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N. B. TEACHERS CHANGE SCHEDULE

Make Their Schedule Conform to That Passed in The Legislature—Makes Reductions But Will Avoid Friction and Confusion—Report on Pensions at Executive Meeting Here—The Association Has 957 Members.

At the annual meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick Teachers' Association, which was held in Fredericton recently, the minimum wage schedule for all ungraded schools was changed so as to conform with the schedule passed by the legislature two years ago. This step was taken in order to avoid confusion and friction between the teachers and trustees where the former minimum set forth in the teachers' schedule, plus the Government grants, didn't conform to that adopted and agreed to by the Legislature.

In explanation of this step it was said that in some instances where the teachers' schedule called for a minimum salary of \$450, the addition of the Government grant, which is included in the minimum salary under the act, would bring the salary up to \$550, or \$50 over the amount set forth by the act as the minimum salary for the teacher. The same illustration applied to the various minimum wages in ungraded schools.

It was said after the meeting that not one case of a teacher having taken advantage of the ignorance of the trustees in the matter of salaries under the minimum wage schedule was reported, although every effort had been made to have such cases brought to the attention of the executive. It was felt by the members of the executive that the statements regarding such cases were greatly exaggerated and steps will be taken to remove such an erroneous opinion from the minds of the public. The membership in the association now numbers 957, an increase of 113 over the membership last year, which was 845. The association has rapidly grown since its inception in 1918 with 42 members.

W. J. S. Myles, of St. John, chairman of the pensions committee, submitted a lengthy report on the activities of that committee leading up to the passing of the pensions bill by the legislature. This matter had been first taken up two years ago but Premier Foster had not introduced the bill before the legislature in 1921, not being satisfied with the proposed legislation at the time. The committee had, on the suggestion of the Board of Education, submitted their report to the Carnegie Foundation for examination before again approaching the legislature. The report estimated that there would be 55 pensioners up until 1930. The average pension last year amounted to \$265, but owing to increased salaries it was estimated that this would be doubled, approximating \$500, this year. The report having been favorably received by the Carnegie Foundation, the matter of legislation was again taken up with the Government, resulting in the passing of the bill with some changes

recently.

The reports of the various committees showed that practically everywhere in the province the minimum salaries were being paid with some few exceptions where the localities were hard hit by the depression in the lumber markets, or local conditions. The new schedule adopted by the executive made provisions for those districts where reductions in the minimum salaries asked varied between \$50 and \$200, and it was said today there were practically no new increases made in the schedule. The largest cut in the schedule was made in the minimum salary for the principal at Keswick Ridge, York county, where a reduction was made of \$200, cutting the minimum to \$800. Chatham and Newcastle have not yet adopted the schedule, although the rural districts of the North Shore have already done so, and it was explained this was due to the financial depression existing in these towns.

The following members were present: Dr. B. C. Foster, Fredericton; G. H. Harrison, Chatham; A. O'Brien, Moncton; Wm. Burns, Fredericton; W. J. S. Myles, St. John; C. T. Wetmore, Rothesay; Dr. G. J. Oulton, Moncton; Miss Beattie M. Fraser, Grand Falls; W. F. Russell, Rothesay; Miss Regina Martin, Edmundston; Miss Eliza E. DeWolfe, St. Stephen; Miss Beattie Ferguson, Richibucto; C. D. Dickson, Chipman; and A. S. MacFarlane, Fredericton.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN PEEL BOY

William N. Burke, a well known resident of Lowell, Mass., died Thursday evening, April 20, at the Lowell Corporation Hospital, after a long illness, aged 54 years, one month and 18 days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Winifred Burke of Lowell, three brothers, Arion L. of Los Angeles, Cal., Frank A. G. of Lowell, Mass., and Barrell B. Burke of Lewiston, Me.; four sisters, Mrs. L. P. Clark of Mount Pleasant, Mrs. Addie Campbell of Upper Brighton, Mrs. Herbert McLean of New Westminster, B. C., and Miss Elizabeth Burke of Lewiston.

Mr. Burke was born at Peel and had resided in Lowell for the past 35 years, being employed all that time at the Lawrence Manufacturing Co. For the past 12 years he was superintendent of the underwear department. His body was removed to his home, 191 Merrill Ave., Saturday, by Undertaker Wm. H. Saunders, where a service was held Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. J. Setzer, after which his body was brought to his sister's home at Upper Brighton, accompanied by his wife and brother Frank Burke and his wife and sister, Miss Elizabeth Burke, where a funeral service was held on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. A. Trites, pastor of U. B. church. The pall bearers were John and Earl Campbell, D. T. Day, Harry Ebbett, Daniel Boyd and Bert Day. His remains were laid to rest in the family lot at Upper Brighton. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful.

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RECEPTION AT EAST FLORENCEVILLE

On Saturday evening, April 15, the Live Wire or Junior Bible Class of the U. B. S. S. held a reception for Willie Simonson, one of its members. Mr. Simonson has since February been in possession of a dairy farm near Moncton, where he has been since that time. He arrived home Friday, April 14, and was greatly pleased with the reception given him on Saturday evening. The invited guests were, Miss Zola Giberson (bride to be), Mr. and Mrs. Giberson, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Simonson and Mary, Rev. and Mrs. I. W. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Smith and Ronald. Mr. Smith is the teacher of the Junior Bible Class. During the evening games were played, refreshments were served, and then came the most important part of the program—Mr. Simonson and Miss Giberson were the recipients of a beautiful cut glass water set. Mr. Simonson thanked the class in his most winning way and the happy group broke up at a late hour. On Tuesday, April 18, Mr. Simonson and Miss Giberson were married at the bride's home, Bristol, by Rev. I. W. Williamson and the happy couple took the afternoon train for Moncton where they will reside.



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