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The Ratepayers Will Settle the Question of New Schools.

School Board Refused \$37,500 Last Week and Now Get Nothing.

Although They Were Willing at Last to Accept \$19,000.

An Almost Unprecedented Scene

at the City Council. The Mayor Accused the School

Board of Extravagance.

And the Aldermen All Applauded-Good News About the Carshops.

The members of the School Board made the mistake of the year in refusing to accept the \$37,500 offered them ferred \$48,000, and although they came down to \$19,000 last night, the council refused to come up, and referred the Board was plainly not unanimous in ourse the council spoiled the arrangewith a grievance. The meeting was the council in Waterloo street south and No. 2 ward, and argued that the confident smiles when the meeting be-

ings to decide on a plan of action. It to teach 23 children in the Protestant was, however, the only point on which Orphans' Home. they agreed during the night. Dr. Campbell, chairman of the board, ap- tended to build the schools in No. 2 and peared to feel the action of the council very keenly, and unconsciously sighed heavily as the deciding vote was given.

No. 4 wards north.

Dr. Wilson replied, at the corner of Richmond and Cheapside streets, and Refused to value on the corner of William and St. James

GLAD NEWS. way of a curtain-raiser, the mayor impanted some glad tidings in relation to the car shop matter. have the best reason for reporting to Aberdeen St George's and at Western you that I think the shops will go on

evidently contained the good news, was circulated among the aldermen.

Early in the evening Ald. Taylor placed in good repair for \$5,000. He complained of the way a Horton street also thought the Waterloo street south sidewalk was taken up and not replaced, and Ald. McCallum asked where the street railway company got the natural school increase for the all the broken bottles they were gravall the broken bottles they were grav-eling the streets with in South Lon-

Both matters will be looked after. Ald. John Heaman reported on beof No. 3 committee, and recommended that the milkmen's charges against the medical health officer should go to the Board of Health. The

THE REJECTED OFFER. Ald. Douglass reported for the special committee which had in hand the recent negotiations with the Poof Line Road Company. He detailed the offer made, which was (1) to relieve the Proof Line Road Company from keep-ing that portion of Richmond street in repair over which the railway company operates; (2) allowing the Proof Line Company to take gravel from street railway company for the free repair of their road in the city during the franchise; (3) the city agreed to gravel Regent and George streets to Oxford, so that it would not be necessary for the farmers to travel down Richmond street past the railway line; (4) \$300

"Have they refused that offer," asked Ald. Garratt. "They have refused everything," said

The report was filed for reference. GRAVEL PIT PURCHASED. Ald. Parnell reported that the committee appointed to purchase a gravel

pit had bonded the following proper-1. Two and a half acres at the northwesterly corner of Regent street, on the Bricklin estate; \$750. 2. Three acres on the west side of

Talbot street, ex-Ald. Weld's property; At Ald. Dreaney's request, Ald. Parnell read all the tenders which had been received by the committee. They were as follows: 1. Daniel Shea, Regent and Talbot streets; one acre, \$350. 2. W. H. Gould, one and one-half

acres in London township; \$300. 3. John Gleason, two acres, Victoria 4. W. D. Buckle, lot 1, one acre or nore near Vauxhall bridge, \$550; lot 2, about same size, \$300. 5. Geo. Summer, one acre, two miles | He also pointed out that if it was de-

6. Wm. F. Peters' pit, London West; \$1,200 for privilege of removing the gravel in two years. 7. Mary Bruce, offering one acre of gravel at 40 cents a load. And the other two offers mentioned

in the report. Ald. Parnell moved that the Bricklin property be purchased, saying that Mr. Carr said that that property would prove to be the best and the cheapest in the end.

After more or less argument it was decided to purchase the first-named TO CROSS THE PROOF LINE. Ald. Parnell then moved that the street railway company be permitted

to build along Regent street from Wellington to the pit. "But can they cross the Proof Line?" asked Ald. Armstrong. "That is their own lookout," said the nayor: "If they cannot make an agreement they cannot cross."

