

## TRUSTEE ARMSTRONG TOOK STAND "NO BILINGUALISM" IN ANY SCHOOLS, AT BOARD OF EDUCATION LAST NIGHT

Municipal Railway Will be Approached to Give Special Rates to Children on Street Cars—Public Schools Will Close on June 29th and the Collegiate Institute on June 14th—Dr. Marquis Appointed to the Board in Place of Sapper J. C. Coles—New Schedule of Teachers' Salaries.

Discussion over a projected schedule of salaries for principals and male assistants of the public schools and for all teachers of the Collegiate Institute, occupied the greater part of last evening's session of the Board of Education. Another matter of importance dealt with was the appointment of Dr. Marquis to succeed J. C. Coles on the board. Many other affairs cropped up, in addition to the routine business of the board, one of these being embodied in a recommendation by Dr. Elliott that school children's tickets be issued at a reduced rate by the Municipal Railway. Dr. Elliott was authorized to inquire into this matter, his proposal meeting with more or less favor from all. Mr. H. H. Powell urged French be taught in the public schools, a proposal strongly opposed by Mr. Armstrong, who advocated the "no bilingualism" stand, declaring himself in favor of the total abolition of both German and French from the Collegiate Institute curriculum. No action was taken in the matter however.

### STARTED LATE

The regular business of the meeting was not commenced until half past eight, at which time chairman Capt. Andrews called the meeting to order. Those present were Messrs. Andrews, Armstrong, Coulbeck, Lane, Powell, Elliott, Lahey, Gamble, Principal Burt of the Collegiate Institute and Public School Inspector Kilmer.

### REPORTS RECEIVED

A few communications were read by Secretary Bunnell and disposed of in prompt manner. The report of Miss Jean McPherson, nurse, for the months of April and May, was filed, as was also the report of Inspector Kilmer and a communication from the Deputy Minister of Education concerning the examination of pupils of the Mohawk Institute. A communication from the Y.M.C.A. concerning the system of playground supervision, was referred to the management committee, and the resignation of Miss Florence Dunlop was accepted, it being resolved to give her a recommendation as to the satisfactory nature of her work. A communication from the City Clerk concerning the daylight saving measure was filed. On the motion of Messrs. Powell and Elliott, the Secretary, was instructed that all principal's janitors and pupils be notified that the new hours be adopted. The monthly report for May of Inspector Kilmer showed the attendance at the various public schools

throughout the city to have been as follows:—

Schools	Enroll.	Av. At.	P.C.
Central	628	576.6	92.5
Alexandra	507	487.7	96.0
Victoria	365	344.5	94.1
King Edward	464	446.9	96.3
Ryerson	271	249.5	92.1
Dufferin	383	346.9	90.6
King George	389	358.7	92.2
Totals	3005	2805.6	93.2

Kindergartens:—

Schools	Enroll.	Av. At.	P.C.
Central	64	52.1	85.5
Alexandra	64	60.0	94.0
Victoria	61	51.2	84.0
King Edward	69	61.2	88.6
Ryerson	32	56.8	80.7
Dufferin	38	69.9	83.8
King George	55	45.3	82.4
Totals	383	327.4	85.3

**THE NURSES' STATEMENT.**  
Miss MacPherson, visiting nurse, reported as follows:—  
Eyelids diseased, 10 children; vision defective, 6; throat and nose trouble, 8; neck glands enlarged, 4; choren, 2; eczema, 1; gimpeligo, 5; ring worm, 2; scabies, 1; personal uncleanness and pediculis, 4; visits during the month, 49. Visits made to the homes of the children excluded from school with contagious eruptions and uncleanness. Some have been treated by their family physician; instruction given to mothers how to care for other cases.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE JUNE 29TH.**

The report of the management committee recommended that the Public Schools close on June 29; that teaching be discontinued in the Collegiate on June 14; that teachers' salary cheques be issued on June 29; that the offer of the Y.M.C.A. concerning the use of the baths by the school children be not accepted at present, lest it interfere with the soldiers who make use of the baths; that the Y.M.C.A.'s proposal of playground supervision be accepted, and that the inspector be appointed to advise with the officials of the Y.M.C.A.; that Ernest Forsyth be appointed to the vacancy formed by the resignation of Mr. Martin at the schedule salary.

**B. and G. COMMITTEE REPORT.**

The Buildings and Grounds committee in its report recommended that W. Little, janitor of the Collegiate be granted an increase in salary of \$50 from Sept. 1, subject to a new agreement; that the acting janitor of King George school be retained for another month; that the secretary write for new quotations for a fire

## MUSKETRY PRACTICE AT THE RANGES TO-DAY

"D" Co. in Attendance, While Two Platoons Get First Aid Instruction.

The monthly meeting of the sergeants' mess of the 125th took place last evening in the armories. D company it attending musketry practice at the Mohawk ranges to-day. Platoon 9 and 10 received instruction in first aid this morning, as did the bands and stretcher-bearers this afternoon.

Certificates of military qualification have been received at headquarters for Sgt. C. S. Stanley, who has qualified in armorer's duties, and Pte S. Mears.

A comparison of conduct sheets with minor offence and guard reports for May will be held to-night in the orderly room.

escape at Alexandra school; and that a number of articles be purchased.

