

FOUR

BOARD PLANS TO SPEND \$136,600

Will Ask City Council For Money For Schools.

Trustees Call For Tenders For Tecumseh Classrooms.

It may be that London's school trustees have now adopted the philosophical attitude of assuming that there is no harm in planning what to do with a lot of money, if you had it to spend. Here follows their plan of action as roughly mapped out at their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, and which will be executed as scheduled upon condition that the city council approves of the program:

Purchase of a school site, Trafalgar street	\$ 14,600
Construction of 8-room school on this site	100,000
Equipment and renovation of South London High School	12,000
Two-room addition to Tecumseh School (estimated)	10,000
Total	\$136,600

As Trustee A. E. Silverwood, chairman of No. 3 committee, asserted toward the close of the session: "It may be that we will now get the approval of the city council. This is a separate request. They have never heard of it before."

Discuss Procedure.—Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the board, "This is a brand-new proposition." Considerable discussion occurred as to what procedure to follow in order to prompt action from the city council with respect to the congested condition of public schools in South-east London, a subject again introduced by Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer.

Trustee Rev. A. A. Rice, chairman of No. 2 committee adhered closely to an attitude of immediate action, as did Trustee Silverwood. While the former evinced a desire to move that the city council be asked to transfer the sum of \$50,000 (which it now develops still stands to the credit of the new Victoria School) to the proposed Dakin School, Trustee Smith demurred, holding forth that little or no time would be gained by such a move.

That a notice of motion should be submitted so that at the next meeting this problem would be ready for discussion, and the new site considered, was the only legal method to be applied, he contended.

"We can't decide for 30 days yet," he warned, "whether we shall abandon the Dakin site or not."

Sanctioned Purchase.—But the board has practically sanctioned the purchase of the new site, countered Trustee Rice.

"No, you have just obtained an option for 30 days," asserted the chairman.

"Well, what I am really after," retorted Trustee Rice, "is something definite that we may be vested with authority to direct the architect to prepare plans."

"He should have them ready now," cautioned Trustee Smith.

"I think that we should get started on this," opined Trustee Silverwood. "Why defer it longer? The aldermen have nullified our other

Aitken Wroth At Slight To Empire, Ignores Fire Chiefs' Meet in U. S.

As a result of uncomplimentary editorial comment derogatory to the British flag and empire which was carried on following the last meeting of the International Fire Chiefs of America at Atlanta, Georgia, Fire Chief John Aitken has declined to attend the annual convention of the above body, scheduled for San Francisco next month.

"The British flag was up at the last convention," said the fire chief, "and then the Firemen's Journal published an editorial saying 'We want no King George, and have no room for the British flag.' I will not go to the convention under any consideration until they take that back."

program. Let us go ahead and buy another site. Let us ask the council for more money."

While Trustee Rice inquired: "How much will we ask for?" Trustee A. N. Udy, chairman of No. 1 committee, essayed the opinion that if the school architect, L. E. Carrothers, would furnish a plan for a school, the same could be submitted to the city council. Trustee Smith concurred.

Leaves Matter In Air.—Trustee Silverwood expressed the opinion that from present indications the board would not meet again until the middle of September. "Leaving the entire question in the air for two months or more," he pointed out significantly.

Architect Carrothers stated that he had no plans ready, as he had not been furnished with definite information. Trustee Silverwood voiced the opinion that if such an undertaking required as long to accomplish as if done by the city council it would be next July.

"I haven't even got the size of the lot," protested the architect.

"Why, you got that from the inspector, did you not?" questioned Chairman Smith, sharply.

"Have you no estimate at all? How long would it take to prepare plans?" persisted Trustee Silverwood.

"About a month," rejoined the architect, while Trustee Bryden Campbell rose to suggest, "that if it were the intention to spend \$100,000 for schools within the next year or two, to introduce a diversified scheme of architecture for the schools. Let's have a few cupolas and the like," he added.

Gives Two Months.—"That was the reason I was giving the architect two solid months to prepare plans," responded Trustee Smith.

"But you are overlooking one important phase," countered Trustee Silverwood, "the city council."

