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Education Board May Ask a \$25,000 Debenture Issue

Additions Required to Relieve the Overcrowding at Several of the City Schools.

The indications are that the city council this year will be asked to authorize an issue of debentures to build additions to several city schools.

Just what the board of education will ask cannot be estimated very closely now, but it looks as though not less than \$25,000 will be required to do the work the local educationists have in view.

The matter of increased accommodation is now in the hands of No. 2 committee of the board, and a report on the subject will be presented shortly.

Three schools in particular are mentioned as being badly in need of additions.

They are St. George's, Lorne avenue and Quebec street.

The average number of pupils to a room should be about 40, but it is understood that in these schools they run between 60 and 70.

In Quebec street school, where there are only two rooms, there are 130 pupils.

At Chesley avenue school, where the new addition is almost completed, and will be opened about the 1st of February, the average is about 70 pupils to the room.

These are the chief arguments of those who are in favor of increased school accommodation. They declare that the city is growing so rapidly that the accommodation has fallen behind, and that the overcrowding of rooms has resulted in many of the rooms being declared to be unsanitary and improperly ventilated.

Where Crowding Occurs.

Each year the city of London adds about 2,000 people to its population. Each year hundreds of new houses are built. These increases are most noticeable in the northeast, southeast and east ends of the city. Consequently, it is in these districts that the greatest crowding of schoolrooms occurs.

Richmond street north has a school where the number of pupils is very small and where the room is not used, but the claim is made that the school districts cannot be revised so that the children from overcrowded schools can be sent to Richmond street school, without great inconvenience to the pupils.

It has been said, too, that Aberdeen school can accommodate many more pupils, but here again it is claimed that it would be unfair to ask children who live near Rectory street, or perhaps further east, to walk to Aberdeen school in order to relieve the congestion in the Chesley avenue school.

The claim that the overcrowding of rooms is responsible for the so-called lack of ventilation and poor sanitation Continued on Page Eight.

CITY GETS NOTHING FROM RAILWAY TAX

Amount Due Is More Than Offset by Charge for Non-Paying Asylum Patients.

Statistics prepared by Assessment Commissioner Grant show that the city of London will get absolutely nothing from the Ontario Government's tax of steam railways.

Theoretically, the city will draw its share of this tax at the rate of 8 cents a head of population, based on the census of 1901. But against this amount is charged 10 cents a head for each non-paying patient from London being cared for in the asylums of the Province.

The census of 1901 placed London's population at 33,338, so that at 8 cents per head the city would draw from the Government the sum of \$2,667.04.

But there are in the asylums of the Province 129 patients from London, the majority of whom are non-paying, and the city of London will be charged 10 cents per day for such patients.

Assuming that 100 of these patients are non-paying, which is a moderate estimate, the city will be charged \$10 a day for the 365 days of the year, or \$3,650, so that in reality the city's share of the railway tax will fall about \$980 short of the bill for asylum patients.

It is stipulated by the Government, however, that if the tax for poor patients exceeds a municipality's share of the railway tax, then such municipality shall not be called upon to pay the difference.

This looks fair on the face of it, but it should be remembered that the asylum tax is an absolutely new one, and that it absolutely nullifies any good which might result to the people through the taxing of railways.

Some time ago the Ontario Government served notice of the asylum assessment against the city, and a list of patients credited with having belonged to London was sent to City Clerk Baker. This list was given to Assessment Commissioner Grant, who finds that all persons on it properly belong to this city, and that no mistakes were made in the compilation of the list.

Of the 129 patients coming from London 97 are in the local asylum, and the other 32 are quartered in the asylums at Orillia, Brantford, Cobourg, Mimico, Hamilton and Penetanguishene.

TERRIFIC BLIZZARD GRIPS THE FAR WEST

Year's Worst Storm Raging About Medicine Hat and Saskatchewan.

Medicine Hat, Jan. 11. — The worst storm of the year has been raging all day at Medicine Hat, and that the blizzard extends far eastward into Saskatchewan for a considerable distance is evidenced by the fact that no trains have pulled in from that direction for the past sixteen hours. The morning train from the west passed through, seven hours late.

