URGED ECONOMY ON THE BOARD

Ald. Dowling Addressed the Board of Education at Meeting Last Night.

INSPECTOR KILMER EXPLAINS CADETS

Whole Board Will Consider Estimates Instead of a Committee.

The outstanding features of the Board of Education meeting last evening were the full explanation of the financial end of the local cadet system, and an address by Ald. Dowling, chairman of the Finance committee, who urged upon the board the necessity of rigid economy. Outside of that there was only routine matters discussed and reports of committees received. The estimates will be fixed by a special committee, who will then lay the matter before the board as a whole for its discussion. This action was taken as a result of a suggestion by Trustee Powell, who with Trustee Shepperson, in this and other matters, urged upon the board that more information should be laid before the board as a whole, and not locked up with a special committee. Economy could be more easily practised if all facts were known.

It was during the discussion of the Finance Committee's report that the cadet matter came up. The Department of Education grant for teaching cadet work was divided among the various teacher-instructors in this report and Messrs. Powell and Shepperson requested considerable information on the matter. Inspector Kilmer therefore, went into a full account of the cadets formation.

The matter came up first, said Mr. Kilmer, when Messrs. Ashton, Cutcliffe and Ballachey were members of the Board, and, as military men, were interested in the movement. It was at first decided to engage Sergt.-Maj. Oxtoby as instructor, but it was found that he would come too high. The Ontario Government offered to grant $250 a year to an instructor, and as some of the teachers had qualified it was agreed they should do the work for the amount of this grant, but at no expense to the board. That was why the grant was being divided among them by this report.

The Department of Militia also made a grant but it had been cut off. In the matter of uniforms, Mr. Kilmer explained further. The Department of Militia had agreed to repay the purchase of the uniforms at the rate of $1 per uniform per year. On this understanding about 400 uniforms were now on hand. After paying two instalments on the first fifty purchased and one instalment on the remaining number, this grant was cut off, and the board saddled with the expense. Mr. Kilmer thought that if the matter were taken up with Ottawa the grant might be continued. The Ontario grant was cut off this year, but after talking the matter over with government officials they had had a change of heart. Its grant, would not, however, be repeated next year. In that case, cadet instructors would receive nothing, as the board was under no obligation to pay them, except the sum of $50 to Mr. Gamble, who acted as quartermaster.

Both Mr. Kilmer and Mr. Coulbeck referred in terms of high praise to the work of the Cadets and informed the Board they were a very excellent corps, indeed.

ECONOMY URGED.

Ald. Dowling visited the meeting and addressed the board on the matter of their estimates. Ald. Dowling was very careful in explaining that he was in no way attempting to dictate to the board; he was doing nothing of the kind. A year ago there had been two minds in the matter of economy; some then thought that cutting down expenditures might not mean economy as it threw the people out of work. To-day, things were different. There was no labor problem. Practically no one was out of work. Economy meant cutting expenditures to the bone, and he urged the board to eliminate expenditures even on things it was customary to support.

Dr. Gamble, Mr. Lane and Mr. Coulbeck spoke briefly to Ald. Dowling's address. Dr. Gamble pointed out that teacher's salaries were lower in Brantford than other places, and might have to be raised in order to hold teachers here. Mr. Lane explained that much of their expenditure was beyond their control. Schools had to be kept up to standard, certain departmental regulations had to be kept, furthermore the board engaged teachers at a minimum salary with annual increases, thus each year the board had a higher salary list. Nevertheless, the board would cut out everything unnecessary. Mr. Coulbeck also explained that seven teachers had been lost to the city last year because salaries were too low.

Mr. Shepperson thought some of the luxuries at night school could be cut out. That was why full details of it should be laid before the board.

Ald. Dowling spoke briefly again before leaving. He threw out a suggestion regarding teachers' salaries. They were engaged by contract at a certain figure, which was increased each year by a set sum. There was not a person working in any industrial establishment who was supposed to have his salary advanced year by year but found the advance in salary stopped during the war. Ald. Dowling did not advocate breaking contracts; moreover many teachers had their obligations much increased by the war. But if there were any who were receiving a comfortable salary, they would and could waive their increase until the war was over.