After further discussion, the mayor,

for Ald. Cooper's benefit, said that the street railway company had already obtained permission to cross. Ald. Pritchard objected to the railway company inconveniencing residents of Regent street, as he said they had on Wellington street. Several aldermen sympathized with the residents of Wellington street, but owing to the

Proof Line Road Company's action there was no other course open. TAX COLLECTION. The hylaw providing for the polle

of 5. He promised to bring the matter up at succeeding councils if that was not done. If he was not there himself he would get a friend to do it for

Ald. Dreaney seconded, and the amendment carried on the following division, much to Ald. Pritchard's mer-Yeas-J. Pritchard, Chas. Taylor, S. O'Meara, R. Carrothers, Wm. Skinner,

N. Cooper, J. Garratt, H. Dreaney, J. Nutkins, H. M. Douglass-10. Nays-John Heaman, Wm. Heaman, G. W. Armstrong, R. Bennet, E. Par-Ald. Parnell asked to be permitted to change his vote.

"Any objection?" asked the mayor. There was none, and Ald. Parnell voted "yea," and took immediate occasion to move for a reconsideration of the matter at a future meeting. About eight aldermen demurred at once, and were stormy in their objec-

"You did not object before the reconsideration was moved," said the mayor, "and it will have to stand

Several aldermen thought that Ald. Parnell was very "foxy," but that alderman only smiled Bylaws were passed for the issue of \$200,000 debentures to meet the city of London debentures maturing England, under the Act of Consolida-

The bylaw relating to the collection of statute labor tax was passed, and the final date for collection set for Sept. 1.

SCHOOL DEBENTURES. The School Board was present in force, and when the school debenture bylaw was brought up it was decided to hear Trustees Dr. Wilson, Anderson and Buchner, Dr. Campbell, the chairman, stating that he did not wish to by the council a week ago. They pre- speak again at length, as he had done

Dr. Wilson said that the difference between the \$48,000 asked for and the \$39,000 granted was only I 1-10th mills, whole matter to the people. The School and in not granting the required amany of the requests made, and love of ment of all the schools the board had ward made it a difficult matter to pass in consideration. He referred to the anything where one alderman was left schools which were "thrown out" by extremely lively and warm, and the first named school was absolutely newhole School Board was present as a cessary because it was impossible to

deputation. The members all wore redistribute the school sections owing to the railway lines. He said that gan, but the smiles petered out as the 79 children more than the law allows, night wore on. The School Board and and 103 children were attending north the council were of one accord earlier Waterloo street out of No. 2 ward. The in the evening-they both held meet- city was also paying \$450 to a teacher

Ald. Parnell asked where it was inon the corner of William and St. James

streets. ANOTHER VIEW. Trustee Anderson said that he favored two additional rooms at Wortley Aberdeen, St. George's, and at Waterloo street. He deprecated ward-grabbing, and, although he came from No. And with that a private letter, which 3 ward, he thought that the erection

> Ald. Skinner complimented Mr. An derson as the economist of the school board, and took the other members to task for raising salaries at its last meeting

Ald. Wm. Heaman asked if the arrangements proposed for No. 3 ward would not cost nearly \$12,000. Mr. Anderson-But that is not \$19,-000, which would be spent for a new school at Colborne street. FIRING QUESTIONS. Mr. Anderson was asked what the

cost of the changes proposed by him would be, and he said he thought \$23,-000 would cover them. Ald. Heaman asserted that the Colborne street school was regarded as deal of loud alking from that quarunsanitary.

Mr. Anderson-That feeling has been propagated by the teachers and one Ald. Skinner said was a lie. or two more who want a new school there.

Several members arose at once and hurled questions at Mr. Anderson, some of them of a characteristic nature, and the mayor called for order told Mr. Anderson that he need not answer unless he wished, and then told the aldermen that he could not allow the members of the school board to be "badgered." It was not

Ald. Douglass asked if Mr. Anderson did not believe a new school was required in No. 2 ward. Mr. Anderson-I don't think so.

Ald. Cooper put a similar question re No. 4 ward and received the same Ald. Armstrong said that that just showed that Mr. Anderson did not know what he was talking about. "I must not allow you to talk like that." said the mayor. "It is discourteous to the school board."

Mr. Armstrong, however, held to his remark, and Ald. O'Meara asked Mr. Anderson if he set his opinion against The Mayor-That is not a proper question Ald. O'Meara held that it was, nev-

THE THIRD SPEAKER. Trustee Buchner told the council that only two members of the school board held the same views as Mr. Anderson. cided to repair the Colborne street school, it would be necessary to raise

the amount by a direct tax on the people this year. Mr. Buchner charged that many cases of diphtheria originated in the Colborne street school, and Ald. Taylor asserted that more children were sent home from the Simcoe street school with the disease.

