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Serious Charges.

Headmaster Liddicoat Sustained in His Actions.

A Suit Entered Against Mr. Chapman for Libel.

The Accuser Apologizes and the Committee Passed a Resolution Exonerating the Accused of All Blame.

The committee appointed to investigate the charges against W. H. Liddicoat, head master of the London West public school, which were made by Mr. John Chapman at the last meeting of the village school board, met last night to hear and consider the evidence, pro and con. The committee included Wm. J. Robinson, Hugh McPherson, G. B. Cooper (secretary) and Charles Paul (chairman).

Outside in the hall and around the gate and yard played a number of the school children, who had been asked to attend as witnesses. While inside with the committee were Mr. John Chapman and his daughter Pearl, a young and handsome girl of 15 years, toward whom the teacher had been accused of harsh treatment. Mr. Liddicoat sat at the table with the school register and a package of notes and letters before him.

After reading a note from Mr. Glover, in which he stated his inability to attend, Mr. Cooper read the following communication: "To the Trustees of London West School:

"Gentlemen, I wish to state to your honorable body that your head teacher, Mr. Liddicoat, has driven my daughter Pearl from school by his inhuman and ungentlemanly treatment."

"I inhuman treatment by making her stand out in the cold hall one hour when the thermometer stood eight degrees below freezing point, whereby she caught a severe cold, had a sore throat, and was ill for over a week as a result."

"2. Tyrannical treatment, generally to vent his temper on her for mere trifles. In fact, terrifying the child so much that she stood in constant fear and dread of him; that the girl would not know what she was doing while in his presence."

"3. Casting sneering sturs and insinuations on her conduct or character when away from school, which the teacher has no business with whatever. Yours truly,

"JOHN CHAPMAN."

Evidence to sustain the first charge was nil. Miss Pearl's statement was that it was a little colder in the hall than in the room, but just how much she didn't know.

Roy Smith's evidence was that as a rule it was as warm in the hall as in the room.

Ralph Gibson said he had been sent to the hall for twenty minutes one day, and he found it to be about as warm one place as the other.

Mr. Woods, the janitor, said he took readings of the thermometer very frequently, and it ranged between 50 and 70 degrees in the morning and afternoon school hours. During school hours it ranged about 60, and certainly was not lower than that on the day in question, and often higher.

Mr. Lockett gave evidence of a similar character, showing the hall to be nearly as warm as the room.

Mr. Chapman then owned up to the fact that it was hardly so cold as that even had it been so cold outside, it must have been warmer in the hall. Asked regarding the date, Mr. Chapman said it was on Nov. 10. Other evidence went to show that the hall was warm on this date.

Continuing, Mr. Chapman said he had no intention of making any charge against the master, but that Mr. Glover, the chairman of the school board, had gone to him and told him that he (Mr. Glover) was not satisfied, and advised him to push the charges which they were now investigating.

When the first charge fell through some of the committee were inclined to let the matter drop.

done. Both teacher and scholar talked regarding the high school entrance only a few days before, when the little girl seemed specially friendly. He had asked Miss Pearl one day the cause of her absence from school. She replied, illness, and said the cause of that had been a party the night before, which broke up at a late hour, and when she told him this he had said it was no wonder she had "the disposition." Miss Pearl was a favorite. He had said one day when her arithmetic had been bad, "that she might know a great deal about some things, but there were others of which she knew nothing." Mr. Liddicoat read the following letter, which he received from the girl one week previous to her leaving school:

"London West, Jan. 19, 1897.
"Mr. Liddicoat: Dear Sir,—I am very sorry if I have given you any trouble, and I will try and turn over a new leaf and be a better girl if you will help me.

"PEARL CHAPMAN."
Mr. Cooper expressed himself as sorry that Mr. Chapman had been foolishly induced to bring the charges without looking further into them. He thought that the matter was best left alone, and declined to waste time going on with the investigation.

Mr. Liddicoat said the matter would come up in another court, as last Saturday he had entered proceedings against Mr. Chapman for libel. The charges had been circulated broadcast through the land, and unless reparation was made the case would go on.

Mr. Chapman—I am quite willing to make the apology, if Mr. Liddicoat is willing to accept it.

Mr. Liddicoat—I will have to consider that. I will have to consult my lawyer, and see if proceedings can be withdrawn.

Mr. Cooper—I feel sure, if Mr. Chapman had looked into the matter, the charges would not have been made. Messrs. McPherson and Robinson had never heard any complaint against the principal, and had always heard him referred to in very high terms. They failed to find the least thing to sustain the charge. They thought that Mr. Glover should be censured for the part he had taken in the matter, and that Mr. Chapman was very unwise to make such serious charges without sufficient reason.

Mr. Liddicoat said he had been a teacher in London West for nine years, and had taught for the long period of seventeen years, during which time he had looked upon his scholars as his own brothers and sisters, trying always to avoid anything that would in any way terrify the children. If Mr. Chapman meant what he said, one of the first things to be done was for Pearl to take her place in the class, and if she did that, it would be an indication of his sincerity. He had no ill-feelings, and was not a man of war. If Mr. Chapman declined to send Pearl back the apology was only "a tinkling cymbal," and meant nothing.

