

A COMMERCIAL FORM.

No. 1 Committee, B. of E., Discuss Its Practicability.

And Re-fer the Matter to a Special Committee—Teachers Who Want Positions.

No. 1 committee of the School Board met last night. After passing accounts amounting to \$177 84, the members affirmed the recommendation of Miss Jennie Overholt, Miss Craig, be assigned as student to the Hamilton road kindergarten, and that Miss Grace Johnston, Goderich, be given a similar position at the Rectory street kindergarten.

The report stated that if all the public school staff were re-engaged for 1894 there would be two more teachers than necessary. The committee decided that Miss Fleury and Miss McPherson be placed on the substitute staff, with a first lien on any vacancies that may occur.

Said Mr. Carson in his report: In order to establish a commercial form there appears to me two courses open: 1. A competent teacher could be engaged and a class conducted in the vacant room in Princess avenue school. 2. As Princess avenue school is the most central in the city, the high school entrance work in that school could be discontinued and the pupils of the district desiring such a course could attend Talbot street, Waterloo street, Colborne street and Rectory street schools. The pupils of the latter wishing to take the commercial form could take it in the Princess avenue principal's room.

Mr. Griffin objected to the fact of it being necessary for a student to have passed the entrance examination before he could enjoy the benefits of such a course. A boy could then get to work two or three years earlier.

Mr. Alexander held that if pupils who had failed to pass the entrance examination were allowed to attend such a course there would be no incentive for a boy to pass that examination, and the commercial form would then be a refuge for lazy and indifferent boys and girls, who would not take the interest in their entrance examination that they did formerly.

Mr. Craig agreed with the views expressed by Mr. Alexander.

Chairman McRobert objected to the principal of the Princess avenue school being obliged to teach commercial work with his entrance work also. It meant that one must necessarily be neglected.

Mr. Griffin asked if a commercial form could not be established in each of the public schools.

Mr. Carson said it could be carried out, but not successfully. If the class was established there would be rooms to let very soon in the institute, as the teacher that would have to teach the commercial class could not bestow the necessary work on the high school entrance class.

Mr. Sanders took the same view as Mr. Griffin.

The matter was ultimately referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Griffin, Craig, Alexander and Sutherland, who will formulate a scheme and bring it before the board.

Applications for positions on the teaching staff were received from Bertie Thompson, G. J. Sutton, Miss McNaughton, E. Grigg, C. Sutherland, A. L. Beattie and T. D. Orme. They were referred to the inspector.

Miss Annie E. Lovell was given a position as student on the Wortley road kindergarten staff.

W. H. Bartram objected to paying Collegiate Institute non-resident fees, as he is a taxpayer in the city. Referred to the city solicitor.

There were present Messrs. McRobert (chairman), Alexander, Griffin, Saunders, Dr. Campbell, Craig, Dewar, Inspector Carson and Principal Merchant.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

MANTILLAS AS PARRHASIUS.
To-night Mr. Robert Mantell, who is favorably known as a romantic and melodramatic actor, will make his initial effort at tragedy in London. Elsewhere Mr. Mantell has received unstinted praise for his portraiture of "Parrhasius," and there is little doubt that London will indorse the verdict. Of a recent performance in San Francisco the Examiner says: A leading critic thus speaks of the play and its production: "Robert Mantell took his initial step into heavy tragedy last night at the Marquee. The play was a brand new one, built upon the old theme of 'Parrhasius.' Its literary merit and dramatic force were above the average latter-day productions, and its acting and staging left little to be desired. Mr. Mantell spent a large sum of money in equipping it with proper accessories. In his dramatization the author did not digress much from the familiar Grecian story. The play is brimful of lofty lines. Mr. Mantell gave a superb portrayal of the 'thrill-seeking ambition that squanders love and life away for fame.' As much can also be said of Miss Behrens. In all her scenes with Mr. Mantell she justly shared his honors, and some very effective stage pictures they presented."

