

## FIRE ESCAPES FOR SCHOOLS.

Board of Education Committee Approves of Idea.

Some of Public Schools Said to be Unsanitary.

Foreigners' Night School Will Run Till April.

At the meeting of the Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education, last evening, Trustee Wedell made a motion to the effect that fire escapes be put on all the three-story schools in the city, and he recommended that the committee ask the Board to have the Building Committee take the matter up at once. Mr. Wedell said he did not want to pose as an alarmist, but the condition of affairs in the recent school fire at Cefinwood showed that every precaution is needed for the protection of the people in the Public Schools.

In speaking to the motion, Mr. Book, er said he had visited the Victoria Avenue School and he considered that it was nothing less than a death trap, and a shame and disgrace to the city. He also mentioned that the Canon and the Hess Street Schools are not much better, and need attention at once.

The motion taken by Mr. Wedell met with the approval of the committee. Mr. Wedell also introduced a motion to the effect that Sergt. Major Higgins be authorized to take charge of the fire drill in the different schools which he visits, so that the system may be made uniform. This also passed.

Principal Thompson, of the Collegiate, was asked what sort of system was being conducted in the Collegiate with regard to fire. He said that no system had ever been in force, and he thought that something should be done to lessen the danger in case of a fire. No fire drill had ever been instituted since he had been at the head of the school. The committee decided to install a large gong in the hall, that will be heard all over the building.

Trustee Booker had a few remarks to make regarding the sanitation of the various schools. He considered that some of the schools that he had visited during the last few weeks were in a disgraceful condition, and needed remedying at once.

Chairman Hobson pointed out that a report had been put in last year by a special committee and that the report was coming up next Thursday. A petition was received from the teachers of the Wentworth Street School, asking that they be given permission to take up the manual training, between 4 and 6 o'clock, during the week days. The petition is signed by all the teachers in the school. The trustees thought the scheme a good one, and were in favor of it, so long as the teachers' duties were not interfered with. There was some discussion as to whether it was advisable to hold evening classes for manual training. One of the Government officials in town the other day announced that a grant would be forthcoming if evening classes were established. The members decided that the school would be opened if sufficient pupils evinced a desire to attend.

Secretary Foster read the report of the night school which showed an aggregate attendance of 242 for the past month, with an average attendance of 13, and receipts of \$11.50. Trustee Howell was of the opinion that the school had better be discontinued, if better results were not obtained, especially in the point of attendance. He was of the opinion that the Board had started too late in the season to make a success of the school, and was in favor of making an early start next fall, and closing it up now. There was no doubt that the number of men out of work was the cause of the light attendance.

Trustee Lazier said that at the first of the year, the committee had argued against having a deficit, but right here the committee was asking for a continuance and piling up the amount against the Board.

Trustee Lazier was in favor of letting the school go on for this month at any rate, and, as the school season would soon be closed, little harm would be done if the school was left open until the end of the session.

At this juncture a letter was read from Mr. Hill, the teacher of the night school, who blamed the newspapers for throwing cold water on the scheme and making a joke of it.

The members of the committee, however, did not think the school had been made fun of. It was decided to let the school run for this month, and at the end of that time, the chairman of the Board and the Internal Management will decide what is the best course to pursue.

Trustees Lazier and Lamoreaux were appointed to see the Bank of British North America to ascertain what can be done toward having the bank messenger go to the schools to collect the money for the school children's deposits. The question of liability arose, and it was undecided whether the principal of the school or the bank was to be held responsible in case any of it was lost. Trustee Carr announced that the deposits for the first month by the children amounted to over \$1,350.

Dr. Olmsted and Dr. Wallace appeared before the committee to ask permission to use the rooms of the Normal School and the Assembly Hall of the Collegiate for the convocation of the Ontario Medical Association, which will meet here on the 28th, 29th and 30th of May. Dr. Olmsted stated that this was the first time in 24 years the Association had visited the city, and the doctors were anxious that the best hall be secured. The committee agreed to let them have the rooms needed. Trustee Wedell said the cause was a good one, being of educational value, but he did not want this convention to go down as a precedent for further meetings of lodges and other organizations.