The west end of the Crow's Nest line is in very bad shape. Superintendent R. R. Jamieson and B. W. Harris, car distributor, were in Frank yesterday, and Mr. Jamieson stated that the company did not have coal enough on hand to keep the road in operation twenty-four hours. He said there were a thousand empty cars at Winnipeg, but it was impossible to get them west to the mines owing to the weather, the road everywhere being blocked by snow.

TRAVELERS' BALL GREAT SUCCESS; 350 GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

City Hall a Scene of Splendor on Occasion of Big Annual Event of the Travelers' Club.

The annual ball of the Travelers' Club of London, held in the city hall last night, will undoubtedly prove to be the most successful social function of the season. It was attended by fully 350 guests from London and distant points, and to say that they had a most delightful evening's dancing it is only necessary to mention that the event was in the hands of the jolly drummers, who are generally recognized as the best of entertainers.

The announcement a month or more ago that the travelers were to hold a ball was received with general satisfaction, particularly by those who just a year ago, in the same place, had attended such a gathering conducted by the Grips and the Trunks. The demand for tickets was keen from the outset, and in a very short time the success of the undertaking was assured.

The old city hall has many times presented a gay appearance, but never in its long history has it looked brighter or more attractive than it did last night. The idea followed through-

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CITY TREASURER POPE.

out in the decorations was most artistic in effect. The lighting of the hall was perfect, and the scene as the beautifully gowned ladies and faultlessly-attired gentlemen glided over the floor was nothing short of brilliant. The dancing was continued until 2 o'clock in the morning, and it was only with regret that the guests heard the last notes of the concluding waltz.

Perfect Arrangements. In order to insure the success of the affair, the travelers did not allow the slightest detail to be overlooked. The committees were composed of men who knew everything that was required, and saw to it that it was secured. Dancing was started at 9 o'clock sharp, when the orchestra struck up the Golden Dream Waltz, and at midnight supper was served in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, which was reached by means of a staircase to the south end of the hall. The supper was served at 30 tables, each of which seated four persons, and during its progress the dancing was continued uninterruptedly. The banquet hall, while not as elaborately decorated as the city hall, was nevertheless draped with rich green curtains while suspended from the ceiling were ropes of smilax, dotted at regular intervals.

FATAL STREET BATTLE; WORKMEN KILL POLICE

Desperate Fighting Follows Domestic Search in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Desperate fighting between police and workmen occurred in the Okhla quarter of this city last night during a domestic search. Three workmen who were in the building extinguished all the lights and opened fire on the police. The latter responded and the fusillade was continued for some time in total darkness. The workmen finally retreated, after killing two district inspectors and two policemen, and wounding three policemen. Firearms were discovered in the house.

REVENUE JUMPS UP SIX MILLION DOLLARS

Canada Closes the Best Six Months, Financially, of Her History.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Canada's revenue and expenditure statement for the six months ended Dec. 31 is probably the most satisfactory ever issued. The total receipts on consolidated fund account were \$3,984,716, exceeding the expenditure under the same heading by a little less than \$19,000,000 and giving a surplus over all expenditures combined of approximately \$12,000,000. The receipts are nearly \$6,000,000 ahead of the amount received at the same time a year ago, while the ordinary expenditure is more than \$1,000,000 less. For December the receipts were \$7,172,200, as compared with \$6,314,633 for the same month in 1905, while the expenditure was \$3,963,334 as against \$4,375,065.

PREMIER SCOTT BETTER

Is Now Convalescent and Will Take a Trip to the South.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 12.—It is understood that as soon as the condition of Premier Scott permits he will leave for a southern point, where he will spend some months. It is altogether unlikely that he will be able to take any active part in political affairs during the forthcoming sitting of the Legislature.

FREIGHTS IN COLLISION

Rocheater, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Freight trains, north and south bound, were wrecked on the Buffalo, Rocheater and Pittsburgh Railroad this morning, in a head-on collision. Conductor John P. O'Brien was killed.

