

## FORMAL OPENING OF GEORGE JAY SCHOOL

Chairman of Board Proud of Honor Done Him—Fine Building

With an address by George Jay, chairman of the school board, a reply from Principal H. B. MacLean, and speeches by Miss Gordon, Governor Paterson, Dr. Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education, and some of the trustees, and with a programme of songs and recitations by the scholars, the George Jay school was on Friday afternoon declared open by the chairman of the board, who handed the key to Principal MacLean amid loud applause.

Mr. Jay said he felt proud of the distinction and honor done him by having the school after him, and he felt his duty in declaring the school open a pleasant and noble thing. His name in front of the building, declared Mr. Jay, had its disadvantage, and he referred to the programme of the afternoon, and drew attention to number 6, which was a chorus by the scholars entitled "Thou poor bird."

He felt that the children would look on the day with much pleasure, and he advised them to play all their games with credit and fairness and to make the name of the school a standard of honor. Mr. Jay praised the architect and the contractor for their work on the building, saying the board had received value for the money sent.

The necessity for the construction of the school had been proved by the present attendance. It had been said that its opening would relieve the attendance at the North West school, but that was not so. He announced that the school board would next year ask the ratepayers for further appropriations for school purposes. Mr. Jay handed over the key to the principal and declared the school open.

Principal H. B. MacLean opened his reply by expressing thanks to the school board for the splendid school, and said that many interested builders had visited the building, and it was generally admitted to be surpassed by any in Western Canada. He praised the class of children that made up the attendance at the school and said that as a whole they were better children than many respects than those of the past from whence he came.

Mr. MacLean said the scholars now comprised 83 English born, 13 Scotch, 17 Irish, 5 Chinese, 1 Australian, 2 Newfoundland, 4 American, 1 Nova Scotian, 1 from New Brunswick, 2 from Quebec, 25 from Manitoba, 4 from Saskatchewan, 3 from Alberta, 23 from C. O. out of Victoria, and 143 Victoria born.

He wished to thank the school board and the excellent teachers appointed to the school and hoped to have the manual training and domestic science rooms fitted next year and to establish a school garden in the spring.

Lieut.-Governor Paterson said there had been some talk regarding the school board recently, and he was glad to see those who were present to see what the trustees had done would be extremely surprised to see they had done so much. He had been surprised, at the extent and the interior appointments of the George Jay school, for he had no idea the school board possessed a building like it. He was sure that the people could be certain of getting value for their money from the school board. His honor was pleased to see so many happy appearing, and well-dressed children, and evidence that there were no poor people in Victoria. He knew that the teachers all possessed good capabilities, and were as good as any in the Dominion. He hoped to be present at a school opening every six months for he was indeed proud to take part in the opening of such a magnificent building as the George Jay school.

The chairman read letters regretting their absence from the premises and from the minister of education, who he is not in Victoria, and called on Trustee Mrs. Jenkins, who said that having provided the children with one of the best school buildings in Canada, the trustees would expect the highest standard of results from the scholars. The building gave the best conditions of study, and she hoped soon to have the domestic science class active in the school.

Dr. Robinson said the school stood as a worthy monument to the work done by Mr. Jay for educational purposes during the 10 years of his connection with the board of trustees. He believed other schools would follow rapidly owing to the demand for such a fine school building. The next month the amount of \$11,000.00.

A pleasing programme of songs and recitations was given by the scholars.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.**

Boston, Dec. 10.—Unless the will of the late Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy contain the name of some one of her followers whom she wishes to succeed as pastor emeritus, there will not be any successor appointed, according to Chairman Alfred Farlow of the Christian Science publicity committee. Farlow pointed out that the founder of the sect had the most rapid growth of any in the history of the church, and that she provided for the emergency which she knew must arise. He did this by having incorporated in the constitutions of the churches a law which bars the directors from accepting appointments to higher functions without the consent of the pastor emeritus. In this way, Farlow said, the hands of the directors are tied, and the only possibility of a successor being appointed remains in the will.

So far there has been no indication when the statement will be filed for probate. It is officially stated that the estate of a million and a half, with the exception of a small amount, will be given to the church by Mrs. Eddy. The amount not bequeathed to the church was given to members of her households. It is said. Many believe that the will contains the name of a successor to Mrs. Eddy as head of the church.