The report of the High School Inspector was taken up at some length by Principal Thompson, but no action was taken regarding it.

The report of the public schools for the past month shows the total number enrolled 7,591, with an average attendance of 6,872. The total amount of fees collected was \$52,576. The report of the Collegiate Institute showed a total attendance of 659 for the month of February with an average attendance of 381.7. The fees collected amounted to \$897.25.

Mr. Lazier addressed the committee on

behalf of the Art School and asked that it should notify the school when it intended doing anything definite regarding the Technical School, so that the Art School could prepare itself, and not be put to expense in buying of necessities for the continuance of technical subjects. The chairman said the school would not be forgotten.

## LIBRARY MATTERS.

Arrangements Completed For Opening East End Branch.

At the regular meeting of the Public Library Board yesterday afternoon the chairman of the Library Committee reported that arrangements were being made to open the East End branch. The Newbigging Cabinet Co. was awarded the contract for book stacks, the price being \$120. T. J. Drake has the contract for the carpenter work at \$55 and Briggs & Hutchinson will do the painting for \$50.50. The question of appointing a caretaker was left in the hands of the chairman of the three committees. Miss Sevier and Miss Leishman, who were on the reserve list of attendants, were added to the permanent list, which will complete the staff of both libraries, the chairman announced.

Among donations received during the month were: Ten volumes of the 12th census of the United States, 1900, from Col. Sheppard; twelve volumes of fiction from A. C. Havill; two volumes of Bank of Commerce reports from 1867 to 1907 from Alex. Laird, Toronto; Journal of the House of Commons from the Dominion Government.

The reports of the committees were adopted without discussion. Dr. Wedell was asked for leave of absence for two months, as he intends to visit the continent. His request was granted. One of the members suggested jokingly that a condition of the granting of the request be that the genial doctor send a souvenir post card to the Board from each city that he visits while abroad.

## LEAP YEAR SOCIAL.

Young Ladies Made a Presentation to Mrs. Huddleston.

The young ladies of Wentworth street Baptist Church are taking advantage of leap year, as will be seen by the number of socials held lately. Last evening the young ladies of the Sunshine Club and the gentlemen friends to the number of about 60 gathered at the home of Miss Mabel Urbechadt and had a very pleasant time. After having indulged in numerous pleasant and amusing games a number of the ladies assisted Miss Urbechadt in serving refreshments, to which all did ample justice. As the young people were about to depart, Mr. A. J. Huddleston, Honorary President of the society, who is about to go to St. Catharines, as a slight token of their esteem for her, with a handsome side-board drape, Mrs. Huddleston thanked the young ladies for their kindness and their support during the time she had held office, and said her best wishes would always remain with the Sunshine Club of Wentworth Street Baptist Church.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Miss Urbechadt for her kindness in providing such a pleasant evening.

## CATHEDRAL MEN.

Concert and Illustrated Lecture Held Last Evening.

The Men's Club of Christ's Church Cathedral held an entertainment last evening, and over a hundred members were present. H. B. Witton occupied the chair in the absence of Rev. Canon Abbott. Mr. C. S. Scott was the speaker of the evening, and gave a lecture on "Cathedral." The lecture was illustrated with beautiful views of the cathedral and the surrounding country. A musical programme was given by Messrs. Hutchinson, J. T. Turner, George Allan, Peacock, C. P. Gairrath, Mr. Turner gave concerting selections in a manner that stamped him as a master of that instrument, and brought down the house with his rendering of "The Lost Chord."

On Monday, March 16, the club will have a debate on, "Resolved, that municipal ownership is not the best for public utility." Messrs. Collins and Larkin will take the affirmative, and Messrs. Harley and Brown the negative.

## SHE PLAYED TRUANT.

How Little Girl Escaped in Cleveland Horror.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 5.—Like returning from the dead, Colin Marks surprised her father to-day by slipping up behind him and throwing her arms about his neck while he was prodding among the ruins of the Lakeview School for her body. The girl was sent to school yesterday morning as usual. Instead she played truant, and visited an aunt in the country. They knew nothing of the fire till to-day. Not returning to her parents yesterday they supposed she had perished. Neither could the father find among the dead bodies one he could identify as that of his daughter. In despair he was prodding about the ruins when the girl threw her arms about him and cried, "Guess who I am, papa." Mr. Marks was nearly overcome with joy and emotion.