Mr. Cooper was sorry the matter had come up at all, and did not want to see it go any further. He said Mr. Glover told him that he (Mr. Glover) did not intend to bring any charges against Mr. Liddicoat, and was satisfied to let it drop. If the charges had gone broadcast through the country, so would Mr. Chapman's apology.

A motion passed instructing the secretary to draw up a report of the charges, honorably acquitting Mr. Liddicoat, explaining the board's regret, and censuring Mr. Glover. The committee will meet again next week to hear the report.

Petrolea Pickings.

Wedding at the Residence of Mr. Donald Morrison.

A Man Knabbed in the Act of Jumping His Board Bill.

Mr. John McKenzie Reappointed Treasurer—Petroleas Doing Well in Their Rossland Ventures.

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Petrolea, Feb. 11.—There was a quiet wedding in Petrolea on Tuesday, at the residence of Mr. Donald Morrison, father of the bride, when Mr. Wm. D. Chambers, of Ingersoll, was married to Miss Wilhelmina (Tina) Morrison, Rev. J. McRobie officiating. The bride was attired in cream cashmere and lace, and carried bouquet of pink and white carnations and smilax, and was attended by her niece, Miss Katie Morrison, as maid of honor. Only the immediate relatives were present. A number of choice presents evidenced the popularity of the young couple among a wide circle of friends, and Mrs. Chambers left on the afternoon train amid showers of rice and good wishes for their future home in Ingersoll.

Many friends of Mr. George Morrison will regret to learn of his continued illness, the result of a severe attack of the grip. It is hoped, with the approach of warm weather, Mr. Morrison will improve. His son is expected in a day or two from Australia.

Mr. John Carmichael has been appointed waterworks commissioner. Mr. John McKenzie, who has been town assessor for a number of years, was reappointed again for this year.

Rev. John McRobie will preach anniversary sermons in the Presbyterian Church at Bridgen on Sunday.

At the last meeting of the School Board it was decided to build a four-room brick school house to replace the one burned at the east end lately. The Beaver mine at Rossland, purchased by a Petrolea syndicate, is showing up well.

Messrs. Cameron and McKittick have been placed on the board of directors of a mine called the Rossland, on which a dividend of half a cent has been claimed.

Dr. Lindsay, of Stratford, was in town yesterday, looking after his oil interests.

Mr. D. Churchill was in London yesterday.

Mr. T. Passingham, who reported for the Petrolea Advertiser, is in the employ of Mr. A. E. Shaughnessy's law office.

Mr. Arthur Broderick, of St. Thomas, is relieving Mr. James McHattie, M. C. assessor.

Mrs. Ed. Marshall, who has been very ill, is fast improving.

Mr. George Dale, druggist, of Court-right, was in town yesterday.

Mr. Carl Abell has started as student at the M. C. R. station.

Mr. Henry Watson, who has been clerking in Strret's departmental store, returned to Sarnia on Tuesday. A large number of outside people attended the bachelors' ball last evening, which was a success.

expects to play a return match with Sarnia, at Sarnia, next week.

The Galt Curling Club is expected here next week.

A large crowd enjoyed the skating at Columbus rink last night.

Mr. Thomas Fadden is laid up with inflammatory rheumatism.

A pleasant evening was spent by a large number at Mr. Fred Wolfe's residence on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Lamont, "traveler for millinery," was in town yesterday.

Several of the Masonic fraternity visited Watford yesterday to attend a degree of instruction held there. The brethren returned home today, and report a very pleasant and instructive time.

Mr. A. E. White, of The London Advertiser, is in town increasing the circulation.

A large crowd from here took in the hockey match between Sarnia and Stratford last night at Sarnia.

Mr. James E. Sleight, who has been conducting a drifting school here for some time at the Tecumseh House, tried to jump his board bill in the middle of last night. He was caught in the act of letting his trunks and stuff down the fire escapes by Constable Ferguson, who arrested him. He appeared in court yesterday morning, having to pay his board bill and a fine.

Tankard Finals.

Lindsay Wins the Ontario Trophy, Defeating Hamilton.

Carson to Be the Scene of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Fight.

Local Baseball Gossip—Trap Shooting and Other Sporting Matters.

LINDSAY TAKES THE ONTARIO TROPHY.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—The third round in the finals for the Ontario curling tankard was played today at the Victoria rink. The figures for the semi-final round are as follows: Lindsay 42, Sarnia 24; Hamilton Victorias 41, Brantford 40.

The results of the consolation matches were: Collingwood beat Scarborough, 31 to 33; Queen City (Toronto) beat Chatham 46 to 40.

The final round in the Ontario tankard tournament was concluded in the evening between Lindsay and the Hamilton Victorias, resulting in the winning of the tankard by Lindsay, for the first time, by 47 to 31.