SOL SMITH RUSSELL.
All lovers of refined and wholesome comedy are assured of a rich treat in the forthcoming engagement of the famous comedian, Sol Smith Russell. This artist is so favorably known to local play-goers that the simple announcement of his coming will prove sufficient to crowd the theater. Mr. Russell and his superb company will appear in his new play, "April Weather," at the Grand Opera House on Wednesday evening next, which will, without a doubt, be filled with the elite of the city. Mr. Russell brings here the same company that supported him in New York and Chicago. Sale of seats begins Monday morning.

SEABROOKE COMIC OPERA COMPANY.
Thomas Q. Seabrooke and his opera company will present the effervescent comic opera, "The Isle of Champagne," at the Grand next Friday evening. The countless opera patrons will remember it as a piece containing more of a plot than do most of its kindred, that this plot was cleverly conceived and skillfully carried out, and that the music was tuneful and bright beyond the usual. The use of champagne bottles, corks and glasses as the basis for the designs of the scenery was a bright idea and one that resulted in the scenic investigation of the opera being unique and beautiful. The company has been strengthened and the costumes and scenery are entirely new.

French Lectures in London.
Prof. E. Masson desires to give his pupils and other citizens an opportunity to hear French spoken, and will, therefore, begin a series of lectures in French (each of three-quarters of an hour duration) at room 11, Oddiellows' Hall, every Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, commencing Jan. 11. Price: One lecture, 25 cents; ten lectures, \$2. Mr. Masson will make a reduction of 50 per cent. to his own pupils, and to any pupils of the private and public schools.

New classes are being formed now. For particulars address E. MASSON, Room 11, Oddiellows' Hall. 70th tyw

ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Results of the Christmas Examinations at Guelph.

The results of the Christmas examinations at the Ontario Agricultural College are as follows:

PASSED IN ALL SUBJECTS.

First year (ranked according to standing in general proficiency)—J. F. Clark, Bay View, P. E. I.; T. F. Patterson, Lucknow, Ont.; W. L. Summerby, Russell, Ont.; L. W. Land, St. Marys, Ont.; G. Lewis, Ballymote, Ont.; S. G. Carlyle, Chester, Ont.; B. Gouin, Iderton, Ont.; W. G. Campbell, Brantford, Ont.; H. D. Kewley, Sarnia, Ont.; E. A. McCallan, St. David, Bermuda, West Indies; G. D. McMillan, Greenbank, Ont.; C. W. Tyr, Hayville, Ont.; A. Kipp, Chilliwick, B. C.; E. Dunn, Plover Mills, Ont.; A. C. Wilson, Greenway, Ont.; J. Knight, Elginburg, Ont.; D. H. McDougall, Martintown, Ont.; G. E. Chadsey, Sumas, B. C.; G. R. B. Macdonald, Girdaspur, India; W. H. Taylor, Peterboro, Ont.; J. More, Kirkton, Ont.; N. F. Wilson, Rockland, Ont.; Wm. J. Thompson, Barrie, Ont.; W. W. McKinley, Seeley's Bay, Ont.; W. E. Thom, Morrisburg, Ont.; E. Ponting, Noweagwa, Illinois; F. W. Fee, Toronto, Ont.

Second year (ranked according to standing in general proficiency)—John Wheatley, Blackwell, Ont.; G. A. Robertson, Kingston, Ont.; W. A. Kennedy, Apple Hill, Ont.; John Buchanan, Hensall, Ont.; J. W. Widdifield, Siloam, Ont.; D. F. Kidd, Cookstown, Ont.; C. E. Reinke, Ancaster, Ont.; J. H. Cook, Gordonsville, Ont.; A. M. High, Beamsville, Ont.; G. P. Duffett, Adolphustown, Ont.; A. A. King, Johnston's Crossing, N. S.; A. H. Christian, Danforth, Ont.; M. W. Doherty, Eglington, Ont.; Wm. Elliott, Galt, Ont.; R. H. Henderson, Rockton, Ont.; G. F. Row, London, England; J. G. Laird, Sarnia, Ont.; D. A. James, Nilestown, Ont.; F. T. Lailey, Toronto, Ont.; J. H. Vipond, Donegal, Ont.; A. E. Simpson, Hamilton, P. E. I.; F. L. Smyth, Tormore, Ont.; S. C. Shorey, Harrowsmith, Ont.; F. Caldecott, Toronto, Ont.

