

WHO TOLD SAM HUGHES BOARD OF EDUCATION REFUSED CADET PRIZES?

Trustees at Meeting Yesterday Showed That No Action Had
Been Taken on the Matter—Trustee Inkster Asked
the Mayor a Pointed Question.

Who did it? Who put the pepper on Sam Hughes' stove? The board of education, at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon took up the matter of the refusal of the Minister of Militia to carry out his promise of a grant of \$10,000 for a federal square and drill grounds in London, on the pretence that the board had refused to accept prizes for cadets in the schools of the city under the Strathcona trust.

Mayor Graham left another meeting in the city hall to address the trustees and learn just how matters stood. He was informed that the board of education had taken no action on the matter of the prizes, that only once was the question considered, and then at a minority meeting, with but Trustees Inkster and Dennis present, when no recommendation could be, or was, made.

After a long discussion it was decided to allow the committee to bring in a report, and then the board will act upon it.

An Ultra Militarist. Mayor Graham referred to what he termed as the ultra military spirit of Col. Hughes, and hoped that nothing would be done by the board to embarrass the city in its scheme to get a federal square and a grant from the Government.

"I understand Col. Hughes' information came from the conversations of certain members of the board on the streets," said his worship, "and I can't see why the board should be opposed to accepting a grant for prizes under the Strathcona trust. It would be ill-advised to say positively you would have nothing to do with the prizes at this time."

An Absolute Denial.

"I think I can positively inform the mayor," said Trustee Inkster, "that there is absolutely no ground for this action of the Minister of Militia. As chairman of the committee which had the matter under consideration, I can tell him that no action has as yet been taken by the committee, much less by the board. Messrs. Gammage and Hunt were unable to be at the meeting when the question came up, and as a consequence Mr. Dennis and myself did nothing but discuss it in a most informal way. We could not commit the board. The only question brought up was that of physical training in the schools. The question of accepting prizes is a secondary consideration."

The mayor interposed to say that the Strathcona fund was formed with good intentions and that the board should look upon it in that light.

"Might I ask the mayor," said Trustee Inkster, "how the information came to reach Col. Hughes, that the board had turned down the offer of prizes for cadets in London?"

"That might be rather hard to learn," declared his worship.

"I cannot see how it ever got to him in that manner," Mr. Inkster continued, "as nothing whatever had been done."

Considering the Prizes.

Trustee Dennis was in favor of ac-

cepting the money offered for physical drill in the public schools, and also for military training and rifle practice in the Collegiate.

"The whole thing is the sheerest gossip," said Trustee Inkster. "I do not think we should take any notice of it."

Trustee Wyckoff moved that the sum of \$81.25 be accepted for physical training in the public schools.

In reply to a question, Inspector Edwards said the acceptance of the money for prizes for the cadets was not compulsory, but he said the schools in all other places were taking the money from the Strathcona trust.

"I move that the money be accepted for physical training," said Trustee Teasdale, "and that the money for military training and rifle practice be refused."

"That's my motion," declared Trustee Wyckoff.

Laid Over.

Finally it was decided to leave the matter over, so that the special committee can meet today and make a recommendation which the board of education will deal with at a special meeting to be held at once, as action must be taken on the question before the 15th of December.

LADIES ARE ACCOSTED BY NERVY STRANGERS

Complaint Is Made of Insults
On the Street to Sheriff
Cameron.

Sheriff Cameron stated yesterday that a number of complaints have been made to him lately in regard to unknown men stopping women on the streets at night and offering them company. This morning the wife of a well-known citizen called on the sheriff and told him that she had been accosted by a man in front of Dr. Eccles' residence on Queen's avenue.

Several other complaints have been made by domestic and other young women as to men stopping them on Waterloo street and Queen's avenue within the last week.

The sheriff stated that at present nothing can be done, as those accosted have been unable to give a description of the men, but he promises in case an arrest is made that the miscreant will be dealt with very severely. Several of the ladies had to ask the protection of passersby, when the men immediately departed.

Although as yet there has been no connection made between the accosters and the man who tried to persuade a number of young girls at Talbot street school to enter his burg, it would not be a great surprise if it was ascertained that the Talbot street person is mixed up in the other cases.

FOUR LIVES LOST.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 3.—The three-masted schooner Ethel B. Summer, laden with scuttling, went ashore a little after midnight during the heavy storm, near

the breakwater at Waterside, Albert County, and four lives were lost, of the drowned as follows:
A Transcript bulletin gives the names: Captain Wesley Patterson, Shuleens; Fred Sterling, West Sackville, first mate; Horace State, Shuleens, unmarried, second mate; Joseph Hopkins, West Sackville, sailor.

NEW FIRE DIRECTOR FAILS IN THE TEST

Old System on the Thunderer
Proves Better Than Scott's
Method on Orion.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Dec. 4.—A London cable says: Much interest is taken by naval men throughout the world in the tests now being carried out by the British admiralty of the new fire director invented by Admiral Sir Percy Scott, who first achieved renown by devising the carriage on which the naval guns were taken to Ladysmith.

Reports hitherto current, based on early tests of Sir Percy's fire director had been altogether favorable, the invention being said to have increased the percentage of hits to such a degree that British supremacy in gun-firing was assured.

No little surprise, consequently, was caused yesterday by a report that in the special tests now being made by the admiralty, Admiral Scott's invention failed to achieve anything like the results previously claimed for it.

