be brought under the influence of that dreaded drug, opium, and do as effectively and recklessly as if she had herself "hit the pipe" simply by absorbing the fumes of a "Chinese" opium laden breath was news to many people before Charles Krug, the superintendent of the Chinese Sunday school of the Church of the Strangers, New York, issued orders that tables should be placed between each Chinese pupil and his American teacher. The Chinese when they found that the order was not to be withdrawn deserted the school in a body.

The better class of Chinese in this country are alive to the ill-repute brought upon their countrymen by cases like that of Miss Sigel, and the Chinese Legation at the national capital has shown that it has no sympathy with vice by sending out orders to consuls throughout the United States to render all possible aid toward the apprehension of those guilty of such crimes.

The consular general at New York, Wee Chow, has been especially active in rendering aid in the apprehension of those responsible for or connected with the death of Miss Sigel.

BEGAN WORK YESTERDAY.

Workmen began yesterday to dismantle the interior of All Saints' Church, and next Sunday the services will be held in the Sunday school, and will continue to be held there until the work on the church is completed.

Those who have seen the new elevation from the King street side have been very much impressed with its dignity and beauty. It is an assured thing that when the renovations are complete, the appearance of the church will be won fully improved.

Seasonable Goods

At Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Jar rubbers, dark 6c dozen of 6 dozen 25c, white 10c dozen or 3 dozen 25c; heavy red 15c dozen or 2 dozen 25c; paraffin wax 15c lb.; bottle wax, in tins, 10c; water glass, for preserving eggs, 15c tin, or 2 tins 25c.

Yesterday afternoon George Bonney, of 70 Bellevue avenue, Toronto, had his foot so badly crushed in the C. P. R. in the services solemnizing such marriages was reprobated in the strongest terms.

NEW SCHOOL IN WARD 7.

Ten Room Building Adjoining Victoria Avenue School.

Warm Discussion on the Subject at Board Meeting.

Trustees Determined to Make the People's Money Fly.

By adopting the report of the Building Committee the Board of Education last night, after a warm discussion, committed itself to the erection of a ten-room building, adjoining the Victoria avenue school, at a cost of about \$60,000. It also authorized the appointment of an architect to report on the safety of the present structure, in addition to preparing plans for the new one. This was but one of a variety of subjects that provoked lively debate.

The Building Committee made this recommendation: "That a 10-room school be built to the north of the present Victoria avenue school, the third story of the present school be vacated, and the Wellington street school closed as soon as possible."

Trustee Booker promptly moved that the report be referred back, and opened a war of words by firing a broadside in which he charged that the resolution was worded in such a veiled manner as to hoodwink the trustees into believing that the Victoria avenue school was not to be torn down. The old building, he declared, was painted as black as it could be painted, to serve the purposes of those advocating the erection of the new building. It had already been stated that the school could not be enlarged without so obstructing the light in the old building as to render it useless. In addition to the advice from ex-Ald. Mills and George Mills, well-known contractors, Trustee Booker said he had the word of ex-Ald. William McDonald that it was a substantial building, perfectly safe. The Stinson street school was badly overcrowded, and if any additions were to be made that school could be enlarged.

Mr. Booker asked Trustee Carr over the coals for appearing before the Finance Committee and objecting to the building of a new school, and then to replace the present "death dealing trap," because the city could not spare the money, and yet he was prepared to spend \$60,000 on this school.

Trustee Carr asked the chairman if this was in order, and the chair ruled that it was not.

"I think just as Trustee Gallagher does, that the Board has gone building crazy," persisted Trustee Booker, who insisted that a halt should be called in view of the charges of extravagance.

Trustee Lazier pointed out that the report did not indicate whether the ten-room building was to be a new school or an addition to the old one. He also sought information as to the cost of buildings during the last two or three years.

Answering the query, Chairman Allan said it was intended to build the ten-room school separate from the old school at a cost of between \$55,000 and \$60,000. The Sophia and Pictou street additions, exclusive of the cost of land, had cost about \$80,000, and he promised a complete statement as soon as the accounts were all in. There was no doubt that more school accommodation was needed in that district.

"Build them where they are needed," chimed in Trustee Booker.

