

ONTARIO EDUCATION SYSTEM NEAR FIRE IN LEGISLATURE

Hon. Dr. Pyne Says the Salary Question Is the One Which Causes Most of the Trouble — Mr. Rowell Suggested Many Reforms Which Should Be Adopted.

The educational matters of the province were the subject of the discussion of the house yesterday afternoon, the discussion arising out of the resolution of the committee of supply that a sum of \$14,000 be paid as supplementary estimate in the administration of the education department.

The appearance of the motion provided an opening for T. Marshall, of Monck, who has become the educational critic of the opposition, and he immediately opposed it by a resolution based on the wretched condition of affairs in the schools today and its direct tracing to the inadequacy of the minister. He claimed that an appalling condition existed in several portions of Ontario and that the little children who came were treated in many cases to a mockery of education, that not only proved a matter of great expense to parents, but graduated the students little better learned than when they entered.

One great cause of this inefficiency was because of the bulk of the curriculum. It was overloaded and it ordained the instruction of the youngsters in matters that were far too deep for them. To prove his case he pulled a pamphlet from his pocket which contained the instructions for the years and the grades and read it for the edification of the house, declaring that the great majority of the references therein were very foreign to the intelligence of them.

One part of the historical teaching was along the line of the progress of the Christian kingdoms, and another required a full knowledge of the Renaissance and the life work of Charles the Great.

"You can imagine how pupils of 15 years could deal with matters of this kind," he said. "Every one of the pupils asked to pass an intelligent examination, but in doing so he gets an extreme dislike of his subject, gets into the habit of careless reading and fails a victim to overloaded curriculum."

Frightened Away.
"Boys are actually being frightened away from the teaching profession in this way," he said, "and the chief reason is because of the autocratic methods of the department. When are local boards consulted or representatives allowed to speak on these things?"

Regulations should be elastic and fewer rather than many and rigid, as today, and the teachers realized this, although they could not complain for fear of losing their positions.

Hon. Dr. Pyne in reply pointed out that in many ways the opposition critic was a tyrant, but that he realized the difficulty in connection with the teacher supply. Nevertheless, he would say that in the whole Dominion there were only two provinces which could show less unequalled teachers than Ontario and the percentage here was away ahead of that in the United States.

"The quality of our teachers has greatly improved in the last few years," he declared, "and figures at our hand show that the number of temporary certificates has decreased to a very large extent."

The Salary Problem.
By March 31, 1912, the number of such certificates was 1290, but this had been cut down at the same date the following term to 760, a matter which reflected great credit on the work of the department. Regardless of this, however, he wished to point out that perhaps the greatest reason of the dearth of available teachers was the salary problem. There were so many callings which offered more remuneration that it was difficult to hold good officials.

"Our policy further has been to turn out instructors better qualified," he continued. "When the present government took office there were only three normal schools, but that was increased by four as soon as possible."

The charge that the curriculum was overloaded was due, he thought, merely to a desire to express individual feelings on the subject. Some wanted more, and some less subjects used. In industrial education, too, where they had been criticized for doing too much, he pointed out that they were doing their best to place it on a good footing in the province and could point to some results.

Another opposition member, Wm. Macdonald of Bruce, rose, and after stating that at one time he became rattled on speaking, but that such day had gone, began to deliver a long and on an inefficient administration.

"The present model school system is a sham and a humbug," he stated. "Moreover, it is driving away from an honor graduate should be demanded as an inspector. He is taken from a high school where he has been out of touch with the situation altogether and brought in to his new position with no experience whatever."

Messrs. Allan Stucholme and O. Racine added a few words of the same nature, calculated to show that the poor man's son was being a hard row most sections of the province, and that something was wrong that it should be so.

Reform Suggested.
Altho the intention of the opposition was to allow the motion to go through without serious protest, Mr. Rowell

felt called upon to add his explanation of the educational situation in the reform. In doing so, he traced the history of the teaching profession in Ontario from the early days and pointed out that the difficulties had been dangled the teacher from the first. He stated, however, that he had no patent remedy to give by which all trouble might be cleared, but that he would advocate the bending of the attention of the department to the relief of the financial part of the arrangement.