## Edison's Latest

Is not as important to the human family as a remedy that affords sure relief from indigestion and constipation. Laxative is sure to give lasting relief, endorsed by reputable physicians. Ask your grocer.—A. W. Maguire & Co.

## \$10 New York and Return

From Suspension Bridge, via Lehigh Valley R. R., Thursday, March 13th. Tickets good 15 days. Particulars 124 King street east, Toronto, Ontario.

## Bread Line at Boston.

Boston, March 5.—For the first time since the panic of 1893 a bread line has been started in Boston. The appeals made for temporary relief and the number of persons who needed it led Associated charities to take this action to-day. The first station was opened in the west end this morning and 500 people were fed by evening.



A PRETTY GOWN FOR A YOUNG GIRL.

Nos. 214-218—Overwaist effects are the smartest of models just now and a charming gown in that style is here shown that will prove a most desirable acquisition to the young girl's wardrobe. It is in pale blue voile worn over an underblouse of dotted mousseline. The waist is exceedingly simple in construction. It crossed in front in surplice effect, and extends slightly over the shoulders in a becoming manner. The skirt is a pretty five-gored model, laid in deep pleats that turn away from the centre in panel effect. The pleats are stitched down a short distance and carefully pressed to the lower edge, thus giving a close fit around the waist with a wide graceful flare at the foot, broadcloth, serge, cashmere, taffeta and linen are all appropriate for the making. The 16 years size will require 1-3/8 yards of 4-inch material for the waist and 4-1/4 yards for the skirt.

Misses' surplice over-blouse. No. 214. Sizes for 15, 16 and 17 years.

Misses' pleated skirt. No. 218. Sizes for 15, 16 and 17 years. This illustration calls for two separate patterns, a waist and a skirt, which will be mailed to any address on the receipt of 10 cents for each in silver or stamps.

Address, "Pattern Department," Times Office, Hamilton.

## Fun for Times Readers

**Giving an Illustration.**  
Voice over the telephone.—Professor, I am getting up a special article for one of the illustrated weekly papers on the value of the Comparative Unimportance. Please tell me, for instance, one of your methods of saving your odds and ends of time, by which you are enabled to do so much work without having to hurry.  
The professor—Always omitting the "good-by" when using the telephone. (Hangs up receiver.)

**Suspicion.**  
On his return home one night a lawyer said sadly to his wife: "People seem very suspicious of me. You know old Jones? Well, I did some work for him last month, and when he asked me for the bill this morning I told him out of friendship that I wouldn't charge him anything. He thanked me cordially, but said he'd like a receipt."—Chicago News.

**The Prosperity Convention.**  
Upon the morning after  
The luckless fellow wife  
In point of fact you never  
Felt better in your life.  
With the engagement broken,  
The luckless he or she  
Will say they are as happy  
As any one can be.  
The cottager suburban  
Has never any woe;  
He says he will not sell it,  
He loves the country so.  
And thus we hold convention  
And make a mighty fuss  
To say to all creation  
That we are prosperous.

**Exhibit A.**  
Weiries (dropping in again)—Well, Mr. Brackett, have you designed any new lately that you would like to show me?  
Busy architect—Why, yes; I've put a unique ornamental panel on the outside of my office door. I'll show it to you presently.

**NEW ONES.**  
"Who are those five boys there?"  
"They are the new boys—Smythe, Smyth, Schmidt, Smiths and Smith."

**The Usual Delusion.**  
"You haven't been back here before for thirty years, Bill? Gosh, that's a long time! What changes do you see that surprise you the most?"  
"Well, to tell you the truth, Dave, what I notice more than anything else is that everybody has grown old much faster than I have."

**Uncle Allen.**  
"Some men," muttered Uncle Allen Sparks after the fireside speaker had sat down, "remind me of an old water mill that's running with empty hoppers. Their wheels keep on going, but they don't turn out any grist."

**Very Ladylike.**  
"I wonder why they call that a lady bug?" queried Harry.  
"Because it's got good manners, and behaves itself, and doesn't go shouting around like a boy, I guess," said Polly.