THE CONVALESCENT HOME.

Encouraging Outlook for Meeting the Debt on the Buildings—Help Gratefully Acknowledged—Characteristic Comments by Mrs. Boomer.

The Convalescent Home monthly board meeting was held at the home on Thursday. Present: Medames Boomer (president), J. Labatt, Bremner, Strong, Lashbrook, W. J. Reid, and Misses Street and Hamilton. There have been admissions during the month, and four of the inmates have left the home much benefited. Two patients, now in the hospital, are to be admitted when the friends who applied for them notify that they are sufficiently convalescent. An expression was given to the hearty appreciation of the generosity of friends of the home in remembering it so liberally at Christmas and New Year. The gift of two small typewriters from Mr. W. Johnson, and an anonymous donation from R. W. D., sent through Mr. Sayer, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of \$14 50 were received most thankfully, the secretary being requested to communicate the same to this unknown benefactor of the institution.

After matters of detail were satisfactorily arranged by the board Mrs. Boomer read a kind note from the Bishop of Huron expressing a deep interest in the Convalescent Home, and acknowledging the vote of thanks for his lecture on the "Holy Land," the proceeds of which had amounted to \$35. Mrs. Boomer then stated that \$2 more had been handed to her for the sale of tickets for the lecture given at Huron College by Rev. Principal Miller, making the total from that source, after the payment of all expenses, \$41. There is not a doubt, said Mrs. Boomer, but for the fact that the night unfortunately chosen for the lecture having proved one of almost "tempest and deluge," there would have been so large an attendance that the sum would nearly have been doubled, and from the joint proceeds of these two popular lectures the treasurer would have been enabled to pay one more installment on the purchase of the building. However, it is hoped that this will be, by the continued kindness of friends, shortly accomplished. Meanwhile the board desired to place on record their sense of the indebtedness to Rev. Principal Miller, and to this end is asked the insertion of a vote of thanks moved on the occasion of the lecture by Mrs. Boomer, who said:

"May I be permitted to say a few words in my capacity as president of the London Convalescent Home? At a meeting of the ladies of its board of management held on Thursday (yesterday), it was moved by Mrs. W. J. Reid and seconded by Miss Hamilton, that Mrs. Boomer be requested to offer on behalf of the board its grateful thanks to the Rev. Principal Miller, for his kind promise of giving a lecture upon the poems of Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett Browning, the proceeds of which lecture were to be devoted to the furtherance of the work of the home. Of this promise we have had the beautiful fulfillment this evening, and although I am but commissioned to speak on behalf of the ladies of the home, yet I feel sure that my words will find an echo in the hearts of all present, if I venture to couple their names with ours in thanking Mr. Miller for the rich intellectual feast which he has just afforded us. Doubtless the inclemency of the weather, and the prevalence of gripe among the gentlemen of the advisory board (who nearly all seem to have taken it together), and being a plain practical body who like to be prepared for all emergencies, to say nothing of being reassured by the fact that Mr. Miller had taken a woman (for in spite of her most exceptional claims she was but a woman after all) and her writings as the subject of his lecture, I made up my mind to say a few words in my own faltering fashion, rather than that there should be no public expression of the hearty appreciation felt by all the friends of the Convalescent Home, men and women alike, of the proof of interest in our work which, apart from its intellectual value, the giving of this lecture betokens. To the Rev. Principal Miller and to the masters and students of Huron College, who have offered us their hearty welcome and have made such thoughtful provision for our comfort, we would tender our hearty thanks."

The members of the board feel much regret that those friends who, in eager anticipation of a great treat, purchased tickets for this lecture, should have had so great a disappointment, but as their money was expended in a good cause, and as Mr. Miller promises to repeat his lecture for the benefit of the admirable work carried on by Y. W. C. A., they feel that they will not be wholly without compensation.