H. M. S. Thunderer, fitted with the new director system of firing, and the Orion, fitted with the ordinary naval fire control, took part in a competition, in which the Orion was successful. The firing took place at ten thousand yards. The Orion completely smashed the target, while the Thunderer, in the first three salvoes of ten shots each, failed to find it. In the last two salvoes her shells went home and shattered it. In a previous trial, which took place on Nov. 18, the Thunderer completely beat the Orion, making 50 per cent or more hits against the Orion's 10 per cent at 1,000 yards in a heavy sea.

INLAND REVENUE RETURNS

Total For Month of November in London Is \$51,790.18.

The inland revenue figures for the month of November total \$51,790.18. The amount is made up by the following:

Cigars, ex-factory, \$7,005.02; cigars, ex-warehouse, \$2,688; spirits, ex-warehouse, \$8,449.50; malt, ex-warehouse, \$6,035.75; methylated spirits, \$184.18; raw leaf, \$27,426.98; other revenues, 72 cents.

LOCAL OPTION

At a meeting of the ministers of London Township, held in the Y. M. C. A. building, London, recently, it was decided to request the ministers of London Township to arrange for an exchange of pulpits for Sunday, Dec. 8, and from each pulpit to present the interests of local option.

The following have reported their intention to comply with the above request:

Rev. J. W. Herbert, of Bryanston, exchanges with Rev. E. A. Sham, Fanshawe.

Rev. Dr. Nixon, with Rev. John Hosie, London Junction.

Rev. Dr. Munro, of Arva, with Rev. C. J. Moorhouse, of Birr.

Rev. W. H. Geddes, of Ailsa Craig, with Rev. T. E. Meldrum, of Denfield.

Rev. W. J. Steeves, of Egerton Street, London, with Rev. S. Salton, of Arva.

KIDNEYS WERE SO SORE

DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

GRAVEL AND SMALL STONES PASSED THROUGH THE URINE.

One of the most painful forms of kidney disease is Gravel or Stone in the Bladder, and is caused by the acid and lime in the blood uniting and forming a gritty substance which lodges in the inner surfaces of the kidneys or bladder, and sets up a painful irritation.

To relieve these terrible pains it is necessary to keep the kidneys healthy for healthy kidneys secrete fluids that dissolve the gravel and stones, and they pass out through the urine harmlessly and without pain.

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Tunnel Town News

DETECTIVE ACTON IS OFF TO PORCUPINE

Provincial Officer Will Aid in
Keeping Striking Miners
Under Control.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 4.—Provincial Detective Acton received word today to report to Superintendent Rogers today in full uniform. Mr. Acton will be sent up into the Porcupine to the scene of the miners' strike there.

He also received a letter from his departmental head relative to the investigation recently held here over the arrest of the Police, Frank Malton. The Attorney-General concurs with Superintendent Rogers in stating that Mr. Acton was justified in the action he took.

PREPARING PLANS FOR A MOORING HARBOR

Improvements Will Be Immense Advantage in Lake Traffic.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 4.—The Government engineers, who have been making a survey of Sarnia Bay and preparing plans for the establishment of a mooring harbor here, have returned to the district office at Windsor. It is understood that the plans call for a letter "E" shaped wharf, that will accommodate a considerable number of vessels.

It is also stated that a Grand Trunk truck will be run out on the backbone of the "E" to facilitate the unloading and loading of the boats.

If the plans are put through by the Government it will prove a great boon to the marine interests of both the United States and Canada.

TUG COLLIDED WITH PORT HURON BRIDGE

Boat Escaped But the Bridge
Was Very Seriously
Damaged.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 3.—The tug Thompson, towing the barge Howland, collided with the bridge at the entrance of Black River in Port Huron last evening. The tug did not have sufficient power to swing the barge clear of the bridge and a smash-up resulted, which damaged the abutment of the structure considerably, but did not seriously damage the Howland.

Early this morning a vessel rammed the pontoon bridge over the same river in the same city, and put it out of commission. The bridge, a temporary affair, constructed near the ferry dock, to be used while a new steel structure is erected.

The accident has caused no small inconvenience to Sarnia people, who work in Port Huron, or who go over there shopping.

FIREMEN KEPT BUSY.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Dec. 3.—The local fire department was called out three times today to answer alarms of fire. The first call came in about 2:30 o'clock this morning, and the other two this afternoon. The fires were not serious.

COUNTY COUNCIL

In New Building for First Time Since the Fire.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 4.—The December session of the Lambton County Council opened yesterday afternoon in the remodelled county building. This is the first time that the councillors have convened in the building since the fire last spring that nearly destroyed the structure. The interior decorating is nearing completion, and from present indications promises to be both attractive and sanitary. The council chamber itself is at present about two-thirds completed. The session this afternoon lasted about an hour, and was more of a preliminary to the business to follow than anything else. The meeting adjourned until today, when the councillors will get down to business.

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Ladies' Gold-Filled Five-Stone Pearl Ring, 14k. Were \$5.00, now.....\$3.75
Ladies' Gold-Filled Birthday Ring, 10k. Were \$1.00, now.....75¢
Ladies' Gold-Filled Heavy Ring, 10k. Were \$2.00, now.....\$1.50
Ladies' Gold-Filled Signet Ring, 10k. Were \$1.50, now.....\$1.15
Gents' Gold-Filled Signet Ring, 10k. Were \$3.00, now.....\$2.25

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