## PROGRESS OF THE ELECTIONS

### LIBERALS CAPTURE ANOTHER SEAT

London, Dec. 11.—Following is the present standing of parties:

Talbots	260
Liberals	236
Labor	67
Nationalists	8
Independent Nationalists	59

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Two Liberal gains were announced to-day. Kirkcubrightshire Liberal defeat in North Devonshire was more decisive than at first supposed. Following are the corrected figures:

Monmouthshire, South, Unionist, 8,658.
Liberals, 8,658; Walker, Unionist, 40.
Lincolnshire, Brigs-Gelder, Liberal, 4,587; Bennett, Unionist, 5,837. Unchanged.

Wednesday's Elections.

Following are results of Wednesday's elections declared to-day:

Cambridgeshire—Primsrose, Liberal, 4,641; Cecil, Unionist, 4,857. Unchanged.
Sussex—Eastbourne—Morrison, Liberal, 4,320; Gwynne, Unionist, 6,878. Unchanged.
North—King, Liberal, 5,224; Tomlinson, Unionist, 4,378. Unchanged.
Edinburghshire—Midlothian—Macdonald, Liberal, 8,817; Hope, Unionist, 4,880. Unchanged.
Suffolk, Byel—Pearson, Liberal, 4,327; Borwick, Unionist, 4,167. Unchanged.
North—MacAfee, Liberal, 2,974; Smittet, Unionist, 3,657. Unchanged.
Kirkcubrightshire—McMicking, Liberal, 2,817; McNeil, Unionist, 2,628. Liberal gain.

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### ON BEHALF OF THE BOY SCOUTS

### LT.-COL. HALL MEETS THE SCHOOL BOARD

Trustees Promise Hearty Co-Operation in Aiding Success of the Movement

(From Thursday's Daily.)

As a result of an explanation made by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, late of the Fifth Regiment, and now commissioner for B. C. of the Boy Scout movement, the board of school trustees decided last evening to join heartily in anything tending to advance the interests of that organization and to give sympathetic consideration to the use of the schools during the evening by the scouts.

Col. Hall, who was present by invitation, went fully into the objects and aims of the organization. He explained that in some discussion which had taken place among the trustees when application was made a short time ago by the corps for the use of school quarters during the evening, remarks had been dropped which led him to believe that the movement was misunderstood.

The Boy Scouts, he said, was absolutely undenominational. Some clergymen had placed their churches at the disposal of the corps. In one instance a keenly interested pastor had offered the use of his home. There were troops formed in connection with the Anglican, the Congregational and the Methodist churches. As an illustration of the breadth of the organization he stated that last summer nine scouts had been questioned as to their religious faith, and among them were represented eight different denominations.

All detail was "out out." The boys, if a scout, were not driving their beliefs, were told what they should do. They went home and performed the exercises of the early future, and that was their responsibility in developing their physique. It was pointed out that their shoulders under the verbal coaching of the scout masters. The marching, etc., of course, were done out of doors. In view of this the request was made that if done indoors and why does the corps require quarters?

Answering this, Col. Hall pointed out that ambulance work was taken up first and that the wounded was taught the soldiers and sailors of the neighboring stations had kindly volunteered their services in teaching the lads part of the "knotting" and "splicing," and that the part of the studies were flag signalling. It was these elements of their training which necessitated the use of apartments, and hence the request laid before the trustees.

One of the important features of the movement, he said, was financial independence. Each boy provided his own uniform. There were no take subscriptions, and he asked that the trustees or accept aid of such a character. But it had to depend upon the co-operation of such organizations as the school board, and in which to meet for the instruction outlined.

Chairman Jay and other members of the board expressed pleasure at the full explanation of the British Columbia movement. Col. Hall, and conveyed assurances of an endorsement of any such request made in the future.

### WEIGHT OF BRITISH POLITICAL SENTIMENT.

## BIG IMPROVEMENT BY TELEPHONE CO.

## VOTE AGAINST LOCAL OPTION

## VICTORY FOR FEDERAL TROOPS

## MEXICAN REBELS ARE DRIVEN FROM POSITION

## THREE HUNDRED ARE KILLED AND WOUNDED—ANOTHER BATTLE IMMINENT

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Three hundred soldiers, mostly rebels, were either killed or wounded in a battle to-day between the federal troops and insurgents near Guerrero.

