

UNIVERSAL TRAINING STRONGLY ADVOCATED

Large and Influential Deputation Puts Matter Up to Board of Education.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES Multiplication of Debentures Severely Criticized in Financing New School.

Universal physical and military training for all boys above 10 years of age was the most important subject discussed at the meeting of the board of education last night.

It was the first occasion that the matter has been before the members, as Trustees Shaw and Noble have advocated the enlargement of the present cadet system at other meetings.

Trustee C. A. Brown introduced the speakers, the first being Col. W. Hamilton Merritt, who read letters from Dr. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church.

A Democratic Army. Col. Merritt said that the deputation had come to ask that universal compulsory military training be given to boys and girls from the age of 10 years up.

He said the voluntary system was not very satisfactory and spoke of the system in Switzerland, where "the people are the army."

It cost \$17 a man there, while in Canada it costs \$224 a man. The men were trained in peace for war.

Prof. Colquhoun told of the organization in Australia where every boy is trained as a cadet.

One hundred and seventy-one men offered to train in Toronto yesterday. A total of 95 were accepted and accepted.

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DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT EXHIBITION CAMP

Watched March Past of Troops and Visited Alien Enemies Yesterday.

WAS WITH CANADIANS According to Col. Bickford, Returned From Front, Allies' Outlook is Bright.

The Duke of Connaught visited Exhibition Camp yesterday afternoon. With the military governor and Brigadier-General Logie.

Excited Admiration. The way the Canadian troops have excited the admiration of the whole British army was commented upon yesterday by Lieut.-Col. H. C. Bickford.

While at the front he met the 19th and 20th Battalions. These two units trained at Exhibition camp last winter.

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U.S. TO REJECT LATEST OFFER FROM BERLIN

Agreement Must Cover All Points Raised in Submarine Controversy.

BERLIN INCONSISTENT Germany Will Not Modify Its Position, Say Teuton Diplomats.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The United States in its submarine controversy with Germany will accept nothing short of a full and complete agreement covering all of the points for which it has contended.

The tentative communication, designed to end the Lusitania case, still in the possession of Secretary Lansing, will not be formally accepted until such assurances regarding the submarine actions of the northern end of the region of Conde-sur-Aisne and bombardment of German works to the north of Soissons.

Tonight it was stated emphatically in Teuton diplomatic circles that the Berlin foreign office would not modify the declaration of intention to sink armed ships or inform the United States of any assurance given to anybody with the intention of bringing on a miscarriage.

In his cross-examination, Hugh Rose, K.C., for the crown, endeavored to find out whether Mrs. Cull was credited for the miscarriages which generally followed by Mrs. Cull for the purpose of causing an abortion.

E. H. McKerron told the crown that his wife was pregnant and was taken ill on Dec. 18. Mrs. Hay and Mrs. Cull were called in to see his wife.

Mrs. Cull was asked to state whether she was pregnant and whether she had a miscarriage.

Do you know of any occasion when Mrs. Cull had a miscarriage? Mrs. Hay was asked. She said she had heard of the case of Mrs. McKerron 15 months ago.

outlined appeared before council yesterday, urging that some action be taken. Reeve Cornell, after consultation with the deputation and members of council, appointed Monday, Feb. 28, to meet at the hospital to discuss the question.

MRS. ANNIE E. WATSON OF FAIRBANK IS DEAD Wife of Rector of Presbyterian Church, Eglinton Avenue.

Much regret is expressed by the residents of the Fairbank district at the sudden death of Mrs. Annie E. Watson, wife of the Rev. T. A. Watson, rector of Fairbank Presbyterian Church, Eglinton Avenue.

Will Erect Shelter at St. Clair Avenue Board of Control Has Given Instructions to Works Commissioner.

City Clerk W. A. Littlejohn has written to the Board of Control, Business Manager, stating that their communication requesting the erection of a shelter for street car passengers at the junction of Avenue Road and St. Clair Avenue, to the board of control, has been forwarded to the commissioner of works, with instructions to prepare a plan for such a shelter of artistic design suitable to the locality, and to report an estimate of the cost thereof, the same, however, not to exceed \$500.

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YORK TOWNSHIP IS NAMED DEFENDANT

Lawyer is Asking Damages From Railway and Municipalities.

The action instituted by George H. Watson, K.C., against the Township of Markham, the Township of York, and the Metropolitan Railway, for \$25,000 damages to his farm at Thornhill, will be fought by the municipalities, and the railway, and the arrangement of details, was held in the county buildings yesterday.

Shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon a fire broke out at the corner of the two-story Earlscourt houses, Fairbank Avenue, North Earlscourt, rapidly spreading to the two adjoining frame houses, Nos. 32, a two-story frame structure, and 34, a one-story frame house, all three being completely gutted out.

The damage to the dwelling and contents is estimated at \$2300, with partial insurance.

The adjoining two-story house, No. 32, is owned by V. Harris. The damage is estimated at \$1300, with insurance at \$1100. No. 34, the one-story frame dwelling, was unoccupied, the summing amounting to \$400. The cause is stated to be a defective furnace.

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Had Narrow Escape. Woman Rushed From Burning Home and Returned in Time to Save Child's Life.

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LACK OF SHIPS HOLDS BRITAIN'S TRADE BACK

Government Can Do Little to Remedy Admittedly Grave Situation.

RATES RUNNING HIGH But Attempt to Fix Maximum Would Make Matters Worse.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The shipping difficulties of the present time are due, not to mismanagement, but to our trying to pour a guard into a situation which is not our own. The general upward tendency of ocean freights is caused by the fact that the mercantile marine, which is limited in size, has to carry out a task far greater than in time of peace.

There has been a heavy in management on control on the part of the government. The board of trade has made the largest possible use of expert advice. Lord Curzon's committee has been the greatest competitor of the government. In fact the control is now so wide and adequate that no British vessel can go anywhere or trade anywhere without permission of one kind or another.

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LABOR MEN OPPOSED TO ANY PROHIBITION

District Trades Council Goes on Record in Strongly Worded Resolution.

PROLONGED DISCUSSION James Simpson's Proposal to Leave Question Alone Was Beaten by Fifty.

The District Trades and Labor Council held the most intense and exciting meeting in many months last night at the Labor Temple. A vote on the council's attitude toward prohibition was avoided at the last meeting.

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DEFENCE AGAINST RAIDS HAS BEEN IMPROVED

One Zeppelin Was Lost and Another Crippled in Recent Raid.

Hands of Viscount French, with Sir Percy Scott as his chief adviser.

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SHORTHORN CATTLE AT THE UNION STOCK YARDS

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J. M. GARDHOUSE

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