**An Eye to Business.**  
"Doctor, if a pale young man named Jinks calls on you for a prescription, don't let him have it."  
"Why not?"  
"He wants something to improve his appetite and he boards at my house."

## LESS PULP, MORE BRAINS

Needed in the Production of Canadian Newspapers.

Chicago Tribune Proprietor on Press Reform.

Annual Meeting of Canadian Press Association.

Toronto, March 6.—The half-century mark in the history of the Canadian Press Association was recorded and celebrated yesterday in the convention of the association at the Temple building.

Introduced by President J. T. Clark, of Toronto Saturday Night, as "an advertising expert," Mr. McCormick denied that he merited the name. "I'm not an expert," he said, "my knowledge is academic. I never made but one large contract, and that was for a certain well-known patent medicine concern. It amounted to \$11,000, but we won't allow it in our paper now."

"I wish," the speaker continued, "to speak to you this morning on the need of co-operation between newspaper-makers."

"The newspaper publishing business is the worst run business on the North American continent. We are so interested in the editorial and news end of it that we often forget the business itself. Unless we put our manufacturing end of the work on as good a basis as other manufacturers we are going to be eaten up by the costs of the other part of the paper."

"Advertising has built the multiple press, it has created newspaper art, it has stretched news cables from continent to continent, it has supported our intercontinental drag-net of information and news collection, it has made possible for every town upwards of one thousand inhabitants to own its local sheet. Advertising has built the department store and the mail order house. It has created a National Bicuit Company and a Regal shoe, a Schlitz beer and a Waltham watch. It is the crucible in which brains can be transmuted into gold."

"We as publishers do not realize the dignity or economic importance of our business departments—of our advertising fabric. If I were to build a new newspaper tomorrow, I should employ one of my staff would be my advertising director and managing editor. Upon them would rest the outcome of my enterprise."

"We cannot make good newspapers unless we make advertisers, and we cannot make advertisers unless we make the effort to create them. We newspaper publishers are no longer just town criers and gossip, but we are the financiers of commerce, the engineers of finance, and I declare that it is in this latter phase that we stand forth in our greatest dignity."

"I thank God," continued the speaker, "for moral standing of advertising conditions in this area is one thousand per cent. higher than it was five years ago. The newspaper is only as good as its advertising columns. It is only as strong as the confidence it can place in its readers. It can make them believe, not only in the news which it publishes, but in the advertising which it publishes. We have learned to look the truth straight in the face that a filthy medical advertisement is a filthy corner in the newspaper, and that a lying commercial advertisement is a lie in the newspaper, and that a deceptive financial advertisement is a deception in the newspaper."

"We must keep out the thieves and the liars from our papers; we must make our readers feel that they will get a square deal in our markets and come and buy from our printing stalls with the confidence that they will do better than they can at any other market. This is not a question of morality or a question of ethics, but a question of commercial sanity. The public does not want to be deceived. The public has a memory—the public is an Indian that never forgets."

"I look forward to the time when a newspaper will be able to print at the top of the advertising page. We are responsible for every line of advertising that we print. We guarantee a square deal to you. We pledge ourselves to make good any loss that you incur through answering any advertisement that we print."

**Sir Mackenzie Bowell's Address.**  
Sir Mackenzie Bowell addressed both the "daily" and the "weekly" sections of the association during the afternoon sessions. "In 1834 I commenced as a 'devil' on the paper which I am yet connected. In my experience I have watched the changing conditions of the newspaper trade from the time when we inked the plate by hand to the present when the modern press turns out our newspapers. I have even now a finger caloused from handling 'the frisket.' I'm afraid few of you young men know what that is, and I shall not soon forget printing my first sixteen-page pamphlet containing recipes for a horse doctor."

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Maclean, representing the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, brought up the question of an Imperial cable service, as had been outlined and suggested by the Boards of Trade of Victoria and Vancouver. In circulars issued by these bodies and forwarded to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association it was suggested that the Government should assist in a scheme for disseminating news of the empire throughout its whole area as a means of knitting closer the ties of affection and common interest. A letter was read from Sir Sandford Fleming, in which the hope was expressed that the Press Association would appoint a strong committee to give the matter the fullest consideration and report upon it as to what course should in the public interest be followed.

