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PRIME MINISTER WHITNEY KEEPS ELECTION PLEDGES

Proposed Legislation In Reference To Text Book Problem Will Re-organize The Whole Situation—W. G. Richards Of This City May Be Asked To Assist

It is understood by The Planet that following the consideration of the report of the text book commission, the Provincial Government will take steps to thoroughly re-organize the whole text book situation, particularly as it affects the Public Schools.

Within a year and a half it is probable a complete new series of books, thoroughly improved, and embracing all the best ideas to be secured from Great Britain and the United States, will be issued. These books will be issued under the direct supervision of the Educational Department, and they will be supplied to the people almost at cost, reducing the present prices by 50, 60, and in some cases, nearly 70 per cent.

The Government is aiming towards the ultimate issuing of free text books. The subject matter of the new books will be most carefully selected by a competent commission or committee, and promises to be a big improvement over existing conditions. It is believed also that studies embracing a vigorous Canadian sentiment of patriotism and loyalty, upon which the Hon. Dr. Pyne has several times recently expressed himself, will be specially encouraged, and provision made in the Public Schools for the promulgation of the principles of practical citizenship, rather than the

ethical teaching of civics.

The commission or committee to whom the task of assisting in the selection and recommendation of subject matter will be assigned, will have for its presiding genius one of the experts of the Educational Department, one or two representatives from the Advisory Council, and other prominent gentlemen whose recognized interest and knowledge along educational and literary lines peculiarly fit them for this work.

It is reported as probable that Mr. W. G. Richards, of this city, a member of the Board of Education, and a former chairman of the Collegiate Institute Board, will be asked by the Government to take a place on this body when it is formed. Mr. Richards' experience in educational affairs and extended identification with the work of the schools, would undoubtedly make him of great value to the commission.

The efforts of Prime Minister Whitney and his Government along educational lines, particularly in the greatly increased grants to the rural Public Schools, the breaking of the school book ring, and the decision to furnish the parents and pupils with better and much cheaper school books, will be keenly appreciated by the people of the Province.

BIG ROW NARROWLY ESCAPED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Internal Management Committee And Principal Twohey Clash Over The Appointment Of A Commercial Master—A Compromise Is Finally Made And Matters Are Nicely Smoothed Out

A somewhat unpleasant state of affairs existed for a time at the meeting of the Board of Education last evening. The difficulty arose over the appointment of a commercial master to succeed Mr. Harry Collins at the Collegiate, and at one stage of the proceedings it looked very much as if it would result in an old-time council dispute.

Mr. McArthur brought the matter up, in connection with the report of the Internal Management Committee, on matters referred to them. One of these was the selection of a commercial master. In making his report, he said that in reference to the vacancy at the Collegiate, they had advertised for applications for the position and they had received ten. These had all been read and discussed by the members of the committee, and after much deliberation, they had decided to recommend to the Board that the application of F. W. Edwards, of Woodstock, be accepted, and that he be engaged as the new commercial master, at a salary of \$1,000 per year, his duties to commence on the first of March.

Since the committee had met, and decided upon this recommendation, Mr. McArthur had received a letter from Mr. Edwards, saying that he was willing to accept the position at the salary mentioned, and that he was in a position to commence his duties at the time stipulated, or at any other time which the Board might decide upon.

Mr. McLachlan seconded the motion as made by Mr. McArthur. Dr. Duncan thought it a proper procedure to hear what the principal of the Collegiate had to say of the recommendation. He thought that Mr. Twohey might be in a position to advise the Board in the matter of engaging assistants to the school. He wanted to know if Mr. Twohey had been consulted in this matter by the members of the committee before they came to their decision.

He learned that the committee had not consulted Mr. Twohey in the matter. Dr. McKeough—Do I understand that the committee neglected this important duty? Before this motion is passed I would like the Board to hear what Mr. Twohey has to say on the matter.

Mr. Twohey, who was in the audience, addressed the Board as follows: "The man recommended by the committee is not the man of my choice. He is not the best man who has applied. He is not by any means my choice."

Mr. Brackin—The Board does not know the names of the men who have applied for the position, nor have we before us the information which the principal of the Collegiate, and the chairman of the committee secured on the different applications. This information should be given to the other members of the Board who are not on this committee, so that they will be in a position to vote intelligently on the recommendation.

