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FIRE ESCAPES FOR SCHOOLS

Board Of Education Deals
With A Very Important
Matter

EXPENSE IS SECONDARY

Four of Chatham's principal public buildings are without fire escapes, and have been for years. The buildings are the Central and McKeough schools, the Collegiate Institute and Harrison Hall.

This condition of affairs was drawn attention to by Fire Chief Richard Pritchard at the meeting of the Board of Education. The matter was brought before the attention of the Board by Mr. McCorvie, who said that the Fire Chief had recently directed his attention to the oversight. Mr. McCorvie said that McKeough school was the most dangerous of all, as in case of a fire there would be no way for the children to get out, except by the windows. He moved that the matter of securing fire escapes for the city schools be left in the hands of the Finance committee.

The Fire Chief, who was called upon to address the Board on the matter, said that this was not by any means a new matter with him. He had drawn attention to the absence of fire escapes on these buildings on previous occasions. Under the existing by-law it was compulsory for the Board to install fire escapes at the public schools. He said that he had drawn the attention of the Public School Board last year to the fact that the schools were without fire escapes, but owing to the fact that the Board made a plea of low finances, no attempt had been made to enforce the by-law. McKeough school and the C. C. I. buildings were in very bad shape as regards fire escapes, and he advised the Board not to spare expense in such a necessary precaution. He thought that they should not be contented to merely put up escapes which would comply with the by-law, but that they should take large wide exits were furnished, and that the escapes were efficient in every feature. He thought it would also be a good idea to install a hose line in the schools for use in case of fire. The installation of the latter would have the effect of reducing the insurance on the buildings.

Mr. Richards thought that the matter should be left to the immediate attention of the Board. Mr. McCorvie also thought that no time should be wasted in having the proper fire escape equipment put up.

Mr. McLachlan agreed with both the speakers, and said the recent horrible catastrophe in Montreal should serve as a lesson. He seconded Mr. McCorvie's motion.

The motion that the matter be left in the hands of the Finance committee to deal with at once carried unanimously.

WHO SHOULD PAY?

Mr. Richards occupied the chair at last night's meeting in the absence of Dr. McKeough. The other members present were Messrs. Somerville, McLachlan, McArthur, Dr. Duncan, Dr. Sullivan, Morley and Brackin.

There was some trouble over a number of accounts which were presented to the Board for payment. These accounts were: C. Austin & Co. \$17.12, W. W. Turner \$11.95, and C. H. Gunn & Co. \$20.90. There was also a separate account from McKeough school amounting to \$2.50 for a flag.

Mr. McArthur moved that all the accounts with the exception of the one for the flag be paid.

Mr. Brackin said that the teachers of McKeough school did not intend that the Board should pay for the flag, but intended to pay for it out of funds raised through their picnic. He held that the other accounts should not be paid, as they were really contracted by the Board of Health during the enforcement of the recent vaccination order. Mr. McLachlan also thought that the accounts should be referred to the Board of Health for settlement.

It was moved by Mr. McLachlan and Dr. Duncan, that these three accounts be referred to the Board of Health for payment. Carried.

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KINDERGARTEN BYLAW IS THROWN OUT BY BOARD

Dr. Duncan Believes That
Kindergarten Is Most
Important

THE EARLY TRAINING

Mr. McArthur Against Fee System
"First Last And Always"
Matter Is Laid Over

The local kindergartens and the expense they entail was the main topic discussed by the Board of Education at their meeting last evening. Mr. Brackin introduced a by-law to the effect that all children under the age of five years, and over six, attending the local kindergartens, be charged a monthly fee. This would not apply to children who attained the age of six years while attending. The by-law was given its first reading, and when the Board went into committee of the whole, Mr. Brackin, seconded by Mr. Morley, moved for its second reading.

In making the motion, Mr. Brackin stated that this was a move to decrease the expenditure at the kindergartens. He made the remark that the kindergartens were a luxury anyway, and that parents very often sent their children there merely to get them away from home.

