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MR. SMITH'S CASE

County Board of Examiners take
up on its Merits

A Representative Delegation Asks for
Clemency—The Documents in
the Case.

The County Board of Examiners met this morning in the council chambers, Harrison Hall, as announced in The Planet, to consider the matter of the suspension of Principal T. C. Smith, of the Central school. There were present, the chairman, Rev. W. H. G. Colles, Rev. Dr. McColl, Inspector Robt. Park and Secretary Hugh McColl. Among the audience were noticed Mayor Smith, J. A. Wilson, chairman Public school board; Trustees W. N. Morley, W. E. Hamilton, B. A. Chas. Austin, Dr. Thornton, Dr. Mullan and others.

The chairman pointed out that the board met under section 78 of the Public School Act, and copies of the communications of Inspector McColl suspending Mr. Smith's certificate were read.

The chairman said it would be the duty of the board to go over the case from beginning to end, and asked Dr. McColl for the statement of suspension.

The following statement was then presented to the board:—

INSPECTOR McCOLL'S REPORT.

In the matter of the suspension of the certificate of qualification of Mr. T. C. Smith, principal of the Central school, Chatham.

I, Angus McColl, inspector of public schools for the City of Chatham, did on the 14th day of July, 1900, suspend the certificate of the said T. C. Smith for the following reasons, namely, that at the examination of the papers of the candidates at the High school entrance examination, held at Chatham on the 27th, 28th and 29th days of June, 1900, it became apparent that the pupils of the Central school had a prior knowledge of what the questions for examination in some of the subjects would be, and upon further enquiry into the matter, evidence was found which showed that said T. C. Smith had obtained knowledge of the said questions, and had instructed his pupils in accordance with his knowledge. Furthermore, that in a letter to the board of examination, he, the said Smith, confessed that he had broken into the bag containing the question papers (the said bag being entrusted to him as presiding examiner at Dresden) and illegally opened the envelopes containing the questions set for the examination and communicated to his pupils his knowledge of them. I, thereupon, by the power vested in me by the statutes that behalf, suspended his certificate and submit the matter to the county board of examiners for consideration, under sec. 78, S.S. 8, school act, 1893.

A. McColl,
Public School Inspector.

Chatham, July 21st, 1900.
Mr. Smith himself was not present, but sent the following communication:—

LETTER FROM MR. SMITH.

Chatham, July 25, 1900.

Rev. A. McColl,
P. S. Inspector,
City.

Dear Sir,—I have received your letter of July 14th, notifying me of the suspension of my certificate and also one giving notice of the meeting of the county board to consider such suspension.

As I have already acknowledged to the public school board and the board of examiners that I am guilty of the breach of trust which you give as your reason for suspending my certificate and as your board is in possession of all the facts of the case there is nothing left for me to do but await your decision. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

T. C. SMITH.

The following correspondence was then read and filed:—

FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

Education Department,
Toronto, July 20, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I am instructed by the Minister of Education to acknowledge your letter of July 14th inst., in which it is intimated that you have suspended the certificate of Mr. T. C. Smith, principal of the County Model school, under the authority vested in you as inspector by section 78 (7) of the Public School Act. Doubtless you have since acted under the provisions of sub-section 8 of the same section of the statute, and you will kindly inform the minister at an early date, of the decision of the County Board of Examiners.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN MILLAR,
Deputy Minister.

A. McColl, Esq.,
Public School Inspector,
Chatham, Ont.

ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

Chatham, July 21st, 1900.

The Honorable, the Minister of Education, Toronto, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., relating to the suspension of the certificate of Mr. T. C. Smith, and in reply beg to state that a meeting of the board of examiners has been called to consider the same on Tuesday, the 24th inst.

The difficulties before the board of examiners are that Sec. 78, sub-section 8, of the public schools act, 1893, says, "that the board are to consider the suspension, and that the decision of the board shall be final." In the case before the board that whole fraud and violation of the regulations is confessed. There is no pretence whatever that there was justification for the act. The thing asked for is mercy. Under the circumstances: 1.—Must the board not find the suspension justified? 2.—Has the board the power, the suspension being justified, in re-

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response to petitions from citizens, the board of trustees, and others, to deal leniently with the culprit, making such suspension merely nominal, i.e., removing it before the opening of the school in September. This is the tenor of all the petitions in his behalf. We would like, if possible, to receive your answer by Tuesday, to be used at our meeting.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

A. McColl.

THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.

Education Department,
Toronto, July 24, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I am directed by the Minister of Education to state in reply to your letter of 21st inst., that as mentioned in his telegram of this date, your action in suspending Mr. T. C. Smith's certificate was clearly justified, and under these circumstances there is no reason why the County Board of Examiners should not sustain your decision. If the board should sustain the suspension, Mr. Smith will no longer hold a legal certificate of qualification.

While it might be desirable to show mercy in response to petitions made on behalf of the teacher, it should not be overlooked that the question of restoring the certificate is a matter of the teaching profession. The importance of having the public interests properly safeguarded would not justify the case of one who had violated an important trust.

Your obedient servant,
JOHN MILLAR,
Deputy Minister.

Rev. A. McColl, Chatham, Ont.

On the permission of the chairman short answers to the questions asked by Mr. Smith, were heard from Dr. Thornton, Dr. Mullan, Chas. Austin, J. A. Wilson, W. N. Morley and the Mayor. Mr. Wilson presented the Government correspondence with the school board and a petition from the citizens asking clemency.

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SECOND MESSAGE

Received From United States
Minister Conger at Pekin.

There is a Suspicion, However, That
It May be a Forgery—American
Cipher Code Broken.

Washington, July 25.—The following cablegram has been received at the navy department from Che Foo, July 24:

"Written message, signed Conger, dated July 4, received at Tien Tsin, 21st, says: 'Been besieged two weeks in British legation. Grave danger of general massacre by Chinese soldiers, who are shelling legation daily. Relief soon if at all. City without government except by Chinese army. Determined massacre all foreigners. Pekin. Entry relief forces into city probably be hotly contested.'"

The message comes from Capt. Charles M. Thomas, commander of the Brooklyn.

The state department has received a cablegram from Consul McWade, at Canton, saying that Viceroy Tak gives assurances that all the foreign envoys at Pekin were alive and well on July 22.

A discussion of the authenticity of Minister Conger's message developed the fact that several years ago, a copy of the State Department cipher code disappeared, and has never been recovered. These code books are numbered and receipted for when placed in

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

The Japanese Government has taken steps to restrict immigration to Canada to ten emigrants per month from each prefecture, of which there are 47.

Joseph Roy, employed at Plantagenet Station, on the C. P. R., attended a wedding, and returning home fell asleep on the track and was killed by a passing express train.

L. H. Scott, of Hamilton, who saved the life of a Miss Verschoyle, of Los Angeles a year or so ago, has been notified that that lady left him \$7,000 at her death, which occurred recently.

Stories regarding the shabby treatment of the Canadians invalided to England from South Africa are denied by a number of the invalids themselves, as well as by Lord Strathcona and the War Office.

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