Mr. McArthur—The information

was being done. He can have access to all the applications now, and he could have had all this information at any time that he wished to apply for it to any member of the committee. If it was the intention to bring all this matter up before the Board, why was the matter referred at all to the Internal Management Committee. In that case there was no need for it.

Dr. McKeough—Certainly not. Mr. McArthur—The actions of the committee were perfectly unanimous. Dr. McKeough, to Mr. Brackin—Do you want to hear all the testimonials?

Mr. Brackin—The committee was asked to advertise for tenders, and to make a choice. It is not our duty to unhesitatingly accept the committee's report. We cannot vote intelligently on the information we have at present. How can we vote when we do not know the names of the other applicants. I understand that Mr. Twohey wrote to Mr. Seath. Why not give the names and also tell what Mr. Seath says of the different applicants?

The ten names were then read out. Among them was the name of Mr. Edwards, recommended by the committee, and also the name of Mr. Robertson, of Stratford, who was favored by Mr. Twohey.

Dr. McKeough, to Mr. Brackin—Do you want anything further? Mr. Brackin—Let us hear what Mr. Seath has to say.

Mr. Richards—We have heard the words of Mr. Twohey, that he is not satisfied with the man chosen by the committee. This would lead us to suppose that he either had not been consulted, or if consulted, his advice had been ignored. Now, Mr. Twohey has interests there, and it is necessary that we should select a man with whom he can work. No doubt Mr. Twohey has in mind the idea of securing the services of the best man for the school. The advice of Mr. Twohey should have weight. These are not my views, but those expressed by the Minister of Education.

Here Mr. Richards read from an address made by the minister, in which he—the minister—gave it as his opinion that all Boards should consult with the principal of the school before making any appointments or additions to the teaching staffs of such school. He thought the Board should be governed by this advice, and if Mr. Twohey is not satisfied, the Board should find out what are his views on the matter.

Mr. Morley pointed out that in the case of the Public School Board the trustees had always consulted with the principals of the school and the inspector before they engaged any teachers.

Mr. Brackin, to Mr. Richards—What has been the custom followed by the High School Board? Mr. Richards explained that it had always been the custom to consult with the principal before definite action was taken.

Dr. Duncan—It seems to me that the advice of the Minister of Edu-

HAMMERED BY JEROME

Thaw's First Expert Helps Defense Plea But Little

INSANITY PLEA BLOCKED

New York, Feb. 6.—The task of proving to a jury that Harry Thaw was insane—through heredity and mental stress—when he shot and killed Stanford White, was taken up yesterday by the defence.

Dr. Wiley's Evidence. Dr. C. C. Wiley of Pittsburgh, the Thaw's family physician, was the first witness for the defence. Dr. Wiley told Attorney Gleason of Thaw's counsel, that he had devoted much of his life to a study of insanity, and that he had served as an expert in many cases.

"In the summer of 1905," he said, "I was a passenger on a street car of the Fifth Avenue line in Pittsburgh, when Harry Thaw came in. Without any apparent reason, Thaw rushed for one of the blinds to a window, drew up the blind, slammed it down again, and then drew it up once more. He had a quarrel with the conductor. Thaw's manner was irrational."

Mr. Gleason outlined Thaw's act of killing White and coupled with it the hypothetical interrogation as to whether the witness could express an opinion of such an act committed by the person he saw in the Pittsburgh street car.

"My opinion is that the man who committed the act described was suffering from insanity," he said. "The witness was asked to define hereditary insanity, which he did, but when a question by Mr. Gleason as to the influence of hereditary insanity was asked an objection by Mr. Jerome was sustained."

Cross-examined by Mr. Jerome, Dr. Wiley said that in hereditary insanity the common blood flows through brothers, and, therefore, a cousin, the son of an uncle of the defendant, might follow the same hereditary influence. "Are you acquainted with the form of insanity which the law of this state defines as 'excuses for crime'?" asked Mr. Jerome. "Not entirely."

"Then your opinion on a hypothetical question you have answered—given as a scientific and medical man, and you had in mind the various forms of mental aberration which scientific men meet together and discuss?" "Yes, and from my own application of the medical knowledge on the subject."