After the deputation was heard, the mayor asked, on behalf of Dr. Campbell, that if the council did not agree to grant the \$48,000, the school board should be given fifteen minutes to reconsider their requisition Ald. Armstrong moved for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the sanitary state of the Colborne street school, but the mayor

ruled the question out of order. Only three aldermen supported the equisition for \$48,000. LIVELY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. The school board then withdrew to No. 1 committee room, where they had a lively meeting for the follow-

ing fifteen minutes.

Mr. Griffin moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the amount granted by he council at the last meeting be ac-Mr. Greenlees moved that two rooms be added to the Wortley road school. Rectory, Lorne avenue and Aberdeen,

four at St. George's, and three at Waterloo street, and that the Colborne street school be only repaired. Trustee Logan moved that the re-

tion of taxes in three installments quisition as presented to the City came up for its final reading.

Ald. O'Meara moved that a 3 cent fine be imposed on delinquents instead only, and new four-roomed schools be Colborne street school being repaired only, and new four-roomed schools be built in wards 2 and 4 and Waterloo

of dividing \$10,000 between wards 2

The Chairman-Not a bit. A trustee—Bring in an overdraft. Dr. Teasdall asked Mr. Griffin how, if his motion passed, a school could be secured on Waterloo street south. Mr. Griffin replied that \$2,000 could be placed in the estimates for the purchase of the old property down there and it could be repaired. Mr. Logan's amendment was put af-

ter he had explained that the only change in the requisition would be the substituting of \$4,500 for repairs Colborne, instead of a new school, and that the balance of the requisition remain unchanged.

The meeting got very stormy, and the motion was finally declared car-

Yeas and navs were insisted on by Mr. Griffin, and although the chairman had left the chair, he returned, and the vote was recorded, as follows: Yeas-Logan, Wilson, Keenleyside Buchner, Teasdall, Stephenson, Greenlees, Anderson, Bayly-9.
Nays-Johnston, Griffin, Hunt, Bur-

dick, Martin, Saunders, Wilkins-7. IN COUNCIL AGAIN. When the council reassembled, the clerk read the motion which carried in the school board meeting, and which called for the expenditure of \$33,000. Ald. Taylor-Does that include heating and seating.

Campbell-It includes heating. Ald. Carrothers moved that the requisition be struck out, and the question be submitted to the people, and Ald. Armstrong moved that the amended requisition be granted. Ald. Parnell objected to the proposed position of the new schools in the north end, and spoke strongly of

the necessity of keeping down the city's taxation. Ald. O'Meara accused Ald. Parnell of objecting to the schools in wards 2 and 4, which paid the majority of the taxes, and saying nothing about the schools in the south end. He created a great deal of fun by asserting that he could throw a stone from the Askin street school into the county. Trustee Logan replied to Ald. Parnell, who had taxed the school board with extravagance. He said that the

year than for several years past. THE VOTE. The vote caused all the trustees to assume a very serious look. It was as follows: Yeas (on Ald. Carrothers' motion to

estimates of the board were less this

send the question to the people)-Pritchard, Taylor, John Heaman, O'Meara Carrothers, Skinner, Wm. Heaman and Dreaney-8. Nays-Douglass, Cooper, Armstrong,

Refused to vote-Nutkins, Parnell Dr. Campbell asked the council to reconsider the vote, and permit the school board to retire again to come to some satisfactory agreement.

"We have got to have these schools," said the doctor. "We have got to have fifteen additional rooms. As far as I am concerned I have done everything I could to please the school board and to accommodate the children. I worked my board economically as I could and we did our best tonight, and for some-(I don't know what to eall it)-want of agreement, we have failed in presenting a request that you could enter tain favorably. I knew that quite well and I told the board I was quit satisfied that this request would not pass. I think that our next request

will pass.' The doctor did not wish the question to be submitted to the people on grounds of economy. He depre cated the lack of unanimity among the members of the school board and also asserted that the aldermen did not exhibit the proper spirit in dealing with the question from a ward standpoint.