The leave of absence of Miss Elsie Senn was extended until September on account of illness. Mr. Burt's report for February contained the war fact that many of the senior boys were enlisting, boys from the country were dropping out to farm, and the attendance at the school was likely to decrease.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION.

Mr. J. C. Coles was granted leave of absence for two months, and a resolution expressing the appreciation of the board for his patriotism in enlisting and his good services rendered to the city, was passed unanimously. Mr. Coles, if accepted finally for overseas, intimated that he would resign from the board.

The circular from the Department of Education in which was outlined aid given after the war to Collegiate pupils intending to be teachers but who had enlisted, and which was printed fully in The Courier some time ago, was filed, as well as a circular from the Hamilton Board of Trade on Trustees' property qualifications and the matter of a convention of urban school trustees.

Messrs. Gamble, Lane, Armstrong, Lahey and Coulbeck were appointed a special committee to prepare the estimates. They will submit their report at a special meeting of the Board of Education. This was granted because of the requests of trustees Powell and Shepperson, who claimed the Board as a whole should pass on the matter. The Buildings and Grounds committee, which was going to meet to-night to decide their estimates, decided to wait a few days, also on request of Mr. Powell, who said it should visit the schools first.

REPORTS.

The Finance committee recommended that the grant of the Department of Education be distributed among the teacher cadet instructors in the ratio and to the amounts they themselves agreed to, and that Mr. Bingle be given a cheque for his cadet work (as quartermaster). A number of accounts were recommended to be paid, and also the remaining instalment for the piano in King George school.

The Industrial Committee reported that Mr. Lahey was elected chairman for the coming year, Mr. Coles being unable to accept, and also that the report of the evening classes had been received by the committee.

Mr. Shepperson stated the evening class report should be submitted to the Board as a whole. Mr. Lahey explained that expenses were being lowered each month, some of the classes, owing to poor attendance, being closed up.

Mr. Kilmer said that on account of so much sickness in January and February, there probably would be a higher percentage of failures than usual in June.

Mr. Shepperson said that since the attendance at the kindergarten was at an average of 70 per cent. it was quite right it had not been closed, as many people had suggested. Mr. Coulbeck complaimed that Sunday schools were not restricted in this respect. Many pupils who were barred from school, went to Sunday school and spread the epidemic.

Mr. Powell thanked the members for appointing him to the Board. Mr. Armstrong, who was acting chairman in place of Mr. W. Norman Andrews, who is indisposed, also thanked the Board for the courtesy shown him.

There were present Messrs. Armstrong, Lane, Coulbeck, Shepperson, Dr. Elliott, Powell, Lahey, Dr. Gamble, Principal Burt and Inspetcor Kilmer.

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Obituary

The death occurred this morning of Lillian Ada Ginn, 164 Dufferin Ave., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ginn. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her parents, five sisters, Mrs. Crockford, Toronto; Alice, Medicine Hat; Mrs. Charles Wood, Regina; Daisy and Dora at home, and also two brothers, Alfred and Fred of Brantford. The late Miss Ginn had been a member of the choir of St. Paul's church, and also a teacher in the Sunday school. She was most highly thought of, and will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

The funeral will take place Sundav afternoon from St. Paul's Church (Holmedale) to Mount Hope cemetery.

Assistant District Attorney Thomas Cuff, of New York has received from a young lady a proposal of marriage in which she asks for ten yards of rope if there is no hope.

Naval efficiency equal to England's cannot be attained in the United States within 50 years unless there is a radical change in policy, according to Admiral Winslow.

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Social and Personal

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Miss Josepnine Griffin and Miss Sidney Nichol of Toronto, are week end visitors in town, the guests of Dr. and Mrs. James.

Ald. Fred C. Harp, who has been spending a week in Montreal, returned to the city last night, accompanyied by Mrs. Harp, who has been on an extended visit there.

WOODBURY

(From our own Correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh Force and family, of Saskatchewan, have returned to their home after spending the winter with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph VanEvery and little son, Basil, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Rutherford on Tuesday evening last.

We are pleased to report Mr. Bert Tune, who is ill with quinsey is improving.

Mr. Peter Vansickle has secured a situation in Brantford and intends moving to the city in the near future.

