BIG BATCH OF BUSINESS

Handled by the Board of Education.

Mr. W. L. Libby, of Cobourg, Appointed English Master.

Delinquent Janitors "Hauled Over the Coals"—Complaints About Fuel—Readjustment of the Teaching Staff.

The members of the Board of Education handled a large amount of business last evening, spending four hours in committee. Special meetings of Committees No. 1 and No. 2 were held, besides a full meeting of the Board for purposes hereinafter explained. When No. 2 Committee was called to order the following were present: Trustees Turner (chairman), Cook, Childs, Brady, Craig, Dewar, City Engineer Tracy, Inspector Boyle and Secretary Abbott.

Inspector Boyle reported an unsatisfactory working of the Smead-Dowd system in Waterloo north school.

The Talbot street school janitor was raked over the coals because he had neglected to provide himself with kindling wood one morning, thereby giving the children a half holiday, while at the same time he had an order in his pocket for the required wood. Trustee Childs said the janitress at Lorne avenue school had committed the same offense.

The accounts of Contractors Reed ($545 20) for repairing seats, and Tytler ($256 36) for extras, were passed.

Contractor Purdom's accounts as follows were passed: For Maple avenue, $108 72; Askin street, $202 19, and Waterloo north, $313 15. Other accounts were dealt with and passed, and among them that of Wm. Hayman for Lorne avenue, $203. The account of Murray Bros. ($14) for extras was laid over and that of Colerick Bros. passed.

Mr. Maurice Baldwin defended himself against the charge of providing poor coal in the Talbot street school. He maintained that the quality of the coal was first-class; it was the fault of the janitor, who did not know how to work the furnace. Trustee Childs was satisfied with the five carloads designed for school purposes that he had examined. The committee decided to pass the account.

Head Master Wilson, of Waterloo north school, asked if principals had the power to send away coal if they found it inferior.

Trustee Childs said if he himself passed coal as satisfactory he wasn't going to be over-ruled by head masters or anybody else.

Trustee Dewar wished to call attention to the fact that the water pipe in Freeman school, South London, had burst; also to the general state of the plumbing. The matters will be attended to.

Head Master Wilson complained of the bad system of ventilating in some of the old rooms in Waterloo north school; the leakage of the roof, which disfigured the walls, and the loose state of the seats. The engineer was instructed to communicate with the Smead Company regarding the ventilation. The other troubles will be rectified.

Chairman Turner thought Overseer Dodds should be dismissed.

A motion asking the dismissal of the Talbot street school janitor occupied over fifteen minutes in discussing as to the culpability of the offender. Trustee Dewar thought it was nonsense for Principal Stewart to allow the whole school to be dismissed. The pupils might have played around till the rooms were warmed. The motion was carried.

Trustee Childs' motion, that the Lorne avenue school janitress be dismissed and a new one appointed was carried.

A motion was made that the janitress of the Waterloo north school also indefinitely suspend her connection with the Board. The principal of the school said the work had been satisfactory enough, although most of it was done by the janitress' son. Trustee Dewar considered she had ignored the committee entirely in not appearing before them when notified to do so. The matter was finally left to the chairman to report.

THE NEW ENGLISH MASTER.

In the meantime the members of No. 1 Committee had been assidnously applying themselves to the passing of accounts. A joint meeting was held, the principal object being to select a person to fill the vacant position of English master in the Collegiate Institute, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Libby. There were a number of applications, but three names had been decided on as the most suitable candidates. On ballot Mr. W. L. Libby, B.A., of Cobourg, brother of the recent master, was appointed at a salary of $1,000 per year. The name of Miss Louise Ryckman, B.A., of Norwood, formerly of this city, and a lady who has taken the highest honors and the Governor-General's gold and silver medals for general proficiency, was most favorably spoken of, and had it not been for her lack of actual teaching experience, she would doubtless have been successful.

The consideration of recommendations prepared by the above meeting of No. 2 Committee, was laid over until the next general meeting.

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

This concluded the business of the full Board, but No. 1 went at it again, with the following present: Trustees Stephenson (chairman), Jeffers, Jeffery, Yates, Johnston, Rowlands, Tanton, Inspector Boyle, Secretary Abbott, Messrs. R. M. Graham, R. A. Little and others. A seemingly interminable number of accounts were passed.

Modern Language Master Somerville, of the Collegiate Institute, desired to refute statements which had reached the Board respecting his efficiency. He read statements showing the success of his pupils in examinations and recommendations from inspectors and others. The committee thought it better to await Principal Merchant's advent and let that gentleman form an opinion on Mr. Somerville's qualification.

Mr. John Bland's communication asking why recesses had been abolished at the Talbot street school, and complaining of the same, was laid over.