Reports of the battle were received to-day at the cable station here. This is the second victory for the federal troops over Gen. Navarro, who marched against the rebels shortly after daylight and after sharp fighting, the rebels were forced back.

The first battle occurred last night. The federal cavalry attacked the entrenchments of the rebels, capturing a number of prisoners and taking a large quantity of their arms and supplies.

Horsemens pursued the rebels but were finally compelled to halt because of darkness.

The attack was resumed at daybreak. During the night the rebels had concentrated and formed a short distance from their first position. They were formed to fight outside their breastworks and the federal soldiers drove them back. The federal troops are now reported to be forming up to attack. The insurgents have retreated to a new position where it is reported heavy reinforcements have joined them. It is expected that the battle will be renewed before night.

## FATAL STRIKE RIOT IN CHICAGO

## Mob Attacks Police—One Man Killed and Another is Fatally Wounded

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 13.—One striking garment worker was killed and another fatally wounded to-day during a riot when Detective Serg. Weinekli overpowered by a mob, fired into it with his revolver. Weinekli was felled by a shower of stones before he shot. The dead striker was identified as P. Negrocksky. The injured man is Mark Lukaszewich.

Weinekli, who was in command of a detail of police, was escorting a number of strike-breakers through the streets. The strikers and their sympathizers surrounded the procession and made a concerted rush. Weinekli bore the brunt of the attack and was swept off his feet. He fired from the ground. Lukaszewich was attacking the detective as he lay on the street when he was shot. After the riot Weinekli was picked up unconscious.

An investigation revealed that Negrocksky probably was killed by a bullet from the revolver of Policeman Weinge, who stood near Weinekli. Both Weinge and Weinekli were severely beaten by the rioters.

The police declare that the garment strike has developed into one of the bitterest struggles Chicago has ever known. Men and women, worn with hunger but still full of spirit, daily give trouble by attacking strike-breakers whom they catch away from the protection of the blue coats or the walls of the garment factories.

The riots that have marked the strike have been intense affairs. To-day's riot was marked by almost fanatical disregard of life on the part of the strikers. Strikers charged directly in the face of armed police. There were several hand-to-hand encounters, but the fierce onslaught of the rioters could not be checked.

"This is the fiercest strike Chicago ever saw," said Assistant Chief of Police Schuetter. "After witnessing to-day's fight no one could doubt that there are certain classes of Europeans which their own countries are glad to get rid of at any cost. They are dangerous and have no regard for the majesty of the law. However, peace will be preserved at any cost."

International Organizer Landers, of the strikers, denied that the strikers were to blame for the trouble to-day. The police, he said, began the fight.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, may be asked to take a hand in the controversy in an effort to bring about a settlement of the dispute.

## ENGINEERS REJECT COMPANIES' OFFER

## Managers of Western Railways Appeal to Washington for Arbitration

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The sixty-western railroads treating with the strikers who threaten a strike unless wage increases are granted, today appealed to Washington for arbitration under the provisions of the Erdman act. The railroad managers wired Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Chas. P. Neill to come to Chicago at once. The telegram said the engineers had refused the railroads' offer of a nine per cent wage increase.

The engineers made demands on the various roads for an increase of from 13 to 17 per cent. The railroads after a conference with the representatives of the engineers, decided to offer a nine per cent advance. This was rejected. The railroad officials informed the interstate commerce commission. It is expected that Knapp and Neill will reply favorably.

The controversy involves the engineers who are practically every road that reaches west of the Mississippi river. Over 95 per cent of the engineers have voted to strike if the increase they demand is not granted.

## IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The Hon. M. J. Ryan, chief Dominion grain inspector, is reported to be dying at his home here. Doctors say he will not live out the week.

## REORGANIZING SCHOOL STAFF

### MATTER COMES BEFORE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Proposed to Make Substantial Increase in Teachers' Salaries

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At the usual monthly meeting of the school board held last evening important action was taken relative to the salaries of the teaching staff and the reorganization of the city superintendent's staff. These matters were dealt with on Tuesday, Mr. Farlow submitting the following report on reorganization:

"Your committee appointed to make recommendations on the reorganization of the office beg leave to report as follows:

"1. That the board appoint a man who shall take charge of and be generally responsible for the office and be paid a salary of \$100 per month. Hours 9 to 5. Saturdays, 9 to 1.