Mr. Root Goes to Ottawa; Seeks an Understanding

New York, Jan. 12.—A dispatch from London says that the Washington correspondent of the Times says, although the fact is not generally known, Secretary of State Root with his wife and daughter will visit Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, at Ottawa next week.

Mr. Root told the correspondent that his visit would be social, not official, but the correspondent thinks that the visit will assist to a settlement of the various questions outstanding between the United States and Canada. He says that if after the visit it is possible for Mr. Root and the Dominion to construct a treaty broad enough to withstand assaults from the existing deterrent forces the trip may result in forever removing the causes of ill-feeling between the two countries. It may, in Mr. Root's words, clear up if possible every pending controversy with England.

MR. ARMSTRONG WILL TAKE SEAT AT COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY

Is Acting Upon Legal Advice—Maneuvers for Chairmanships.

"I shall take my seat when the council meeting opens Monday morning at 11 o'clock," Mr. George W. Armstrong said to The Advertiser today.

"Supposing the mayor refuses to allow you to take part in the deliberations of the council, or that he should order you to be removed, what will you do?" the reporter asked.

"I shall not leave the chamber until I am compelled to," Mr. Armstrong replied. "I am entitled to the seat and shall occupy it on Monday. If I am removed it will be under protest. I am acting upon legal advice."

The mayor's attitude appears to be the same as for the past few days. He is of opinion that only such aldermen as City Clerk Baker declared to have been elected have any right to sit at the council board.

Outside of this controversy, the only matter talked about in city hall circles is the chairmanships of the different committees.

It was rumored today that the Conservatives are framing up a scheme to beat both Ald. Saxtiling and Ald. Cooper out of the chairmanship of No. 2. Here is the way it is to be done:

Ald. Beattie—Chairman of No. 1.
Ald. Booth—No. 2.
Ald. Gillean—No. 3.

The mayor stated today that he believes the Liberals should have one chairmanship, but he does not know whether it should be the chairmanship of the special railway committee, which is to be appointed, or the chairmanship of a standing committee. Personally, he doesn't appear to care which.

The railway committee will be a very important body this year. In all probability negotiations with the Grand Trunk for the elevation of its lines through the city will be resumed shortly, in which event the chairmanship of any standing committee would sink into significance.

The board of works will, however, have its hands full of big jobs this year.

In the first place, it will be called upon to expend the sum of \$60,000 on the extension of the main trunk sewers and the reconstruction of the Dundas street sewer. In all probability, Dundas street, from Wellington to Adelaide street, will be paved this year. This will mean the expenditure of another large sum of money.

These are only part of the big expenditures of the year. As a general thing the local improvements, such as sidewalks, pavements, sewers, etc., run up to about \$130,000 per year.

So far the mayor has taken no active part, unless it be beneath the surface, in the fight between Ald. Cooper and Ald. Matthews for the coveted chairmanship. Ald. Cooper had a lengthy Continued on page eight.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Jan. 11-8 a.m. The weather has been fair today in nearly all portions of Canada, and in most localities cool, especially from Lake Superior to the Rocky Mountains. A decided depression is centered tonight in Kansas, accompanied by snow and rain.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 30-38; Vancouver, 26-36; Calgary, 4 below-6; Qu'Appelle, zero-2; Winnipeg, 10 below-6; Port Arthur, zero-6; Cloncy Sound, 6-26; Toronto, 23-32; Ottawa, 12-18; Montreal, 10-18; Quebec, 6-16; St. John, 4-36; Halifax, 4-40.

FORECASTS. Saturday, Jan. 12-8 a.m. To strong northeasterly to northwesterly winds; light snowfalls to Sunday; Fair and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Weather.
Toronto	-14	-16	Fair
Port Arthur	2	-2	Fair
Parry Sound	12	4	Cloudy
Toronto	24	24	Snow
Ottawa	2	2	Snow
Montreal	2	2	Snow
Quebec	-6	-8	Cloudy
Father Point	-2	-2	Cloudy

The sign — indicates below zero.

Pressure movements are still unusually rapid, a disturbance which was situated in Alberta yesterday being now over the lower lake region, attended by snow in a few southern localities by rain. Very cold conditions prevail in the Western Provinces, and the outlook is cold and wintry generally.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 32°; lowest, 26° above zero.