Professor Mounteer's letter in re teaching elocution in the schools was filed.

Head Master R. M. Graham's communication respecting readjustment of school teachers in Simcoe street and Hamilton road schools was taken up.

The transfer of Miss Hattie Buckle from the Simcoe street school to the Hamilton road school was ratified and she was appointed to the senior third class.

It was decided that Misses Cannell and Dunbar be appointed to the senior and junior third classes respectively in Simcoe street school.

Miss Hall was placed in the senior second class of the Hamilton road school and a few other necessary changes in the teaching staff of the schools were made.

Acting Principal Little submitted a list of some geographical supplies needed at the Collegiate Institute. The committee will recommend the articles to be purchased. On motion of Trustee Johnston the school report for the year is to be prepared as early in January as possible. A number of applications for increase of salary were laid over. The entrance examinations will be held in Simcoe street school this year, so the committee decided. The hour was growing late and the members sleepy, in consideration of which the proceedings were wound up at 11:25 p.m.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

SARNIA.

Musical and dramatic entertainments will be held at the convent Dec. 22 and 23.

A new time table came into force on the Erie and Huron the first of the week. The only change here is that the morning train leaves at 7:40 instead of 7.30.

The December session of the County Council began Tuesday.

Rev. A. J. Vining will preach in the Baptist Church here next Sunday, morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. C. C. McLaurin, goes to Wallaceburg to preach anniversary sermons.

Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, Albert Baldwin, employed at the tunnel approach, was killed by being struck in the chest by a large lump of clay that fell from the steam shovel. He came here about six weeks ago from Iroquois, Que.

County Court and General Sessions opened Tuesday, Judge Mackenzie presiding.

The Board of Education has valued our school property at $57,000.

The Sarnia Rescue Hook and Ladder Company will hold its 22nd annual ball in the Town Hall on New Year's Eve.

The Sarnia Dancing Club will give an assembly in the Town Hall on Dec. 17.

Col. J. S. Farrar, late U. S. consul at this port, has been made an honorary member of the Sarnia Curling Club.

Frank Thomas is a candidate for reelection as councilor for the Fourth ward.

Messrs. McCauley and Ford, of Toronto, are here taking orders for the autoharp, a musical instrument with which everybody seems to be delighted.

A committee of the Board of Health is drafting a milk bylaw for presentation to the Council.

Sunday evening Rev. Thos. Cullen, of the Methodist Church, will speak on "General Booth's Scheme for the Salvation of London's Poor."

CHATHAM.

The Cosgrave family will appear in the Grand on Monday evening, Dec. 15. See advertisement in another column.

Sir Richard Cartwright will appear at the Grand on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, to address the electors on the general issues of the day. On the following Thursday he will speak in the Blenheim Opera House. Both meetings will start at 7:30 sharp. Those wanting to hear the speaker had better be prompt.

The West Kent Farmers' Institute will be at the Town Hall, Chatham Center, on Dec. 18, when a discussion on the beet-sugar question will take place. A meeting will also be held in Harrison Hall on Friday next, by the Board of Trade and the County Council, to discuss the same question.

Do not forget that "Bleak House" will be in the Grand to-night.

WINDSOR.

WINDSOR, Dec. 11.—At the County Court Sessions, being held at Sandwich, before Judge Horne, the grand jury found no bill in the case of Ald. Egan, charged with stealing money from the Windsor Postoffice.

Six weeks ago Oliver Peters, colored, aged 35, came to the Crawford House as second cook. He slept in a frame building in rear of the hotel, where there was no stove. Tuesday night he took an iron pot, filled it with charcoal and bituminous coal, lighted a fire and went to sleep. When the door was forced yesterday morning Peters was found dead. He was a member of Washington Unity of Oddfellows, who will take charge of the body.

The Detroit News of last evening says: A natural gas well was some time ago located on a farm owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Wigle, between Ruthven and Leamington. Mrs. Wigle, who is unable to either read or write, gave a lease of the farm to a proposed gas company, of which Wm. McGregor, a prominent resident of Windsor, was a member. The company alleges that Mrs. Wigle also gave it a deed to the farm; but a little later Lewis Wigle and Rob. Brown, the former a brother-in-law and the latter a son-in-law of the original owner, turned up with a lease to the farm. The gas company took the matter into court, and asked to have the lease held by Wigle and Brown set aside, which was acceded to, and the matter seemed to drop. Yesterday afternoon, however, the town was almost toppled over by the announcement that a constable had arrived from Kingsville with a warrant for the arrest of Wm. McGregor on a charge of forging the name of Mrs. Wigle to the deed of the farm held by the gas company. He was not locked up, but merely announced that he would appear before the grand jury whenever called.

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