Payment of a number of accounts was advised by the Finance committee, and of others by the Technical Advisory committee. Mr. J. A. Muter was allowed leave of absence for the duration of the war. On the motion of Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Marquis was appointed to the board in the place of Mr. J. C. Coles, he to take the place of Mr. Coles on the various committees of the board.

A grant of \$50, moved by Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Calbeck, was made to the Public School cadets for the purpose of purchasing drums. A motion was also passed recommending that county pupils in attendance at the Collegiate Institute be given the same privileges as city residents in the matter of supplementary reading from the public library.

Miss G. Edna Smith was empowered to issue checks for the Board of Education during the subsequent month when Mr. Bunnell will be absent from the city.

A special report was submitted by the management committee advocating the adoption of the following schedule of salaries:

**COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**  
Principal, initial \$2,000 to \$2,300 maximum.

Departments of classics, moderns, mathematics and science heads \$1,600 to \$1,800; assistant specialists \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Commercial Department, heads \$1,300 to \$1,600; assistants \$800 to \$1,100. Present head of Commercial Department to rank with heads of classics, mathematics, moderns and science.

Department of Art, \$1,100 to \$1,300. Female junior assistants \$800 to \$1,100.

Male junior assistants, \$1,200 to \$1,500. Teachers of physical culture to rank as junior assistants.

Household science \$700 to \$900. Annual increase of \$50 to maximum.

Manual training instructor \$2,000 to \$1,600; annual increase of \$100 to \$1,300.

Male assistants \$700 to \$1,000; initial salary may be increased to \$800 for extra experience. Annual increase \$75 to maximum.

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## NO PERSON TO BLAME FOR DEATH OF FRED BARCHÉ

Coroner's Jury Finds That He Was Killed Accidentally by T. H. & B. Train.

### FOUR WITNESSES

### WERE CALLED

### Evidence Showed Engineer

### Sounded Bell and Whistle to Warn Him.

Mr. Fred Barché came to his death by being struck by No. 10 T. H. & B. train on May 27th, about 2.25 in the afternoon, and no blame attaches to any person or persons. Such was the verdict of the jury, empanelled to inquire into the cause of his death, and which met last night in the police court, Dr. Hicks presiding. Four witnesses were called, three trainmen and a soldier, who saw the accident. With the exception of the soldier, all the witnesses testified that the late Mr. Barché was on the track when the train struck him, and while the soldier stated that he was "pretty sure" that Mr. Barché was alongside the track when struck, and not on it, he wouldn't swear to it.

Louis Martin, signalman, was the first witness called. He was on duty on the east end of the T. H. & B. bridge, and saw the regular train coming east. About five minutes before that, Mr. Barché had passed him and crossed the bridge, going west. He knew Mr. Barché, the witness stated, and also knew that he was very deaf. Mr. Barché had made it a practice to use the track as a thoroughfare whenever he travelled that way.

Five or seven minutes after Mr. Barché had crossed the bridge, the witness heard the train whistle when it was about, he judged, the Gilkison street crossing. Mr. Martin stated that he did not see the accident, but saw the engine stop, the engineer jump out, and go back. He did not go over the bridge himself. The train was running about four miles an hour, and stopped in its own length. Mr. Barché, concluded the witness, was always very careful and always looked up at frequent intervals to see if the train was coming.

Mr. Hiram Dickout, the engineer, who has had many years experience on the T. H. & B., was the next witness. When the train came around the curve he saw a man walking along the tow-path beside the track. The man would be about 50 feet east of Gilkison street. When the train crossed Gilkison street, he started to use the steam, by which he meant he blew the whistle several times. The man stepped on the track and the engineer threw the throttle, and applied the brakes. Mr. Barché's head might have been down when he stepped on the track, but the engineer thought



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that he saw the engine before it struck him.

The whistle was blown for Gilkison street about half way between it and the street further west, and the bell was ringing. The wheels did not go over Mr. Barché, he was struck by the pilot and apparently rolled clear. The train stopped and the engineer went back to the body, which was lying about a coach and a half length back from the engine. Aided by some of the trainmen, the body was put on the train and taken to the depot. The man died after he was brought to the station.

James Martin, the baggage-car door looking ahead down the track as the train came around the curve, and saw a man walking by the side of the track towards the train. Then he seemed to step in front of the train, though at what distance the man was from the train when he did this, he could not say. He then heard the air applied. He did not see the man struck, but saw the body after it was thrown to the side of the track. He said to the brakeman, "We've killed a man." He helped pick the man up. He was in very bad shape.

Pte. Percy Drake, 71 Gilkison St., was the last witness. He was cutting grass nearby when he heard the warning whistles of the engine. Looking up, he saw a man about 15 feet from the train, on the side of the track. He saw the man struck, and was "pretty sure" that he was on the side of the track when the engine hit him, but he would not swear to it. He saw the train men pick the body up. He knew Mr. Barché by sight only; he did not know he was deaf.

One of the jurymen asked Crown-

Attorney Wilkes if the man had any right to be on the track, and was informed that he had not. The jury then retired and brought in the verdict above referred to.

The jury consisted of the following men: C. S. Noble, G. H. Andrews (foreman), J. B. Vanfleet, E. James, C. H. Read, Maurice Quinlan, G. C. L. Walker, J. W. Porter and H. W. Lock.

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