A PEACE PILGRIMAGE EDITOR STEAD'S IDEA

Would Have Army of World Notables March on Hague Conference.

Rome, Jan. 12.—William T. Stead, in his international peace propaganda, proposes an international pilgrimage of peace, in which notabilities from all over the world would take part, to start from the United States, for The Hague, by way of London, Paris and Rome, and to arrive at the Netherlands capital at the time the second peace conference assemblies there. Mr. Stead says he believes that such a pilgrimage would exercise the greatest moral influence ever known.

FRISCO FIRE CLAIMS

HINGED ON SEMICOLON

German Company Ordered to Settle a Claim for Millions.

San Francisco, Jan. 12.—The North German Insurance Company of Hamburg, which has been ordered by a German court to pay the claims against it, had risks of \$4,500,000 in the big fire of last April. The company denied all liability on the ground of an earthquake clause in its policies and paid no claims.

It is understood that the suit in the German court was to test the validity of this clause. It is understood that the decision hinged upon the position of a comma or semicolon.

According to insurance men here, separate proofs of loss will now have to be made and individual suits instituted.

NOT RETIRING

Chancellor Boyd to Remain on the Bench as Long as He Is Able.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Chancellor Sir John Alexander Boyd, K.C.M.G., who will leave for Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 18, and who expects to return towards the end of March, denied this morning that he had any intention of retiring from the bench, as rumored yesterday. "I shall continue to work so long as I am able," was the chancellor's statement this morning.

ANOTHER VERDICT AGAINST RAILWAY

Jury Gives a Motorman \$1,500 Damages for Injuries—Grand Jury Presentment.

At the winter assize this morning, the jury in the case of Harris vs. the London Street Railway Company, brought in a verdict for \$1,500 for the plaintiff. The case was one in which John Harris, an ex-motorman on the Springbank line, sued the company for \$5,000 damages for injuries received while operating a car for the plaintiffs on the night of Aug. 23, 1906. The car collided with a stranded car on the same line. Medical experts testified that Harris would in all probability be a cripple for life.

The next case to be taken up was that of Harrison vs. Boswell, which will probably consume most of the afternoon.

The grand jury made a presentment this morning, referring favorably to the various institutions visited during the week. The conditions in the local jail were reported as highly satisfactory. Eighteen male prisoners and one female prisoner are at present confined in the place. In regard to the insane prisoner, of whom his lordship had made mention, it was found that he had been discharged previous to the visit of the jury. In reference to the keeping of prisoners confined in the local jail who had been sentenced for a term exceeding two months, the jury reported that the prison at Toronto is full at present, and that the prisoners in question are merely being held as a matter of accommodation, and that the bill for their keep was met by the provincial authorities.

The jury was of the opinion that the walls and offices in the county buildings should be painted and that a cloak room should be provided for the use of the jurors.

The asylum was found to be in good condition, but it was recommended that an isolated building be provided for the treatment of contagious cases. Victoria Hospital was also in good condition. At present there are 123 patients.

In regard to the house of refuge, the sheriff suggested to the jury that action be taken in regard to paying the inmates a small amount for laboring around the place as a means of keeping their minds employed, and offering encouragement to further efforts in that respect. The jury was of the opinion that the 50-odd acres of land at the refuge were not being worked up as they should be. No action was taken in the matter.

LORD RUSSELL DEAD

Victorian Warrior of the Crimean and Kaffir Wars Passes Away.

London, Jan. 12.—Gen. Lord Alexander George Russell is dead at the age of 86. Gen. Russell was a veteran of the Crimean and Kaffir wars. He served twice in Canada, first as A. D. C. to the governor in 1847, and afterwards as commander of the militia from 1853 to 1857.

EXPORTATION OF ELECTRIC POWER

Mr. Aylesworth Submits Govt. Measure to Control.