"They are needed according to which ward your represent, according to some people. The old story of environment sounds good," was the caustic retort of the building chairman.

Trustee Carr said that the charge made against him by Trustee Booker about opposing the enlarging of the isolation hospital was a rather serious one, and he asked permission to reply.

"I ruled him out of order," explained Chairman Hobson.

"But he went on talking," argued Trustee Carr, "and the charge is not true."

"I take the position that we are doing very well spending money," observed Trustee Gallagher, who counselled his colleagues to go slowly. "We ought to call a halt," he said.

Chairman Allan, of the Building Committee, suggested that the matter be allowed to stand until September so that they could see exactly how bad the crowding was.

At this stage Trustee Carr introduced a deputation from No. 7 Ward. Dr. Wickert was the first spokesman. He characterized the old school as a trap, condemned it on sanitary grounds, and insisted that it lacked architectural beauty.

Then followed Robert Pettigrew, who doubted if the walls were strong enough to support fire escapes.

"It ought to be more evenly distributed," suggested Trustee Lazier.

AWARDED CONTRACTS. Chairman Allan reported that the Building Committee had awarded contracts as follows for the work on the eight room addition to the Barton Street School, which will be begun next week, and the board marked them with its approval.

Brick and masonry work, W. H. Cooper	\$17,872
Carpentering, Jas. Calvert	7,035
Plumbing and heating, Drake & Avery	9,188
Plastering, A. Chapman	1,813
Painting, D. Kemp	1,562
Roofing, etc., J. E. Riddell	633
Iron stairs, R. G. Olmsted	1,710
Sewers, J. J. Armstrong	150

Total \$39,963
The cost of seating is estimated at \$2,000; electrical fixtures \$200 and architect's fees \$2,000.

ART SCHOOL MATTERS.

When the report of the Technical Committee on the proposition to take over the Art School, declaring all negotiations off, was presented, Trustee Lazier, inquired if there was no alternative by which the school could be continued.

Chairman Howell, of the Technical Committee, explained the negotiations that had taken place. "They asked \$1,200," he said, "for equipment, which when we sent Principal Witton of the Technical School around to see, he reported we could purchase in the open market for \$400. All that was left was of use to us. I don't know what they are going to do with the \$1,200 any more than the \$4,000 they have," he said. This money, he pointed out, was mostly raised at the art fair in the old drill hall for the purposes of an art school and now that the school was disbanded he thought the Board of Education was justly entitled to it if it was willing to carry on the work.

Trustee Watkins pointed out that the money was partly subscribed by life members and the directors had certain obligations in this connection, which they must arrange about before disposing of the money.

"We offered to indemnify them against any such claims and the government could easily pass a bill covering legal difficulties," said Trustee Howell.

There was evidently a misunderstanding between the two bodies, said Trustee Lazier, who was very sorry that such was the case.

"We have no money to carry on the school this year," said Chairman Hobson. "It would cost about \$1,500. I think the Board of Education will eventually take up the art part of the work and engage most of the old teachers at the Art School. They should not hold the money and if they turned it over to us we would carry on the work from September 1."

Trustee McCullough said he had never been at a meeting where it was so difficult to get at the bottom of matters as at the conference with the Art school directors. "If they will come in the open," he said, "and tell us what they intend doing with the money the atmosphere will be cleared. Perhaps they want it for an art gallery or some other object that will meet with general approval."

ANOTHER WARM DISCUSSION.

Chairman Howell, of the Technical Committee, pointed out that there was danger of overlapping of duties with Principal Thompson, head of the Collegiate Institute, and Principal Witton in charge of the Technical School, as both buildings were connected and pupils would pass from one to the other.

When asked for his views, Principal Thompson said he had been given to understand, verbally, by several of the trustees, that when the Technical School was built it would be under one head, as it should be. He had been invited to some of the meetings of the committee and ignored at other times. Then the committee advertised for a principal and appointed one. "If you are losing confidence in me you can tear up my application for next year," he said, rather warmly, and the remark caused a mild stir.