A paper by Mr. J. Ross Robertson was read opposing the scheme. The question of forming a National Press Association was taken up by the association during the morning session, and was left in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. L. J. Tarte, Montreal; J. A. Cooper, Toronto; Fred Cook, Ottawa, and O. M. Ross, Toronto.

**THE BANQUET.**

Speeches by Governor-General and Lieutenant-Governor.

"More brains and less pulp" was the characteristic phrase used by the Hon.

Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, speaking at the banquet held last night to celebrate the jubilee of the Canadian Press Association. Mr. Oliver used the words quoted in driving home his arguments in favor of clearness and conciseness in the presentation of news by the public journals. In his opinion, newspapers use half as much paper again as they need to, and he contended that were an economy, which would be grateful to the public, practiced, then there would be no need to fear a pulpwood famine in Canada.

The banquet, which took place in the dining hall of the National Club, was largely attended. The retiring President, Mr. J. T. Clark, presided, and among the guests were His Excellency the Governor-General, Earl Grey, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Mortimer Clark, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Mayor Oliver; Mr. Medill McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune; President R. A. Falconer, Senator Laflair, Mr. J. A. Dawson, editor of the London Standard; Mr. L. J. Tarte, Montreal; Mr. J. Elton, President of the Alberta and Eastern British Columbia Press Association; Hon. James Young; Mr. E. R. Smith, St. John's, Que., and Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

**Position of the Fourth Estate.**

Replying to the toast of his health, submitted by the President, Earl Grey made a happy speech. "The fourth estate," he said, "has usurped the position formerly occupied by the church. It was powerful and revered as a power to help everything good and do justice to everything evil. In modern society there was no fear of any man, however interested or dishonest, imposing himself by the impersonal mystery of an unsigned article on the public as a deity, because there were so many interpreters of the divine spirit ready to denounce any false prophet."

Proceeding, Earl Grey put in his plea for the exclusion of certain classes of advertisement from the news columns of a paper. "Sometimes," he said, "we are thrown right off the line in the middle of reading an article couched in most excellent English by a little paragraph advertisement, and having to trace the balance over many pages."

His Excellency, alluding to the coming visit of the Prince of Wales on the occasion of the Quebec tercentenary celebration, said that his Royal Highness was coming across the seas, accompanied by the Atlantic fleet, to "shake hands with Canada." A greater compliment, he did not think, could be paid the Dominion. He asked, however, the assistance of the press of Canada in helping him to keep his word. The Prince of Wales would, he hoped, hand over to the Prime Ministers of the Dominion the title deeds of the Plains of Abraham. He had promised that the necessary money to establish that Imperial memory would be found by the school children of the Dominion, and to redeem that pledge he asked the assistance of the press.

The President-elect, Mr. D. Williams, of Collingwood, gave "The Lieutenant-Governor."

Sir Mortimer Clark in reply recalled the days when he had dabbled in journalism as a student in Edinburgh, and afterwards his coming to Canada as the correspondent of The Scotsman, under its great editor, Russell. Speaking of journalistic matters generally, he said that he thought it was a bad thing when the association might turn its attention to bringing about in college and university some course of study for the education of journalists.

**Run the Smallest Paper.**  
"Our guests," proposed in happy phraseology by Mr. L. S. Gannell, of Sherbrooke, Que., was first responded to by the Hon. Frank Oliver, who claimed to have produced the smallest paper ever printed. He expressed the belief that newspapers were losing hundreds of thousands of dollars a year by "giving the people something for nothing, when they were ready to pay value for value." Mr. Oliver considered that too much space was wasted in newspapers. A grader felt a year ago, he said, about a famine of white paper owing to the destruction of the pulpwood forests. "I believe," he said, "that everything which is done to-day by the newspapers of this country for the benefit of the country might be done by using just half as much paper as is used to-day. The tendency is to use pulp instead of brains, while what the people want, and what they are willing to pay for, is brains and the smallest possible amount of pulp."

Mr. McCormick prophesied that yellow journalism was on the wane, and with it coming the extinction of the newspaper. The change would make for friendliness instead of hatred.