Mr. Eli Walker of Waterford, was calling on friends here last week.

A number from here attended the farewell party at the home of Mr. Gordon Crittenden on Monday evening last. Mr. Crittenden has sold his farm and is moving to Norwich.

Mr. Harry Force, Township assesor, is again making his rounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks have returned home from a visit to Toronto.

MAPLE DELL

(From our own Correspondent.)

The past few days has been fine and spring like. Somebody will soon be seeing that proverbial first robin.

Miss Bella Scott is on the sick list suffering from a severe cold and la grippe.

Mr Wade who has had charge of the first toll gate on the Paris road for some time, is leaving shortly to try his hand at farming.

There are several openings for farm hands in this locality if they will only come along.

Auction sales of stock and implements seem to be the order of the day. What with attending to sales and making his little political speeches, Scott Davidson has hardly time to say his prayers.

At Dan O'Riley's auction sale yesterday afternoon, potatoes went up to two dollars and thirty-five cents per bag. That's pretty hard on the Irish.

With the Famous

Lord Robert Cecil, who enters the inner British Cabinet as Minister of a Tighter Blockade against Germany, is one of the ablest men in the public life of the Old County. He frequents the back benches, but speaks with such knowledge and force as always to command attention. He often appears in the lobbies wearing a tall silk hat and a sack suit. Probably no other member has the courage to do so. A son of Lord Salisbury, he is a descendant of that Lord Cecil who did much to make Queen Elizabeth's reign splendid in history. Mr. Balfour belongs to the same family, whose record of service extends over some 300 years.

Lord Derby who has been a chief driving force in raising Britain's great volunteer army ,and who is mentioned as the head of a committee to co-ordinate the air defences of the country, also belongs to a family which at intervals for several hundred years has produced a great statesman or public servant. But this persistence of towering ability in ancient aristocratic families is offset by the fact that men like Lloyd George, Joseph Chamberlain, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener and Sir William Robertson have made their way from small beginnings. All that can be said is that British stock produces outstanding men through its aristocratic as well as through its democratic strains.

Rt. Hon. E. S. Montague, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and former financial secretary of the treasury, has just evolved a new scheme to promote thrift in Great Britain. It is learned that some time ago a special committee was appointed with Mr Montague as its head, to devise ways and means to secure subscriptions to future war loans from the small investors. He is of Jewish descent, and apparently possesses the racial acuteness of that people in money matters and is a younger brother of Lord Swaythling, the leader of the Orthodox element of English Judaism. When Lord Swaythling was raised to the peerage he changed his name to Montague, but some of the younger members of the family still cling to the name Samuel, Herbert Samuel, one of the members of the coalition government, being a case in point.

200 TO ATTEND MUSKETRY COURSE.

There will be an enrollment of 200 at the two weeks' course in musketry which commences on March 7th at Victoria College, Toronto, all infantry units from the 76th to 198th with the Mounted Rifles having orders to send details of officers and n.c.o's, 112 officers and 88 n.c.o.'s in all being detailed for the course. No officer above the rank of lieutenant, and no officer below the rank of sergeant will attend.

Sergt. Lawrence of Truro, N.S., has had a device accepted by the War Office. It projects a shaft of flame 70 feet which will burn up barb wire entanglements and at the same time emit a deadly gas.

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10 pieces Tartan plaid dress goods, all good colorings, for children's school 35c

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Moire Underskirts in Black, Navy, Green, Brown, deep flounce, regular $1.50, SPECIAL $1.29

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Black Taffeta 36 in. wide for dress skirts or suits SPECIAL AT $1

Duchess Satin, 36 in. wide, every yard recommended for wear, worth $2, SPECIAL .. $1.25

Silk Poplins $1.00

Black and colored Silk Poplins, 36 in. wide, correct for Suits and Dresses, regular $1.25, SPECIAL $1

Hose Specials--3 pair Hose for $1.00

Ladies' Cashmere Hose in plain and ribbed seamless, full fashion Hose, regular 50c., SPECIAL ..... 3 pair for $1

Children's 1-1 ribbed Cashmere Hose, black and colors, SPECIAL AT 25c

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