

OBJECTED TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

TRUSTEES RETURNED IT TO THE AUDITOR

With a Request That It Be Amended School Board Vigorously Criticized Council's Attitude.

Vigorous criticism of the city council's attitude toward the school board on the question of finances, characterized last night's meeting of the trustees, and the city council, but particularly the mayor, as the object of a verbal onslaught which adequately shows how warmly the school feels on the subject. The members contended that the city has acted most unfairly and inconsistently toward the board, and that an attempt has been made to place the expenditure for educational purposes in the most unfavorable light. The topic was a fruitful one, and resulted in a couple of resolutions by Trustee Belyea, which indicate that the body in charge of matters scholastic will back up their contention to the last ditch.

All the members of the board were in attendance, while the chairman was flanked by the city superintendent and his assistant. This being the last meeting of the present board doubtless the trustees felt that they should make a strong numerical showing. They were also in good debating trim, and while the meeting was most harmonious, the presence of a representative of the council at one period might have provoked an oratorical conflict, beside which discussions about teachers' salaries and other delicate subjects would have been introduced into the proceedings.

After the usual preliminaries had been taken up, a batch of applications for positions on the teaching staff were tabled, to be dealt with at what was designated "the proper time." Communications acknowledging appointments were also received and filed. C. A. Holland, of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, wrote asking for a share of insurance on the new high school building. Referred to the finance committee.

The sanitary and plumbing inspector, James Wilson, notified the board that plan of the plumbing and sewerage for the high school building had not been filed at the office of the city engineer, and he had ordered the work discontinued until this was done. Referred to architect Mattenbury for report.

When this was done what did the council do? The first thing it did was to put on the two mills and absorb the revenue tax. It could not touch the government grant, however. It was also a peculiar coincidence that the same statutory language was employed by the government in referring to the \$3 capita revenue, as to the per capita grant of \$10.

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Trustee Drury seconded Trustee Belyea's motion, and observed that it was a fact that the city council had collected a surplus of \$99,000 which went into the treasury charged against school expenditure. He noticed that the mayor in his letter had stated that the \$10,000 grant was new but as a source of revenue for educational purposes, in view of the recent amendments to the School Act. But he also noticed that, in his financial reports, the mayor had included this \$10,000 among the city's sources of revenue. When they had it the mayor called it the city's, when they lost it, it was charged up against education. The mayor's position was most inconsistent. Why should the \$4,402 be charged up for interest and sinking fund, when it did not come before the board? The superintendent had been told that the auditor had put it there. In other departments of the corporation, such as fire, police, etc., it was not included among the expenditure.

Table with financial data: Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st December, 1901. Items include Fuel, Board expenses, Furniture, Repairs and insurance, Supplies and Miscellaneous, Teachers' salaries, Interest and sinking fund on loan.

The superintendent pointed out that the sum of \$4,402 for interest and sinking fund were included by the auditor in the statement of school expenditure, whereas the members grew exceedingly wrath.

Trustee Belyea took the floor and proceeded to quote facts and figures in connection with the financial disagreement between the board and the council, and was followed by each of the other trustees, who were equally indignant.

Trustee Belyea prefaced his remarks by inquiring why the auditor should report the board's expenditures and not the receipts. He moved that the statement be returned to the auditor with the request that he draw it up in accordance with clause 43 of the School Act.

In this connection the mover stated that some time ago he had gone into the subject thoroughly and prepared a tabulated statement of the revenue and expenditure for school purposes since 1896, until the end of last year. He found that in 1898 there was a surplus of \$10,000 derived by the city from the school levy of two mills. This was levied on real estate, and it was the really owners who were complaining. Instead of levying two mills one would have been sufficient.

The council had said that the \$3 per head revenue tax was not for school purposes. But what other interference could be drawn when the government, after handing over the control of the school system to the city, placed at their disposal, for the purpose of running it, the \$3 per capita grant, the collection of the \$3 revenue tax and the power to levy two mills, as funds to meet the expenditure.

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CANDIDATES TALK ON THE ISSUES

MUNICIPAL MEETING IN THE NORTH WARD

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Proposal to Spend Enormous Sums in Deepening Waterways and Lengthening Locks.

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TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS

VOTING ON LIQUOR ACT AFTER SESSION

Another Interview With Premier Roblin Regarding the Enforcement of Act in Manitoba.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—The following interview appears in this morning's Telegram, the provincial government's organ, with Premier Roblin regarding a referendum to the people on prohibition. Mr. Roblin was seen by a Telegram reporter yesterday with reference to the various interviews that had appeared in the press relating to his announcement on the Liquor Act question. He said that his statement was evidently differently understood and differently interpreted by nearly everyone. Some had apparently understood the meaning he had intended to convey.

Mr. Roblin was asked if he had seen the interview with Mr. Banting in the Morning Telegram, and if he would say whether Mr. Banting was correct in his interpretation. "Yes," said Mr. Roblin, "I have read Mr. Banting's interview, and he is substantially correct."

"But Mr. Banting believes that a referendum should and will be held."

"That is what the government think also, and in my interview on Monday I plainly laid up to that conclusion, and I was so understood by many. Mr. Banting gives many sound reasons for this step."

Mr. Roblin's attention was called to his reference on Monday to the importance of co-operation, and the action Ontario takes will have great effect in facilitating or otherwise the operation of the act. If Manitoba is going to take action, it would be in the best interests of all concerned for this to be known before anything is done in Manitoba.

"But you will not wait longer than this session to find out what Ontario intends to do?" "Certainly not," answered Mr. Roblin. "The enforcement of the act will be submitted to the will of the people as soon as possible, after the close of the session. Provision will be made for this at the coming session of the legislature, but as I said before the enforcement will not alter the act in any way."

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