"2. That the present secretary, Miss Moore, be retained at her present salary as stenographer, typewriter and assistant in the office. Hours same as secretary.

"3. That Mr. Edwards, the trustee officer, occupy his time looking up truant and non-attendants under the direction of the city superintendent to whom he shall make a weekly report.

"4. That Mr. Patrey be supervisor of repairs and carpenter to the board under the building and grounds committee. He shall make monthly reports and report to the office once a day."

Trustee McNeill moved and Mrs. Jenkins seconded that the report be adopted.

Every member spoke to the question of the remarks in every instance being favorable. The motion carried, and it was understood, however, that the details should be more fully considered before it is necessary to obtain the services of a ready efficient man as secretary that more would be offered as remuneration.

Teachers' salaries were introduced by Trustee McNeill, who acted as spokesman of a special committee. He explained that while the entire question as to what to do with the schools of the city was being investigated, he was in a position to refer only to the High school at present.

With respect to the staff of this institution it had been decided to recommend changes in the first three classes of the salary schedule. The lower rate, than in other leading schools. This was shown with special force in a comparison with Vancouver, and if it was desired to retain the present efficient staff, it would be necessary to make material increases.

It was proposed making the principal's maximum \$4,000 instead of \$3,500; the minimum of men assistants \$1,350, maximum \$2,100, with an annual increase of \$120 until reaching the limit; the minimum of women assistants \$1,200, maximum \$1,800, with an annual increase of \$120 up to the limit indicated. Another recommendation was that there should be a probation salary of \$1,200 fixed.

The committee's recommendations with regard to the situation at the High school were considered in private.

## WEST DEMANDS TARIFF REVISION

## DEPUTATION WILL PRESENT RESOLUTIONS

### Commission of Ministers Will Thoroughly Investigate the Subject

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A deputation of the national council of agriculturists, numbering about six hundred, of whom four hundred were from Eastern Canada, met in the grand opera house here to-day to discuss the working of resolutions to be presented to the government in the Commons chamber tomorrow morning.

The western members had memorials prepared asking for free agricultural implements and a general revision of the tariff downwards on the chief articles used by agricultural consumers. In the chilled meat industry, government construction and operation of the Hudson Bay railway and government ownership and operation of terminal elevators.

These were discussed with eastern farmers, and considerable opposition developed. Free trade is demanded by the more radical of westerners.

A general agreement was reached this morning on the resolutions regarding terminal elevators and the chilled meat scheme. The tariff questions will be further discussed this afternoon. In this connection one western speaker this morning gave the keynote: the discussion by declaring "damns are on the free list, but we pay a third of its value in the tariff on a staple."

The government's answer to-morrow will be non-committal on the tariff question. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will hold out hope of subsequent negotiations with the United States, and will probably forewarn the revision after a thorough investigation by a commission of ministers. On the question of terminal elevators and on the Hudson Bay railway, the deputation will be told that legislation will be passed during the next session calculated to meet western demands.

## OWNERS THREATEN DRASTIC ACTION

### Will Not Pay Taxes Until Vancouver Street Roadway is Properly Finished

(From Thursday's Daily.)

At to-morrow evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council a petition, largely signed by the property owners on Vancouver street, between Humboldt street and Park Boulevard, praying that a special committee be appointed to investigate conditions on that thoroughfare in respect to the local improvement which was recently carried out. The owners allege that the work was executed in such poor fashion that they feel warranted in refusing to pay the assessment, not having got what they are supposed to be paying for, and this they will do unless their grievances are remedied forthwith.

This is the second petition which has been presented by the owners on that section of Vancouver street within a brief period. The first urged that an asphalt pavement be laid down at once, and as sufficient time has elapsed for some sign on the part of the board that this wish will be met shortly, and especially as the tax bills have been sent out, the owners feel it timely to again petition the council, but in this latest instance they go further than a mere protest against delay and threaten a refusal to pay local improvement taxes.

It appears that when the street was improved by laying a macadam roadway the work was never properly completed. The top-dressing, whatever it was—probably street screenings, as on other streets, the owners allege—fully a yard along each gutter was not covered. The loose rock gets kicked or washed down into the gutters and since the rainy season began the centre of the road is a sea of mud. Once this summer, residents say, the gutters were cleaned out, but now they are a red mud and full of loose rock, sand and mud from the roadway. The crown of the street, it is claimed, is altogether too high for such a narrow thoroughfare.