CHATHAM WINS.

Chatham, Feb. 11.—Tonight at the City Curling Club, three rinks of Windsor's crack players were defeated, the score standing 55 to 22 in favor of Chatham.

THE WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 10.—The play in the curling bonspiel narrowed down to six rinks—Pittblende, of Winnipeg; Grantville, D. C. McArthur, of Winnipeg; Thistles; Spaulding, of Portage la Prairie; McKenzie, of Winnipeg; Thistles; and the Winnipeg Assiniboines. Eight rinks are left in the Walkerville event. They are: Knight, of Brandon; R. G. McDonald, of Winnipeg; Thistles; H. A. McDonald, of Winnipeg; Assiniboines; Verner, of Winnipeg; Grantville; and the Winnipeg Assiniboines.

The Duluth rink scored two victories yesterday, winning both the Duluth International and Patterson cup events.

SHOTS.

President D. L. Carley and Vice-President Charles Conney, of the Windsor Curling Club, had the club match of five rinks a side for a supper for the members. The president lost, and last night he gave the members of the club a party, followed by a supper at the Crawford.

HOCKEY.

STRAITFORD WINS. Sarnia, Feb. 11.—A friendly game of hockey was played last night at St. Andrew's rink between Stratford and Sarnia. The visitors won by a score of 6 to 3.

GUELPH WINS.

Stratford, Feb. 12.—Listowel and Guelph junior hockey clubs played their semi-final game in the Ontario Hockey Association series last evening, resulting in favor of Guelph 5 goals to 4.

AMATEURS.

"KID HUTCH" DESTROYED. A good exhibition of boxing was given last night at Lemmon's boxing academy. Several bouts of a very interesting character took place. Arthur Atkins and Sam Fox mixed up in a three-round contest to initiate the business. Jennings Jenkins and Bob Moore went at it next, and were followed by Dick Jones and Frank Willis. The latter two men were fairly matched, and kept one another guessing in the third round. Jones let out on Willis' face, and knocked out a tooth. The final bout was a six-round "go" between "Kid Hutch" and Alf Grant. "Kid" was kept on the jump from start to finish, and is an expert at getting out of the way and dodging heavy blows. Grant had the best of it all the way through, and forced Hutch to the ropes in every round. Before the closing round, Hutch was sponged. Jack Stewart acted as master of ceremonies in his usual good style.

CARSON WINS.

Carson, Nevada, Feb. 11.—Carson will have the fight, Dan Stuart has so announced.

BLOWS.

Arrangements have been completed for a twenty-round contest between "Shadow" Maber and Buffalo Costello, of Montreal, for the championship of Canada at Toronto, on March 29.

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guardian with the Maple Leafs, has signed to play the coming season with the Toronto team of the New Southwestern League. This makes four of Guelph's last season's team to have signed for the coming season. Guelph's best record of a "century" was made in 15 hours and 50 minutes, with a rest of 23 minutes at the end of the first 23 minutes.

THE WHEEL.
A WOMAN'S RECORD. Those interested in bicycling will be surprised to learn that Miss S. A. Reinhardt, of Denver, Col., has ridden in the year 1896 over 17,000 miles, including three doubles and 116 single "centuries." Her best record of a double "century" was made in 15 hours and 50 minutes, with a rest of 23 minutes at the end of the first 23 minutes.

PRESIDENT OF THE L. A. W. Albany, Feb. 12.—At the afternoon session of the L. A. W., Isaac B. Potter, of New York, was elected president.

THE KENNEL. Owen Sound Advertiser: "A mastiff dog belonging to Mr. Burrows, bill-poster, and a Newfoundland, owned by Dr. Brown, had a couple of rounds in Moore went at it next, and were followed by Dick Jones and Frank Willis. The latter two men were fairly matched, and kept one another guessing in the third round. Jones let out on Willis' face, and knocked out a tooth. The final bout was a six-round "go" between "Kid Hutch" and Alf Grant. "Kid" was kept on the jump from start to finish, and is an expert at getting out of the way and dodging heavy blows. Grant had the best of it all the way through, and forced Hutch to the ropes in every round. Before the closing round, Hutch was sponged. Jack Stewart acted as master of ceremonies in his usual good style.

THE THROGER. INTERNATIONAL GAME LAW. Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 12.—The third annual meeting of the National Game Board and Fish Protective Association is being held in this city. Among the principal matters to be considered is a uniform game law for the United States and Canada.

A friendly trap shooting match took place yesterday afternoon on the Ho-

Buffalo and Other American Firms Aiding the Oil Boom. Mr. B. H. Hart, late of Bothwell, has arrived in the city on his way north. Mr. Hart states that the people of Lambton county and vicinity are experiencing an oil boom of more than a dozen years ago. Buffalo and other American firms, as well as Canadians, are securing the land available for drilling purposes, and a great many farmers are going in for oil instead of agriculture.—Baileville Sun.

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