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William H. Morris, Editor and Proprietor

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1920

TO TRUSTEES, SCHOOL BOARDS, RATEPAYERS AND ALL CONCERNED:

This circular is being sent out to present to the public the teachers' side of the present agitation for increased salaries. Teachers were patriotic during the war. Large numbers of the men enlisted. Every other teacher contributed to war funds, did Red Cross work, etc. During the war they refrained from agitation for larger salaries, although hard hit by the increasing cost of living. Every other class received higher wages—laborers, mechanics, farmers, railway employees, etc. Now the teachers ask for a living wage. No more is asked for, nor desired.

The Need for Increased Salaries.

The purchasing value of the dollar has dropped to 46 cents, according to statistics of last year. A teacher receiving a salary of \$700 to-day is being paid only \$322 in purchasing power. In other words, she is \$378 worse off than in 1914.

The rural teachers and urban assistants in village and town schools believe that they are entitled to a salary as follows:

Second Class Interim, no experience.....	\$ 800
Second Class Interim, 1 year's experience.....	900
Second Class Permanent, at least.....	1,000
Principals of 2-4 rooms, 1st year as Principal, at least.....	1,200
(The above increasing yearly by \$100 to \$1,500.)	
Principals of over 4 rooms.....	\$1,600-2,000

Many places are paying more. In order to retain your teachers and to encourage good work, a regular schedule of salaries, increasing yearly, should be established. Teachers will have something to work for—an object in view. No one can or will do good work if he or she knows that it will not be rewarded in some way.

"Gananoque Increasing Salaries."—The School Management Committee of Gananoque Board of Education reported recommending a salary of \$1,700 to the Principal for the year commencing Sept. 1, 1920. The assistants to receive 1st year, \$800; 2nd year, \$850; 3rd year, \$900; 4th year, \$950; 5th year, \$1,000. The report of the Committee was adopted.

Brockville pays a minimum of \$750, increasing yearly to \$1,100 to assistants. Belleville pays a minimum of \$800, increasing yearly to \$1,100. Principals, \$1,800-\$1,900; assistants, \$1,200-\$1,500. St. Catharines, \$850 yearly, increases to \$1,400.

The above are a few press reports showing that school boards are paying more, and the teachers of this district believe their boards will not lag behind. The teacher's pay envelope is at the heart of the problem of our national education. One cause of the present rural school problem of to-day is the small salaries paid in the past. A poorly paid servant gives poor service.

WHAT YOU PAY FOR YOU GET.

Extract, Edmonton Journal: One set of unfit teachers can bring national education to a standstill for many years. Low-grade schools will inevitably result in a low grade of citizenship. Educators agree that the most important part of the child's education is in the Public Schools. The personality and scholarship of the Public School teacher will determine the value of the school to the nation.

Higher Salaries for Teachers are Essential.

Kingston White says: Apart altogether from the argument that the increased cost of living makes living expenses higher, the very nature of their calling should bring about a sympathetic and favorable consideration of the claims of the teachers for higher salaries. Low salaries will eventually mean poor workers. Girls of sufficient intelligence and spirit will not enter a profession which offers salaries which are not sufficient to provide anything but the bare necessities of life. The natural result will be that the teachers of the next generation will not be of the same high type as those of the present day. That is a fact which will have to be faced unless the salaries of teachers are made sufficient to cover living costs and at the same time provide a balance for holidays, amusement, and a provision for the future.

Some Comparisons.

Statistics prove that the purchasing value of the dollar of to-day, 1920, is only 46 cents compared with 1914. From the following table you can easily see why any salary less than \$1,000 is not an adequate salary for your teacher. You are, in fact, receiving the same or better service and paying less for it:—

Salary, 1914	Purchasing value to-day
\$ 500	\$230
600	276
700	322
800	368
900	414
1,000	460

SURPRISE SOAP WRAPPERS ARE VALUABLE.

Is Surprise Soap a good soap? Yes, it certainly is, or that is what most of all of those who tell you who use it, and besides doing good work in the way of the ladies in and around Athens know of the good work that is being done through the wrappers of Surprise Soap. For fear all do not know I will print what I read lately in a W.C.T.U. report book and after reading it perhaps more will make use of Surprise Soap and so have a good soap themselves and at the same time help along the good work. Any one having the Surprise Soap wrappers and wishing to do so may give them to any of the ladies of the W.C.T.U. or to Mrs. C. C. Slack, who takes charge of the coupons and forwards them to headquarters.

Report of the Willard Hall work, Toronto, in connection with the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Canada. During the past year Willard Hall has been filled beyond its capacity. We greatly regret that so many desiring accommodation have been unable to secure it because of limited space. Our extension, so urgently needed, is still in consideration, and we are working hard to make it a reality in the near future.