Then the matter was reconsidered and the board withdrew again. HOT WORDS. Several aldermen then congregated

in a corner of the chamber and in a few minutes there was a great Ald. Cooper made a statement which

Ald. Cooper gave the equivalent to "you're another" with alacrity, and it required the interposition of friends to pour enough oil on the troubled waters to produce harmony again. When the school board reappeared there was a great deal of hurried lobbying over the barrier about the When the council resumed the city clerk read the latest motion adopted by the school board, which was that the \$37,500 granted at the last meeting be accepted, and that \$10,000 apportioned to the north

end be divided as follows: N ward, \$4,500; No. 4 ward, \$5,500. TO THE PEOPLE. This proposition was defeated by a to 10 vote. Dr. Campbell-Then all we can do is to submit the matter to the people, and I suppose we will have to say plause.)

The mayor-It is not necessary to do so tonight. Dr. Campbell-We will make arrangements again. This apparently settled the question and the council was considering another bylaw when Mr. Logan appearalready settled. He moved to aded and asked to be heard. quest was granted readily and Mr. Logan asked for \$40,000 debentures—

the extra \$2,500 being for the purchase of the Waterloo street south and proposed by spending only \$1,school property, which he thought would be agreeable to the members of No. 3 ward. So far the council listened patiently, but when Mr. Logan continued Pritchard again took the floor. and began to speak of the "disgrace" which would fall upon the aldermen when it would go abroad that they had refused to provide sufficient school

accommodation there were signs of the brewing of an aldermanic storm.

form to the citizens as well as to the school board. If the Legislature not intend that the aldermen would have some voice in the issue of he'se debentures it would not be so stated in the statutes, and it is quite within the province of this council to exercise its own discretion as to what money shall be issued, and what addition should be made to the debt of the city. That duty is put upon us by the Legislature and we are responsible to the people and the school board is not. I think the gentlemen here are perfectly right and just in the matter. It is"—(with the school board is not. I think the genaccent on "is")—"time that the school board called a halt. I cannot find a man in the city who is satisfied with what is going on. I say that the school board are exceedingly extravagant, and they do not care (I don't like to apply that to the whole of them) But there seems to have been an lement there for some years that are egardless of what the expenses are

hat are hoisted upon the city." The mayor went on to instance cases of janitors paid for extra work done during holidays, teachers' salary increases; nearly \$500 spent on the

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demonstration in Queen's Park; 27 cents each for the badges the members of the board wore; and so on. "These expenditures," said he, "cannot be justified by the people. I am sorry that I have to say this, but I cannot allow the council to be traduced without, as an executive officer of the council, taking my share of the responsibility for what has been done tonight. I think you have done perfectly right, gentlemen, and I think the citizens will sustain you. There is not a man here who would say, if that Colborne street school was his property, that he would tear it down

and build another in its place." (Ap-THE FINAL OFFER. Trustee Greenlees wanted to say something, but Ald. Pritchard wanted the floor and never let up until he got it. He asked if the aldermen were babies to keep on dilly-dallying

Then Mr. Greenlees was heard. asserted that the "majority" of the school board were economical men, 500 at the Colborne street school to cut the requisition down to \$19,500. Several aldermen expressed audible views of approval, but Ald.

"That's an awful cut down," said 'Now don't," interrupted several aldermen who were beginning to take pity the school board.
"I at going to have my say," said "I hope the council will do nothing of the kind," said the mayor in vigorous tones. "We have a duty to

STRONG LANGUAGE. Ald. Pritchard-They come like a lot The mayor-Order, order.

Several aldermen-Now, now, let up. Ald. Pritchard-Well, I will say it. I am not afraid to say it. come like a lot of beggars here and when they cannot get what they want they beg for a paltry little \$19,000.

The mayor—Ald. Pritchard; don't say that please.
Ald. Pritchard—I am not ashamed

listening and began to ask what was before the council. Ald. Pritchard (sitting down)-I can see the council don't want to hear They can do the other thing if they like. They have treated me most discourfeously. The mayor-You can finish your re-

marks if you like. CLOSING SCENES. Ald. Pritchard-You can say what you wish, I say I have been disgrace-fully received by this council. They had no right to sit on me so.

Alf. Armstrong (with much gravity)

-That is an outrage. (Laughter.) And Ald. Parnell tramped across Meanwhile the school board were meeting in an ante-room, and were rapidly putting Mr. Greenlees' suggestion into proper form, when several aldermen moved to adjourn together and a number left their chairs in enough hurry to cause a person to think they had been sitting on a healthy cook stove. About the same time the school

trustees crowded in from the anteroom, and, seeing the adjournment had been made, they joined gloomily in the procession leaving the hall. And so the meeting ended. Windsor Salt, Purest and Best A memorial to Mr. George Augustus Sala is in contemplation.

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