After considerable discussion it was decided to ask the city council for \$14,600 for the new site on Trafalgar street, while another \$100,000 will be requested for an eight-room school on that land. As architect Carrothers held that \$2,000, the sum agreed for the Dakin School, would be inadequate, the trustees elevated the amount to \$100,000 upon the suggestion of Trustee Silverwood, who explained that while he had no idea where the information came from, he had been under the impression that the former sum was sufficient.

"If they veto this," he remarked, "it will only be the second proposal they have turned down."

As Trustee Campbell evinced a desire to know when the council would

"I do not believe any fire chief from Canada will attend for the same reason," continued the chief, "expecting perhaps the chief at Kingston, who is in line for office. I think the directors of the meeting should have taken that thing up. I understand that a lot of fire chiefs from the old country are going to attend the convention at San Francisco, but I'll bet if they knew about this incident they would not go."

"The editorial was written by a pro-German, named Kaufman, and I think the directors should make him apologize," concluded the chief. Instead of taking in the trip to San Francisco, London's veteran fire-fighter will attend the Dominion Fire Chiefs' Convention at Chatham next August.

meet again, Trustee Silverwood declared "that they could hold a special session." "We waited all year for them now," he said. "It is time that we received some consideration."

Wait On City Council.—A deputation will wait on the city council when the request is formally presented, comprising Trustees Smith, Silverwood, Rice, Architect L. E. Carrothers and Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer.

With no opposition or comment, the board approved of the proposed \$12,000 expenditures for the South London High School, \$8,000 of which will be devoted toward purchase of equipment, and for which a debenture issue will be required. The remainder, for renovation of the old structure, will be charged to current expenditures.

Determined that something in the manner of school accommodation will be commenced this year, the board, at the suggestion of Trustee Harry Hayman, directed that tenders be called immediately for the addition of two rooms to the Tecumseh Avenue Public School.

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Mayor Would Make Street Railway Pay On Whole System.

Stipulates Collection Be Retroactive — Committee Takes No Action.

No action was taken by members of No. 1 committee of the city council which met Thursday afternoon on the report of City Engineer Brazier regarding measurement of the London Street Railway Company's tracks within the city limits.

The report shows that the actual mileage of the company is in excess of that assessed for taxes by the city, and it is likely that the error in assessment will be referred to the court of revision for correction.

As the measurement was conducted on request of Ald. L. H. Douglass, a copy of the report will be prepared for him. Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant, who was present at the committee meeting, explained that the London Street Railway actually submitted a return to his department, which showed the mileage to be 24.5, when it was actually 26.24.

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Municipal Association, which meets in Toronto Aug. 30 and Sept. 1. In the opinion of the members present Mr. Bell is well qualified to speak on his chosen subject of "Finance." The bill which proposes to place all water resources in the province under a controller, and which was referred to municipalities of Ontario for comment prior to final passing, was referred to Mayor Cameron Wilson, who will visit it and bring in a report.

Owing to the fact that Ald. J. C. Childs and Mayor Wilson were the only two members of the committee in attendance at this meeting, no important business was transacted. Important items laid over will come up for discussion before the next quorum meeting.

WILL PROBE U. S. GRAIN METHODS

NEW YORK, July 20.—(Canadian Press Cable).—J. P. Jones, Canadian grain commissioner, George Series, chief inspector of the Canadian board of grain commissioners, and A. A. Bowen of Montreal arrived in New York today to investigate methods of handling grain through United States ports on behalf of the department of trade and commerce.

They expect that their inquiry will take two or three days. They declined to make any statement as to the details of their mission, saying they would submit their report direct to the department of trade and commerce.

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FINDS BABE DIED FROM PNEUMONIA

Jury Decides Death of Unknown Child Due To Exposure On Steps.

"That the deceased unidentified male child came to his death on July 12 from pneumonia, caused by exposure by a person or persons unknown," was the verdict of the jury at the inquest into the death of the baby which was found on the doorstep of Daniel McKinna, a farmer of the 8th concession, West Williams, at the police station Thursday night.

McKinna stated that at midnight, July 8, he heard a baby's cries, and dressed and went to the door, where he found the infant lying on a sheet.

It was exposed, except for a band which it had around it. Not wishing to disturb his neighbors at such a late hour, he kept the child in the house until daylight. Then he took it to the home of Mrs. Donald Ross, who cared for it while he notified the authorities.

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