The girls in our boarding house, as well as those cared for in cases of emergency, come, with but few exceptions, from places outside of Toronto throughout the Province of Ontario, and also from other parts of the Dominion. Realizing this fact, we feel justified in appealing to all who are interested in the welfare of girls to continue to help financially, as well as by sympathy, those who are endeavoring to carry on this important enterprise.

Closely related to the work of our Willard Hall is our Traveller's Aid Department. We have now six T.A. workers and also a T.A. secretary, spending a large portion of their time at the several stations, and by their watchfulness and prompt action, averting many serious cases of moral downfall. Scores of young girls, troubled and perplexed, having wrong addresses or none at all, have been carefully looked after and when unable to be correctly located were sent to Willard Hall until their friends were found. Nearly 20,000 persons have been met and assisted. The income from Surprise Soap wrappers has not been for some time nearly equal to the expense incurred. Therefore we ask for increased donations of soap wrappers and when these are not available money will be most thankfully accepted. Our expense for T. A. work for the year, \$2,654.94. Our income from Surprise Soap wrappers, \$1,793.29. Number of wrappers from Ontario, 141,705; Nova Scotia, 48,700; New Brunswick, 18,530; Quebec, 3,395; Prince Edward Island, 150; no name and private persons, 6,255; Toronto W.C.T.U., 129,399; total, 348,134. Send soap coupons to the matron, 20 Gerrard Street E., Toronto, Ont., or better, give to the Union nearest your home.

Reversing the problem: What salary should you pay to-day to equal salary paid in 1914:—

Salary, 1914	What salary should be to-day
\$500	\$652 approximately
600	869 "
700	1,086 "
800	1,304 "
900	1,521 "
1,000	1,739 "

Now most salaries less than \$500 were considered low in 1914. How much more inadequate is any salary less than \$1,000 to-day?

Mr. and Mrs. Ratepayer, can you figure the value of the education obtained by your child? The teacher is conceded to be the most important agent in the education of the child. Why not pay your teacher A LIVING WAGE? Quoting the Dean of York: "The personal influence of the teacher is one of the most valuable assets of the Empire."

Good teachers can only be obtained by paying a good salary. A poor teacher is dear at any price.

"It is needless to remind you that no teacher can teach well who suffers from discouragement due to financial anxieties and to a sense of injustice."

There is at least one teacher in this Inspectorate who pays exactly half of her salary for board. Can you expect this teacher to give whole-hearted service?

Hon. Mr. Grant, Minister of Education, says:—"Down in my county I have always been considered somewhat of a crank because I believe that it is IMPOSSIBLE TO SQUANDER MONEY FOR EDUCATION. There will be a shortage of 2,000 qualified teachers this year due largely to low salaries."

Trustees, Ratepayers, Parents, consider these facts seriously from all standpoints: The teacher's dues and right to a living wage; the child's right to expert teaching service; and the benefit to our country by keeping the standard of education up. The Western Provinces recognize this fact and have established a minimum salary of \$1,200 per year. They are advertising in Eastern papers endeavoring to secure the best teachers, and they are going in crowds—West! Ontario is going to suffer in a lower standard of education. If for no other reason than a selfish one, teachers' salaries should be made adequate.

Believing that the people of this district are sympathetic with our cause and that they will do justice to the teachers' claim, we ask all who receive this circular to read it carefully and exercise their influence to right what is manifestly an unfair condition of affairs.

Issued by:

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
Brockville and East Leeds Teachers' Association.

A. H. S. Notes

It has been rumored around that the girls of the High School have been destroying flower-beds throughout the village. We, as representatives of the different forms, have inquired into the matter and find the schoolgirls not guilty of pulling them.

III. Sr., M. Seymour,
III Jr., Eleanor Tett,
II Form, L. Sheffield,
I A, Beryl Broese,
I B, Beatrice Trotter.

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Morning at 10.30 Evening at 7.30
Sunday School at 2.30 p.m.
Through the week Services:
Monday: Cottage Prayer Meeting 7.30
Epworth League 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday: Mid-Week Prayer Service at 7.30 p.m.

Parish of Lansdowne Rear

Rev. V. O. Boyle, M.A., Rector.

First Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church, Athens—

8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

7.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Trinity Church, Oak Leaf—

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.

St. Paul's Delta—

1.30 p.m.—Sunday School.

2.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer.

Baptist Church

R. E. Nichols, Pastor.

Plum Hollow 2.30

Toledo 10.30 a.m. Athens 7.30 p.m.

Subject—"Peril of Careless Thinking"

Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Prayer Meeting, Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

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5.40 a.m.	7.25 a.m.
8.30 a.m.	11.55 a.m.
3.15 p.m.	2 p.m.
5.50 p.m.	10.20 p.m.

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