

LENGTHY SESSION OF ROUTINE BUSINESS AT EDUCATION BOARD

Special Meeting Held Last Night to Dispose of Many Matters—Fire Escape For Alexandra School Was Decided Upon, a Deputation Waiting on the Board in That Matter

Routine business was the order of the evening at a special meeting of the Board of Education held last night in the council chambers, with all the members present except the chairman, Capt. W. N. Andrews. The principal business transacted was the authorizing of the buildings and grounds committee to proceed with the erection of a fire escape on Alexandra school.

Vice-Chairman Presided
In the absence of Capt. Andrews, chairman, the chair was taken at 8:30 by vice-chairman I. S. Armstrong. The report of the Dominion Boiler Inspection Company, upon the inspection of school boilers throughout the city, was to the effect that all were found in good condition. At Dufferin school the absence of man-holes prevented the proper inspection

in parts. This report was filed, Mr. Shepperson questioning the advisability of employing boilers without the proper man holes.

Changes in Staff
The report of the management committee dealt with a number of matters. The resignations of Miss Frederica Stanley and Miss Mabel Moffat were accepted, and leave of absence was granted to Miss Bertha E. Baldwin, Messrs. Malcolm L. McLellan and Oliver M. Stonehouse were appointed to the staff of the public schools at an annual salary of \$800. The Misses Deem, Vanstone, Matthews, Houlding, Longstreet, Taylor, Peddie and Birkett were also appointed as probationers. Consistent upon the number of applications from qualified teachers resident in the city, Miss Edna G. Lavis was notified that it would be impossible

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Will Leave Paris.
As soon after Sept. 1st as arrangements can be made, the local board will require the full services of Mr. Arthur Styles, manual training instructor of the public schools. This will mean that Mr. Styles will sever his present connections with the Paris board of education, in order that more classes in manual training be held in the city schools. After Dec. 31st of this year, Mr. Styles will receive a yearly increase of \$50 from his present salary of \$1,300 to the \$1,500 maximum.

The finance committee, in its report, recommended payment of a number of accounts. The expenses for the annual departmental examinations, as well as the entrance examinations, were also reported upon by the finance committee.

Successor to Captain Muttar.
The technical advisory company, reported meeting held on Monday, July 24, for the purpose of appointing a successor to J. A. Muttar, formerly high school manual training teacher, now on active service. Mr. Gee, late of Hamilton, being the only qualified applicant, and being favorably spoken of by the Hamilton school and staff, and by Mr. Leack, Provincial Manual Training Inspector, was awarded the position at an annual salary of \$1,400.

A verbal report from the buildings and grounds committee was submitted by Mr. W. H. Lane, chairman, who announced that the working being done around the various schools during the summer, was going on in good condition.

Deputation Present.
The moving of any classes from Alexandra school was opposed by a deputation of East Ward residents, Messrs. W. Riley and W. Hamburg, who presented a petition, signed by a large number of persons. The opinion was expressed that no classes should be moved from Alexandra school and that a fire escape should be provided for the same building.

Fire Escape Needed.
"The school belongs to the people," emphasized Mr. Armstrong, commenting upon the subject. The attitude of the deputation was favored also by Messrs. Powell and Shepperson. Dr. Marquis expressed surprise that a school existed in Brantford without a fire escape, and urged immediate action, the erection of a fire escape first and its financing afterward, if necessary. It was stated by Dr. Gamble that children had already been transferred by their parents from Alexandra to other schools. This, replied Inspector Kilmer, was

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to receive items of personal interest. Those 27c.

Mr. Harold Hearn, of Toronto, is spending his holidays in the city.

Miss Robbins, Mt. Pleasant Street, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Robbins, of Goderich.

Bombardier Ed. Pitcher, of the 54th Battery, Potawara Camp, is spending the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pitcher, William St.

because no further space was available at Alexandra.

The need of a fire escape at Alexandra school, Mr. Lane explained, arose because of the architecture of the building, there being one central winding staircase, and only one central exit to the school. In the past schools no fire escapes were needed as the buildings themselves were practically fire-proof and provided with several exits.

And Will Be Obtained.
The petition presented on the subject was received and filed, following which the matter of providing funds for this work and for the purchase of two lots adjoining the school was discussed. The buildings and grounds committee and Secretary Bunnell being appointed a committee to confer with the finance committee of the city council for the purpose of financing the undertaking.