A Quick Change. Dr. Wiley was asked if he was willing to go on record, after merely noting Thaw's action on the street car in Pittsburgh, and from a description of his killing of Stanford White, as saying Thaw was insane. He replied yes. Asked by Mr. Gleason if, in his opinion the defendant, at the time of the deed, knew that it was wrong, the witness replied, "Yes," and started an explanation, which was stopped quickly by Mr. Jerome and Mr. Gleason. When the question was again put he answered, "No," but explained that a person might know what he was doing, and yet be utterly in the control of an irresistible impulse.

"In other words," commented Mr. Jerome, "we have a sort of volitional insanity?"

"That is possible, coupled with a morbid impulse," Mr. Jerome asked the witness to give the substance of the hypothetical question on which he based "so important an opinion in this case."

The witness here inadvertently admitted that he had taken into consideration his knowledge of the case outside of the question.

Mr. Jerome moved that the entire question and answer be stricken out, and the motion was granted.

Mr. Gleason then re-formed the question, and asked: "What is your opinion, based on the form of insanity as laid down by the law of this state?" "The act was that of an insane man."

Mr. Jerome then led the witness through a long series of questions dealing with all manner of subjects to break as far as possible the doctor's influence with the jury.

Basing Conclusions. "Upon what, in the hypothetical question, did you base your conclusion as to insanity?" "The fact that the man, sitting with a party, suddenly arose, and, without provocation—" "Is there anything in the question about provocation?" Jerome interrupted. "No."

"It was the manner of the man," the witness went on, "and the fact that he raised his hand in a peculiar way."

"Stop!" shouted Mr. Jerome, angrily. "Is there anything in the question about peculiar?"

The witness admitted there was not, and continued: "The declaration to his wife, 'I have probably saved your life,' was another reason for my conclusion."

"Did it occur to you that, after firing three bullets into the body of his victim, the man had his revolver aloft to indicate that his deed was done, that there was to be no further killing, and that he wanted to avert a panic on his roof garden, where there were hundreds of women and child-

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Important Meeting Held Last Evening—Several Matters Discussed

NOTES OF THE ROUTINE

The meeting of the Board of Education held last evening was an important one. Many matters of interest were dwelt upon, and much business was transacted. There were present at the meeting Chairman Dr. McKeough, and Messrs. Brackin, Duncan, Morley, McArthur, McCorvie, McLachlan, Richards, Somerville and Sullivan.

The Finance committee reported that:

1. All salaries be paid on the day after the meeting of the Board.
2. That an account be opened up with the Bank of Commerce for keeping the funds of the Collegiate Institute, and that an account with the Bank of Montreal be opened up to keep the funds of the Public School Board.

3. That the teachers in all of the schools be paid in ten equal payments.

The report was adopted. The account of Wilson & Pike for services rendered the former Collegiate Institute Board was referred to the Board's solicitor.

Miss Irwin resigned her position on the Central school teaching staff, and Mrs. Panchard was appointed to the staff, to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Brackin gave notice of a motion to abolish the entrance examinations, as far as the schools of the city are concerned.

The Supply committee recommended that the tender for supplies for the schools for the year be given to Geo. W. Sulman. This was adopted.

The Collegiate Institute attendance report showed an enrollment of 312, with an average attendance of 277. The committee appointed to petition the Government to appeal the legislation which compelled the city to pay 20 per cent. of the maintenance of county pupils at the Collegiate Institute made their report. They received a letter from the Deputy Minister saying that it would be considered.

On motion of the Board, the Chairman was empowered to instruct the principals of the schools to allow children who have not been vaccinated, to return to school, as soon as he—the chairman—receives the intimation from the Health Officer that the small-pox epidemic has been stamped out.

Mr. McArthur, in a few well chosen words, and with fitting observance of the rules of courtesy, moved a vote of condolence to the members of the family of the late James Brackin, who was for so many years a valued educationist in the city. A vote of sympathy was also passed to Mr. R. L. Brackin from his colleagues at the Board. Mr. Brackin also introduced a by-law regulating the attendance at the kindergarten. In short, he wishes to charge a fee for all children who are under five, and over six years of age. In this way he hopes to reduce the attendance, and also the teaching staffs, and thus reduce expenditure.

Several accounts were passed and the Inspector's report read and adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

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