## STREET RAILWAY MEN MAY STRIKE

### Employees of Winnipeg Company Will Decide the Question To-night

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Great interest attaches to a mass meeting of the street railway employees to be held to-night, sentiment being said to be all in favor of a strike. Union leaders refuse to make any positive announcement, but it is understood that a meeting of the executive yesterday voted on a strike should the company not give way and take back the men dismissed.

**FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Nell Keith, one of the best known contractors in America, was found frozen to death in the hills south of Moose Jaw, Sask., yesterday. While suffering from a fever he wandered away about six weeks ago. Mr. Keith had built railway lines for all the principal railway companies in the west.

**SEEK INCREASED WAGES.**

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Disgraced with the absence of tips, 3,000 sleeping car porters, employed on various lines throughout the West, petitioned the Pullman Palace Car Company to-day for an increase in wages. Instead of the 83 cents per day rate they now receive, the porters want a flat salary of \$4 to \$5 a month.

The high cost of living, they say, makes it absolutely necessary that they be given the raise they ask.

The porters have been falling off steadily in the past five years, old porters assert.

Bridges have been swept away and much damage done to inland shipping.

## AWARDED DAMAGES.

London, Dec. 15.—A jury in the King's bench division awarded Miss Alexandra Knollys, daughter of Lord Knollys, King George's private secretary, damages in the suit of £2,000 for injury to her health, caused by the telegrams which she brought against the periodical, John Bull, for having published a report that the complainant had eloped with an English army officer.

## TO STUDY AVIATION.

### U. S. Naval Officers Will Witness Experiments at Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—Men from the navy department will be sent to Los Angeles this winter to study aviation under the famous aeronauts who have gathered here, according to a telegram from Secretary Meyer, of the navy department, exhibited to-day by Aviator Glean H. Curtis.

The navy's most promising aviators, after establishing his winter camp here, recently wired Meyer suggesting that the navy men be put through an apprentice course here. The secretary's telegram was in reply to this message.

Meyer's answer means that many experiments with the airship as an adjunct to naval warfare will be made here. The navy's most promising aviators, if plans suggested by the telegram are carried out, will be assigned to this station. Meyer stated he will send representatives here soon to confer with Curtis.

## BALFOUR'S POLICY NOT POPULAR

## REFERENDUM PROPOSAL OFFENDS FOLLOWERS

## Attacks on Opposition Leader Causes Glee in Ministerial Circles

London, Dec. 15.—The Morning Post's outbreak yesterday directed to the people in favour of the Unionist, and the proposal that the Unionist shall attain power has caused many chuckles in ministerial circles. Mr. Balfour's dramatic announcement is regarded as an unimpeachable attempt to "dish" tariff reformers as well as a strategy to win the elections. It is pointed out, again, that Joseph Chamberlain's letters and telegrams to the candidates ceased immediately after Mr. Balfour gave the referendum pledge in Albert Hall. The Liberal press have not hesitated in declaring that the opposition leader has given mortal offence to the most effective portion of his battalions.

In his speech at Buxton last night, Austen Chamberlain said that he had accepted the ground which Balfour had chosen for the Unionist party to fight on, but personally he would never have suggested a referendum.

"I am not afraid of taking tariff reform directly to the people," he continued. "Whenever the Unionist party wants tariff, tariff reform wins. Whenever there is a Unionist government in power, tariff reform, whether it be put to a referendum or not, will be put on the statute books or the Unionist government will go out."

## BUCKET SHOPS' RAIDED.

### Number of Arrests Made in Chicago—Federal Authorities Active

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Half a dozen alleged "bucket shops" were raided by the police to-day and their proprietors and clerks arrested on charges of using the United States mails to defraud. The raids were at the instigation of the federal authorities, who have for some time been quietly investigating complaints of frauds from victims all over the country.

Wagon loads of prisoners were rushed to the city jails. Federal authorities would not give out any information, and it is believed more raids on larger shops are to follow.

**FLOODS IN SPAIN.**

Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 15.—Several villages in the lower provinces of Spain were under water to-day as the result of floods that are threatening in all sections of the country. Crops have been washed away and there is grave danger of famine, according to dispatches from Badajoz, Zamora, Coruna and other lower province cities.