The proposal to make Principal Thompson boss of both buildings was opposed by Trustee Lamoreaux, who said that J. G. Witton was engaged as principal of the school. With due deference to Dr. Thompson, he was opposed to placing J. G. Witton in charge, as each school should have its own head. The scheme to make Mr. Witton secondary did not meet with his approval. "The old Normal School was a failure with two heads," he added.

"Excuse me, it was not," said Principal Thompson.

The Lazier did not agree with Mr. Lamoreaux, and thought Principal Thompson should have general supervision.

Principal Thompson said he did not want to be misunderstood. In asking that the duties be defined, he had referred to general duties, and so forth, that where first class teachers were not available that teachers with second class certificates should be engaged, upon approval, their salaries to be \$25 below the minimum, to begin with.

CARETAKER FOR TECHNICAL.

Alex. Davidson is caretaker of the Collegiate. He has been offered an increase of \$800 or \$2,250 to look after all his own duties. Trustee Howell said that Mr. Davidson had informed him that he would cost more than \$600 to hire the help for the Technical School. The board decided, however, to appoint him at that salary to see how it works out. His salary will be increased if the amount is not enough.

TO SORT OUT TEACHERS.

On motion of Trustee Lazier a sub-committee was appointed to consider the application of teachers for the ensuing year. It is understood that there is some dispute about the qualifications of some of the teachers, and there may be a weeding out. The board decided to ask Trustee Lazier's name to the committee, which will consist of Chairman Hobson, Trustees Lamoreaux, Wilson, Allan, Holden and Gallagher.

DEBENTURES FOR \$85,000.

The board decided to ask the City Council to issue debentures to the amount of \$85,000, of which \$50,000 will

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Smartly tailored two-piece tan and ceru Linene Wash Suits in semi-fitting styles. Nice 38-inch long coat with tailored collar and envelope patch pocket of darker material; single-breasted with two vents up back and finished above with three large covered buttons on each side of vent. Nine gored skirt with plait down centre panel, trimmed on each with five self-covered buttons. All sizes to... **\$6.50**

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Pretty one-piece Princess, also two-piece dress styles, White Organdie Muslin, also dainty flowered Muslin weaves; embroidery inserted; Val lace edged and five tucked trimmed. Most becoming and dainty. Our regular good \$5.00 Dresses, to-morrow... **\$2.88**

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Reduced from \$10.00

They join the great clearing sale to-morrow. Semi-fitting styles in Repp. Coat is smartly trimmed in contrasting shade, large button trimmed, flat stole collar and cutaway front. Fashionable, plain gored skirt. Our regular \$10.00 suit.

Great clearance of surplus quantities of good Summer stockings and underwear

A tremendous reduction clearance sale begins to-morrow of all surplus quantities RIGHT HOUSE Stockings and Underwear for women, misses and children and added are three special purchase lots at one-third below regular good values.

Lisle and cotton stockings

12½c, reduced from 20c 25c, reduced from 35c and 40c
35c, reduced from 50c 50c, reduced from 75c and 85c
3 for 50c, formerly 25c pair

All sizes (including out sizes) in a great variety of regular makes reduced because there are too many. There are plain, embroidered, spotted and lace open work styles in black, white, tan, navy, Copenhagen, sky, pink and grey, in lisle mostly—some few in cotton. A few in mercerized, a few with cashmere also Balbriggan feet. Altogether a tremendous reduction clearing sale of good Stockings.

Children's stocking sale

5c, formerly 10c 17c, formerly 25c 25c, formerly 40c
Children's plain also ribbed Cotton Stockings (a few lisle sox)—a few in lace open work style. Black and tan shades—all sizes. Good hardwearing qualities.

Lisle and cotton knit underwear

13c, regular good value 20c 25c, regular good value 40c
19c, regular good value 25c 35c, reduced from 50c
50c, reduced from 75c

A great special purchase for this July sale of best white Cotton Knit Vests and Drawers and an outright reduction sale of beautiful Swiss-made Lisle Vests. Styles are short sleeves, no sleeves and long sleeves. Plain and lace trimmed. Assorted sizes and altogether an immense Summer underprice sale of much merit.