VESTED RIGHTS NOT INJURED

Discussion on Mr. Fisher's Bill for the Inspection of Canning Factories.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The Government's bill to protect the interests of Canadian consumers in electrical energy generated at Niagara Falls and to insure them an ample supply of power was introduced by Mr. Aylesworth today. The Minister of Justice suggested that the bill involved no invasion of vested rights of an extraordinary character, and was no greater interference with the private management of private enterprises than is usually involved in cases where government control is necessary to protect the public interest. With regard to the existing agreements made by the provincial authorities with two companies, restricting the export of electric power, he thought, the provisions of the Government's bill would be a welcome aid to the enforcement of contracts as against the companies. The debate in committee upon Mr. Fisher's bill providing for rigid inspection of canning factories and canned food products developed the fact that while unanimity prevails regarding the necessity of inspection to insure sanitary conditions and surroundings in factories, there is a wide difference of opinion between Government supporters and the Opposition regarding the inspection of canned food products and the stamping of packages by Government inspectors. Various speakers on the Opposition side objected largely on the score of expense to the provisions of Mr. Fisher's bill, which have for their object guaranteeing to the consumer that when he purchases a pound of apple butter, for instance, he is not supplied with a compound the principal ingredient of which is mashed turnip. Mr. Fisher insisted that Government inspection and marking was necessary to insure to Canadian goods in the British market a place to which their natural excellence, when properly packed and free from adulteration, entitled them.

In committee remarkably good progress was made with the tariff schedule. Members on the Opposition benches renewed their assertion that the farmers wanted higher duties on agricultural products, and made a vigorous demand for a duty on corn imported for feeding purposes. The Finance Minister, the Minister of Customs, and members on the Government benches maintained that the farmers were well satisfied with the tariff on the products of the farm, and that the great majority of them favored the admission of corn free, as the abolition of their stock cheaply, and to dispose of their home-grown grain at better prices. Mr. Gervase gave notice that he will introduce a bill amending the supreme court act.

Mr. Oliver introduced a bill respecting surveys of the public lands of the Dominion, and surveyors entitled to make such surveys.

AMATEUR ACTORS QUARREL

Dramatic Club of Montreal Protests Against Decision of Judges.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—The Aubrey Dramatic Club is so dissatisfied with the decision of the judges in selecting the University Dramatic Club for the Governor-General's contest at Ottawa that a member has been sent to complain about the matter to his excellency, who is giving the prize. It is claimed it was announced at the time of the local competition that the Aubrey organization was equal with the University club. In other respects it is claimed the matter was unfairly passed upon.

MARLBOROUGH SEEKS A FLAT; MUST BE GOOD, BUT NOT COSTLY

Separation Cuts Into Income and Necessitates Great Economy.

New York, Jan. 12.—The World correspondent hears that under the separation agreement reached between the Marlboroughs, the duke settles on their children the \$100,000 settled on him by the duchess' father, W. K. Vanderbilt, at the marriage. This will accumulate for them during their minority, less the cost of their living and education.

The duke, after maintaining Blenheim, which he determined to do as a matter of pride, in order to prove that its maintenance was not dependent on the duchess' fortune, will have about \$40,000 income left, and he is now looking for a good but not costly flat in Mayfair for a town residence.

King Edward, through the Marquis of Lansdowne, when the duchess visited the Lansdownes at Bowood, before Christmas, pressed the duchess to avoid open separation, but follow the exam-

ple of the Duke and Duchess of South-land and agree merely to live apart, and divide the children's time between the parents. The duke had already agreed, and it was after the duchess left Bowood that he and the duchess met in Paris in the presence of her mother. The idea then was that in a few days the children were to join the duchess in Paris and go with her cruising on the Vallant, her father's yacht, but the duke informed her that Lord Ivor, her younger son, was ill with measles and influenza, at Blenheim, whereupon she returned immediately to London. Though she did not go to Blenheim to see the child, she receives constant information of his condition. Sunderland House, which she had dismantled before her departure, has now been reopened, and the children will join her for a trip later when the younger boy is convalescent.

The duchess has been about more since her return from Paris, it having been impressed upon her that she was damaging her position by withdrawing from the public gaze. Her landolt is now seen in Bond street every day.