Mr. Armstrong's notice of motion regarding the singing of the National Anthem in the schools of the city was allowed to stand until the next regular meeting.

A Crack at the Council
To meet with the finance committee of the city council, Messrs. Coulbeck, Lane and Bunnell were appointed to arrange for the commencing of the work.

"The city council is finally awakening to the realization that there are other bodies in the city possessed of some degree of intelligence," commented Mr. Armstrong in view of celebrating August 4th as a holiday. It was suggested by Mr. Shepperson that the celebration of Civic Holiday be cancelled for this year.

Honoring Khaki-clad Members
The matter of tendering farewell to several members and ex-members of the Board of Education, as well as teachers and employes of the board, who have enlisted for active service, was given consideration toward the close of the evening. The chairman of the board, together with Dr. Marquis and Secretary Bunnell were appointed a committee to deal with the matter.

It was decided by the board that no more presentations of money will be made in any such instances as these.

Messrs. Lane, Gamble and Elliott appeared in negligence during the evening.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. Armstrong, Lane, Shepperson, Powell, Lahey, Coulbeck, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Marquis, Dr. Gamble. Also Inspector Kilmer and Principal Burt of the Collegiate Institute.

And the Lights Went Out.
"Alexandra school has nothing on this," declared one member of the board, as in stygian darkness the party descended the stairway from the council chamber, at the close of the session.

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"Send Marta to the bog again!" said the Wickedest Witch with a dreadful smile. "This time I will show her my terrors and frighten her to death!"

So under pretence of kindness, the ugly stepmother begged Marta to take her fairy rope, lower herself into the bog and gather some bog myrtle to scent the linen in the chest of drawers.

Marta gladly obeyed and no sooner was she in the bog than the Wickedest Witch turned out all her herd of snakes to feed upon the snake root. But the witch was so harsh and cruel never feeling what she owned, that the snakes paid no attention to Marta and hungrily went on eating.

Next Marta heard herself threatened by a dreadful thicket of bluish white turtle heads with pointed jaws and woolly mouths of a dreadful pinkish purple.

"Be not afraid," whispered the Wind. "They are only swamp flowers that grow in the witch's garden."

Next the Wickedest Witch shook out into the air a bag of hunger and the minute Marta sniffed it she wanted to eat. It was then that a giant milkweed butterfly flew ahead of her and Marta saw that between the spread wings was a beautiful fairy. She guided Marta to the swamp milkweed with its drooping, tassol-like flowers of rose-pink, filled a leaf cup with fairy milk and they both drank their fill.

But alas! after while Marta found some red and black berries that she fancied were choke cherries, never dreaming they were really poison of the witch's, and when she had eaten she fell down—as if she were dead.

Now at the far end of the bog came the king's son, a hunting, hunting what? The king's cup, stolen by the witch, the wise man said, and turned into a marsh marigold!

So it was that, hunting for the bewitched marigold which he had been told would be of brighter gold than any other, the king's son found Marta, pale and beautiful and lifeless.

This led the Sun helped. It gathered all his rays in one and warmed Marta into life and the king's son, loving her as he had loved another, dropped on his knee to beg her favor. So together they found the bewitched marigold and the minute the hand of the king's son touched it, it turned to a cup of shining gold. And now you know why some folk call the marsh marigold king's cup.

As for the witch, the bag of hunger she had shaken out of the window was her doom. For all her animal sniffing it in could not find enough to eat and returning in a body they pursued the witch herself into the worst part of the bog where she sank forever from view.

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(From our own correspondent)
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Threshing Started
The first threshing in this vicinity was done yesterday and Tuesday, on the farms of N. C. Butler and Roy Chambers, of Windham. The grain was below standard as to yield and sample.
Much hay in the county is still unharvested, owing to the shortage of farm help.
Appointment Confirmed
Rev. H. C. Newcombe received at his summer cottage, at Port Ryerse, to-day confirmation of his appointment as Chaplain to the 133rd. Recruiting for this unit has for the present been abandoned.
The Simcoe canning factory and can plant have put through more work during the past six months than ever before in the same time in the history of the establishment.
Mr. Stanley McKnight, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, New York Exchange office, leaves for home to-day after a three day visit at the home of his father, Mr. Andrew McKnight King Street.