**CRESOLINE ANTISEPTIC TABLETS.**  
A simple and effective remedy for SORE THROATS AND COUGHS. They combine the germicidal value of Cresoline with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice. Your druggist or from us, 10c in stamps. Laxson, Mann & Co., Limited, Agents, Montreal, 427

## FIREMAN IN EACH SCHOOL.

Suggestion Made at Pittsburgh to Prevent Holocausts.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 5.—A. L. McKenzie, a former fire captain of Cleveland, 16 years a volunteer fireman in Ohio school children fire drills, now a resident of this city, says the Cleveland disaster is likely to occur in any city unless the present method of training pupils to escape from fires is changed.

Mr. McKenzie is considered an authority on means of escape in time of fire and has written several books on the subject. He said to-day that he had once a week, to teach them how to climb down scaling ladders and ropes. At one time in that city this method was reduced to a science among the children. The idea of drilling the children up and down a hall, through one door and out another, is absurd. When a fire breaks out the children immediately become panic-stricken and forget the drill. They should be taught how to scale ladders and ropes."

As a result of the Cleveland disaster Ald. John J. Sweeney is preparing an ordinance providing that a fireman shall be stationed in every school building of Pittsburgh between the hours of 9 and 4 each day.

## CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

## The Law

Conditions formulate law. Our law under present conditions is to sell. The workingman is the class we cater to. We have what he wants in quality and price.—M. Kennedy, 240 James street north

## Spring Top Coats for Men

The new lines are here now, Oxford grey, light grey and mid grey, tan and light mixtures. Better tailored than ever before by the biggest clothing company in Canada—The Sanford Manufacturing Co.—and marked a little closer to the cost of production than ever before. \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20 and \$25.

## Oak Hall

10 and 12 James Street North

## QUEEN QUALITY

The Famous Shoe For Women

\$4.00 \$4.50 \$5.00

EASE WITH ELEGANCE

Just a word to those who have been wearing clumsy, commonplace shoes for comfort, but with a regretful sigh for the more fashionable and handsome styles.

Our new Queen Quality Shoes will give you, not only the comfort you must have, but also the smart style and elegance you want and ought to have.

And you get these shoes at no higher price than you pay for just ordinary good shoes. But all this means nothing unless you test it. We invite you to do so.

**John F. Shea**

SOLE AGENT FOR HAMILTON

## Expert Optician

Years of experience gives our optician exceptional knowledge of the different forms of eye troubles. His services are absolutely free.

**NORMAN ELLIS**

Jeweler, Optician

21-23 King St. East

## THOMAS LEES

FOR Very special values in finest quality

**Diamond Rings**

We are always pleased to have you look.

**LEES Reliable Jeweler**

5 James Street North

## SHOT IN THE HAND.

Quarrel During a Seizure by a Sheriff.

Mount Forest, March 5.—Mr. Thomas Ryan, acting bailiff of Mount Forest, and Mr. Harry Arnott, a farmer of Egerton, while making a seizure on Warden Shand, of Egerton, to-day, became involved in an altercation, and Mr. Shand shot Mr. Arnott through the hand. Chief Gringle, of Mount Forest, was sent for and placed Warden Shand under arrest.

## TWO MILES WITH LEG OFF.

The Wonderful Endurance Shown by Daniel Stetson.

Vancouver, March 5.—Daniel Stetson, a handigger, after losing his right leg crawled through two miles of bush, "tied" water at Toba Falls, 250 miles north of Vancouver, got into a boat and rode two miles to a logging camp. He was working alone and was caught by a falling tree, and his right leg was righteously crushed. Stetson cut the slice of the skin remaining. The men at camp procured the ransomed handigger and took him to Lund. From there he was taken to Vancouver, B.C., where he died. The body was brought to Vancouver.

## Jumped in Front of Engine.

Winnipeg, March 5.—J. C. McLeod, while intoxicated, jumped in front of a C. P. R. locomotive to-day, and had one leg cut off. He will recover.

## Three Years for Forgery.

Kenora, March 5.—Theodore Chedler, a Frenchman, was sent to Kingston Penitentiary this morning to serve three years for forging three cheques amounting to some forty dollars.