Dr. Duncan, who next spoke to the question, did not appear to hold a very high opinion of the proposed by-law. While the proposition might appear to be public spirited, he believed that Mr. Brackin was tackling the question from the wrong end. If the expenditures were too heavy, the first step should be in the direction of reducing the number of teachers, and not in discriminating against the attendance. The kindergarten was either a source of benefit or else it was useless and should be abolished. This was the light in which the Board should consider the matter. In St. Louis, where kindergartens were first established in America, this system of early teaching was tested in a practical way, and the result was that it was found that children who attended the kindergarten possessed a deeper insight than those who did not. The kindergarten was no longer looked upon as a luxury, but as a necessity. In this department the children early got their tastes trained along musical lines, and there the imagination of the child was started and strengthened in the right channel. But what was of most importance was the fact that manual training constituted a large portion of the kindergarten program. The child was thus given an early training in the use of his hands, and how to use them with effect. This training had the effect of making better men and women of them in later years. A by-law that would discourage the attendance at the kindergartens would certainly be a move in the wrong direction, and it would be very unwise for the Board to put itself on record as favoring such legislation. In conclusion, Dr. Duncan referred to what Mr. Brackin had said about parents sending their children to the kindergarten to get rid of them for the day. "There is no one harder worked in this city than the mothers," concluded Dr. Duncan, "and there is no one entitled to and who should get more rest than they."

Mr. McArthur stated that he was opposed to the fee system first, last and always. The schools should be free, and he believed that such a by-law were it passed would be a discrimination against the poor man. The poor man's child would suffer for the reason that its parents would not be able to pay fees for its tuition.

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Take Chances With Jury.

Mr. Delmas made few objections to Mr. Jerome's questions to Dr. Wagner Monday, but he will resist strenuously any attempt to show that Thaw is now insane, the defence preferring to take their chances with the jury rather than with a lunacy commission.

A New Point Raised.

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TO ABOLISH SCHOOL FEES

Board Of Education Will
Consider This
Question

THE ROUTINE BUSINESS

The routine business transacted by the Board of Education, at their meeting last night, was quite heavy and some of it very important. It was 11 o'clock when the Board adjourned.

It was moved by Mr. Morley, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that the rules of the Board be so amended that the teachers and janitors of the city schools might be paid their salaries on the first of the month instead of after the first meeting of the Board. Carried.

Mr. McArthur gave notice that at a subsequent meeting he will introduce a by-law to abolish the system of collecting fees from the pupils of the Collegiate Institute. Mr. McArthur believes that these fees are a hardship, and in his opinion the entire school system in the city should be free from charges or fees of any kind.

It was moved by Mr. McArthur, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that in view of the fact that Mrs. Pritchard, the new teacher at the Central School, had previously given nine years' service to the city, that her salary be raised from \$350 to \$400, which is the maximum salary paid in the room in which she teaches. Carried.

Mr. McLachlan, moved that a number of maps and other supplies be purchased for the McKeough School. Carried.

The matter of establishing a uniform limit table for the two city schools was left over till a subsequent meeting of the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McArthur and Somerville, that the Internal Management committee be empowered to engage another teacher for the Central School on recommendation from the inspector. It is claimed that the attendance is increasing so rapidly that a new teacher may be needed before the Easter holidays. Carried.

Mr. Brackin, seconded by Mr. McArthur, moved that the tender of The Planet for printing the by-laws of the Board, be accepted; it being the lowest of the four received. Carried.

It was moved by Messrs. Brackin and Somerville, that the rules and regulations of the city schools be amended to read that the janitors must be in the school buildings between the hours of 12 and 1.30. Carried.

Mr. Morley moved, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that a list of repairs to some of the school buildings, which had been submitted to the Board, be left in the hands of the Finance and Property committee. Carried.

It was moved by Messrs. McArthur and McCorvie, that the Finance and Property committees be empowered to get plans and specifications drawn up for a new steam heating system in the C. C. I. Carried.

Mr. Somerville moved, seconded by Mr. McLachlan, that the March salaries be paid on March 28, so that the teachers and janitors may have their money in time for the Easter holidays. Carried.

CATHOLIC FORESTERS

Come to the Special Meeting at the Hall on King St., tonight at 8 o'clock sharp. The Organizer is here and would like to meet all the brothers THIS EVENING. Cancel all Other Engagements and COME.

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