Mr. Rowell was today refused to teach because of greater rewards elsewhere, and every male teacher practically was using the profession as a stepping stone to something else.

He would think that some measure like that of the civil servants which would insure a retiring allowance might go a long way in holding them.

Medical Inspection.
Medical inspection in schools and the compulsory attendance of pupils who were of school age were also things that should demand the especial attention of the government, and he was glad to learn that further steps in these lines as well as towards the establishment of more technical institutions were under the consideration of the authorities.

The amendment, having served its purpose, was allowed to die on a snap division.

The next motion from supply, relating to an expenditure of \$15,000 for the administration of justice, was opposed in similar fashion, Wm. Proudfoot routing out the old contention that the statute revision commission was slow in reporting.

The attorney-general made the welcome announcement that the commission was rapidly completing its work and that the revision he hoped would be issued by proclamation shortly after the session closed. They would then be put into operation at the new year. He also repeated in that connection that the work had been very capably performed and that the judges working had shown great zeal in their work.

To Protect Children.
Clause 16 of Hon. W. J. Hanna's bill for the protection of neglected children was passed yesterday. The bill was being discussed in committee of the whole.

The clause states that "no girl under 16 years of age and no boy under 12 years of age shall engage in or be licensed or permitted to engage in any street trade or occupation."

According to Mr. Hanna's interpretation of the clause, newboys under 12 years of age will no longer be allowed to sell papers on the streets. The clause went through without discussion.

Mr. Hanna has added an extra clause to the act providing that entrance into Ontario shall not be granted to any insane or feeble-minded child.

Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney-general, announced in the late afternoon that the revised statutes would be printed this year. The name to be given to the volumes will be "The Revised Statutes of 1913." Mr. Foy's announcement was welcomed by the lawyers in the house.

Transatlantic Flight in Balloon.

LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, April 11.—(Can. Press.) The departure of Joseph Brucker, formerly of Milwaukee, on his transatlantic flight in a balloon which was scheduled for tomorrow may be delayed by difficulties raised by the military authorities.

Brucker has selected a six-foot balloon within the military zone as he thought it was best suited for the start of his journey, but the military authorities refuse to grant him permission to use it.

Efforts are being made to obtain authorization from the Spanish Government at Madrid.

TO DISCUSS SALE OF OLD LIBRARY
Board Will Hold a Special Meeting on Monday Afternoon.

The public library board held its monthly meeting last night. The report for March read by Chief Librarian G. H. Locke, was the only business of the evening. The report showed a very satisfactory month in the circulation of books in spite of the library being closed three days at Easter. Church street and College street show a decrease of 2000 and 400 respectively.

Richwood holds its own. Deer Park increase of 500. Yorkville increased 1000. Riverdale 700. Queen and Lisgar 175. Western 60. Especially worthy of notice is the increase in children's work—300 in College, 300 in Yorkville and 250 in Riverdale.

Discussion was held on the sale of the Church street property. Owing to Mr. Justice's absence, a special meeting of the board was called for next Monday afternoon at Osgoode Hall, when the matter will be settled.

CONFIRMATION LECTURE.
The Rev. Dr. W. H. Griffith-Thomas will give the third confirmation lecture at the evening service tomorrow in Trinity East Church. All interested in the subject are cordially invited.

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The settlers' rates apply from stations in Ontario to points in Alberta and Saskatchewan, April 15, 22 and 29 at low rates.

Homeseekers' round trip tickets are issued at very low rates from stations in Canada to points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta each Tuesday until Oct. 28 inclusive, via Chicago and St. Paul, and will also be on sale on Tuesdays during above period, via Sarnia and Northern Navigation Company. The homeseekers' tickets are good returning two months from date of issue.

Through coaches and Pullman tourist sleeping cars are operated every Tuesday in connection with settlers' and homeseekers' excursions, leaving Toronto 11 p.m. and running through to Winnipeg, via Chicago and St. Paul, with change. Reservations in tourist cars may be secured at a nominal charge on application to Grand Trunk agents.