Children's vests and drawers

15c, reduced from 20c, 25c and 35c
Children's white cotton knit high neck Vests with short and long sleeves and knee length Drawers. Nice quality, assorted sizes. Formerly 20c, 25c and 35c. To-morrow... **15c**

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be for the Barton street school addition, and the balance for purchasing land on Barton street, also adjoining the Stinson and Hess street schools. An other \$20,000 will be asked for completing the Technical School.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS.

The following recommendations by the Technical Committee were adopted: That Mr. Frank E. Braucht be appointed instructor in the machine room, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, duties to commence Sept. 1, 1909. That Mr. Julian H. Thomas be appointed instructor in the forge room on probation until Dec. 30, 1909, at a salary of \$800 per annum, duties to commence Sept. 1, 1909.

That Mr. Henry N. Nold be appointed instructor in the electrical department, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, duties to commence June 21, 1909. That the fees for the Technical School be \$1 per month for resident pupils, and \$3 per month for non-resident pupils, for night classes of three nights per week, and any attending both day and night classes be allowed to do so at the day fees.

NEW TEACHERS.

The following appointments to the Public school teaching staff were authorized: Miss Nina Duncan, Miss Nellie Evans, Miss Margaret Fleck, Miss Mary Hill, Miss Helen Husband, Miss Grace McHaffie, Miss Isla McLeod and Miss Margaret Medley.

J. A. Freeman, of Lindsay, was appointed assistant teacher of classics at the Collegiate.

Misses Marion L. Bennett, Frances A. Bennett and Bernah Watson were applicants for positions on the Public school teaching staff.

SALARY INCREASES.

The salary increases recommended by the Special Salary and Internal Management Committee, including the \$400 increase to Secretary R. H. Foster, were approved by the board.

The increases included: A. E. Wilcox, manual training teacher, at \$1,000; Drill Instructor Smyke, \$100, with annual in-

crease of \$100 until \$1,000 is reached; S. Allingham, caretaker Caroline Street School, from \$225 to \$250; A. Bowman, Hess Street School, \$225 to \$250; H. Voelker, King Edward School, from \$550 to \$575; T. Gossall, Queen Victoria School, from \$600 to \$650; F. A. Walters, Ryerson School, \$800 to \$900; Mrs. McKenzie, Stinson Street School, \$525 to \$550; A. Clark, Wentworth Street School, \$800 to \$900; W. McVea, West Avenue School, \$500 to \$550; A. J. Painter, manual training teacher at Normal School, who has been receiving \$550 from the Government, and \$500 from the board, was increased \$50, making his total salary \$1,100. Miss Bennett, principal of Pictou Street School, was increased from \$900 to \$1,000. All the increases are to date from Jan. 1 next.

The following recommendation was also endorsed: That Sergt. Major Gilmour, of the 91st Regiment, be engaged as assistant drill instructor for the Public schools, at a salary of \$600 per annum, duties to commence Jan. 1, 1910.

CARE OF CURRANT BUSHES.

Set your currant bushes quite deep, and let them get a good grip of the soil, for if they do not, an open winter has a way of getting under the roots and heaving them out. Always mulch them heavily with coal ashes, or some other good mulch, and the ground must be kept clean. If set where quack grass has the slightest hold, it will tangle itself into the roots and finally beat you. The soil should also be very thoroughly underdrained with stone or tile. While the currant likes a moist soil it cannot endure a wet or mucky place. The rows should be about six feet apart, leaving sufficient room for the cultivator, and this should be run constantly until picking begins. The bushes should just about reach over to each other with their tips. It is well enough to shade the ground, but leaving the bushes open to sunshine and air. Trimming the currant is a simple affair, after you have once solved it; but do not let an inexperienced hand get hold of the job, for he will likely to work mischief. You must cut out most of the new shoots or suckers, which are likely to be abundant. If these grow they will take the life from the larger stalks, and you will soon have a

mass of dead wood, and of live wood that cannot produce fruit. The old wood should never be cut until it gets brittle and can be replaced with new stems. That is, allow one or two of the very best of the new canes to remain, provided you see a probable need of them. A currant stem should bear fruit for at least five years.—E. P. Powell, in the Ontario Magazine for July.

SAVED A BULL.