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LEGAL QUERIES.

COLLECTOR.—A leased a store from B for a term of years. He also purchased B's stock of goods. The assessor assessed A for stock, but A, during last summer, sold out the stock to C, and left the county. The collector wishes to know how or if he can collect the taxes from A, providing he has any effects. **ANS.**—By distress on any goods of A in the county, and, if none, by action for debt due the municipality.

TAXES.—D purchased a village lot last spring from E, previous to which the assessor assessed E for said lot, along with two other lots, in one amount. D is living on the lot he purchased, but objects to paying taxes for it, as his name is not on the collector's roll. E also objects. Now, which of them is liable for lot sold? **ANS.**—E is liable to pay the taxes, but D should prepay him the proportion of the year since he became owner.

DUNGANS.—In the financial statement of the treasurer and reeve of municipalities it is necessary by law to include the receipts and expenditures of Dec. 15? **ANS.**—Yes, certainly.

WATFORD.—Can an American vote for municipal councillor without taking the oath of allegiance? **ANS.**—No. A British subject goes to the States and takes the oath of allegiance there. If he comes back to Canada has he got to take the oath of allegiance in Canada to vote? **ANS.**—Yes.

BRUCE.—A rented to B a farm on which there is a bush but no buildings. The lease allows B, the tenant, to remove firewood, is it legal for B to remove said timber to his own premises, if so, has he got to get all the fallen timber? **ANS.**—Upon the statement B is entitled to remove so much of the fallen timber as he may require for firewood where he lives.

Liberal Tariff Platform.

We, the Liberal party of Canada, in convention assembled declare:

That the customs tariff of the Dominion should be based, not as it now is, upon the protective principle, but upon the requirements of the public service.

That the existing tariff, founded upon an unsound principle and used as it has been by the Government as a corrupting agency, wherewith to keep themselves in office, has developed monopolies, trusts and combinations;

It has decreased the value of farm and other landed property;

It has oppressed the masses to the enrichment of the few;

It has checked immigration;

It has caused great loss of population;

It has impeded commerce;

It has discriminated against Great Britain.

In these, and in many other ways, it has occasioned great public and private injury, all of which evils must continue to grow in intensity so long as the present tariff system remains in force.

That the highest interests of Canada demand a removal of this obstacle to our country's progress, by the adoption of a sound fiscal policy, which, while not doing injustice to any class, will promote domestic and foreign trade and hasten the return of prosperity to our people.

That to that end, the tariff should be reduced to the needs of honest, economical and efficient government.

That it should be so adjusted as to make free, or to bear as lightly as possible upon the necessities of life and should be so arranged as to promote freer trade with the whole world, more particularly Great Britain and the United States.

We believe that the results of the protective system have grievously disappointed thousands of persons who honestly supported it, and that the country in the light of experience is now prepared to declare for a sound fiscal policy.

The issue between the two political parties on this great question is now clearly defined.

The Government themselves admit the failure of their fiscal policy, and now profess their willingness to make some changes, but they say that such changes must be based only on the principle of protection.

We denounce the principle of protection as radically unsound and unjust to the masses of the people, and we declare our conviction that any tariff changes based on that principle must fail to afford any substantial relief from the burdens under which the country labors.

This issue we unhesitatingly accept and upon it we await with the fullest confidence the verdict of the electors of Canada.

INTERESTING psychological experiments by the aid of mechanical apparatus are in progress at Yale. Heretofore all the experiments performed have been upon persons laboring under hallucinations, confined to the sense of temperature. A new apparatus can be provided persons subjected to hallucinations of hearing and sight will be experimented upon, and thus a new field for original investigation opened. Again, people under abnormal conditions will be tested, such as persons thoroughly hypnotized or asleep, or insane persons, the latter including those suffering from monomania and kindred mental states, which have always baffled medical science. Dr. Scripture and his corps of assistants will continue their investigations in this line throughout the year.

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