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WANT JUDGES' RULING UPSET

Temperance Advocates of North York Appeal to Mr. Hanna.

L. HUTCHINSON KILLED

Farmer Met Death When Hit by Pulley—Live County News.

Temperance advocates in Aurora, Newmarket, King, Whitby and Richmond Hill are not disposed to accept the rulings of Judges Morgan and Lennox regarding the Aurora local option vote as final. Deputations from all these municipalities will wait on Provincial Secretary Hon. W. J. Hanna on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and ask him to withhold licenses in Aurora until another vote is taken.

Killed By Pulley.
Leonard Hutchinson of Hillcrest Farm, Aurora, met his death by accident yesterday at 2:30 p.m., when the pulley of a chopping machine broke and a fragment hit him on the forehead. He was rendered unconscious and died within two hours. Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Hargy were called, and all medical assistance possible was given, but he did not regain consciousness. He was the only son of J. W. Hutchinson of Aurora, and had occupied Hillcrest Farm, at the junction of the Grand Trunk and Metropolitan Railways on Yonge street since his marriage to Miss Ida Vanzant of Stouffville, twelve years ago. He was 26 years old, and survived by his widow and two sons. The funeral will take place from Hillcrest Farm to Aurora Cemetery on Monday, and the remains will be interred at 3 p.m.

The induction of the Rev. H. H. Allen, B.A., to the pastorate of Maple Street Presbyterian Church will take place on Tuesday evening. The presbytery meets at 7 o'clock, and the moderator will preside. Rev. S. R. Robinson of Maple Street will preach, Rev. Hugh Mathison will address the minister, and Rev. Dr. Carmichael of King will address the congregation.

NEWMARKET.
The public school board has engaged two new teachers, Miss Boyd of Kingston and Miss Rei of Baltimore. They will commence work on May 1. As Miss Holliday is yet unable to take up her work in the school, Miss McKay resigned, and new teachers had to be appointed.

Rev. Mr. Curry of Richmond Hill will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning and evening.

The Women's Institute meets today at the home of Mr. Chas. F. Donne, Yonge street, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Alexander McDonald of King will speak on "What Seeds to Sow and How to Sow Them," and "House-Cleaning in the Spring." She will be Miss Alice Ferguson's subject.

Reeve P. W. Pearson has been studying the profit and loss aspect of the own water supply. He finds that under the present system the water does not equal the cost of the service. He has therefore introduced a bylaw to make a uniform charge of \$3 per year for water service and 20¢ per 1000 gallons of water used as per the water meter reading.

The Y. P. C. G. will discuss mission-ary work in Japan and Korea on Monday night. The last meeting, which was addressed by Rev. Mr. Thomas, was so much enjoyed that a big turnout is expected on Monday night.

MIMICO.
A bad washout occurred on the Lake Shore road at Mimico Creek yesterday during the early hours of the morning. Part of the road was washed away and damage done will cost the good roads commission about \$200 to repair. Engineers are at work on the job, and a pile-driver and the work has been going forward with all speed.

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The new mail boxes for the town collection system are installed, and two collections made daily—at 7:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., both collections reaching the postoffice in time for all out-going mails. Thirteen boxes have been placed in position, and others added as required.

The County of Peel has been saddled with \$721.96 damages and costs, the result of a lawsuit between the Armstrong Cartage Company of Hamilton and the county. A heavy gasoline truck left Cheltenham one evening last spring with a huge safe from the Farmers' Bank on board. The truck went thru Britannia and completely demolished it. The cartage company claimed the bridge was unsafe and sought damages amounting to \$1500 for repairs to the truck and safe. The counter claim put in by the county was dismissed with costs.

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Cash Sale
of excellent household furniture, consisting of solid walnut, Ostermoor sets, also marble sets and enameled suites and other very valuable household furniture, also parlor carpets, velvet, property of G. F. Eastman Esq., on Lot 20, Concession C, Scarborough, known as Eastcliffe, Stop 34, Kingston Road. Sale on April 22nd, 1913, at one o'clock sharp. D. Beldam & Ingletton, auctioneers.

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