

MORE SCHOOLS ARE NEEDED.

Trustees Say There is Crowding in West and North.

Teachers Sharply Criticised For Being Late at School.

Estimates For the Year Passed—The Annual Report.

When the Board of Education started on its work last evening, there was nothing to show that there would be considerable discussion, but there was. Objection was taken by Mr. Howell to the estimate in the Internal Management Committee's report regarding the increase in the fees charged foreigners attending night school at the old Custom House. The committee recommended an increase to \$1 instead of 50 cents a month. Mr. Howell thought that the Board was taking undue advantage of the foreigners in the matter. They were brought there and given to understand that the fee would be only 50 cents, and now, after the school had been in operation a few weeks, the fee was being raised.

Mr. Wodell contended that the price should be kept up. Mr. Holson, the chairman of the committee, said that he had found that the cost of the tuition was going to be considerably in advance of the estimate, and as it was understood that the school was to be self-sustaining, he did not think that the Board should be laden with any more cost than was absolutely necessary. Mr. Howell made a motion to the effect that the rate be put back for a short time so as to give the foreigners a chance to increase their numbers and make self-sustaining. The amendment was defeated, the members being in favor of letting the rate of \$1 go. They considered that it was worth that much.

Mr. Callaghan was the next to attack the Internal Management report, this time it being against the teachers in the public schools. He drew the attention of the Board to the fact that the teachers had many marks against them for being late and absent. He did not think that there should be so much lateness, as it had a tendency to make the scholars follow their example. He referred especially to the Victoria Avenue district, where 26 marks had been registered against the teachers for being late during the month of January. He considered that it was disgraceful. Mr. Holson came only to the rescue of the teachers. He did not think there was any cause for complaint about the teachers being late, as the teacher is marked late if he or she arrives after 8.45. This does not apply to teachers arriving after 9 o'clock. As the teachers being absent, Mr. Holson said there was a great deal of sickness prevalent at the present time, and he considered that there was sufficient reason for their staying away.

Mr. Janoussens thought that lateness should not be tolerated for a moment. There was no reason at all why a teacher should be late in and day out. Mr. Lazier and Mr. Booker also championed the cause of the teachers.

The big fight of the evening was over the report of the Building Committee, as presented by Mr. Allan. The clause that caused the discussion recommended the board to instruct Stewart & Witton to prepare plans for the enlarging of the Sophia Street School by adding eight rooms to the present building and that the Finance Committee ask the City Council to issue debentures to cover the cost of same. Mr. Allan stated that the crowded condition at the school above mentioned demanded immediate attention. He quoted figures from the report of the inspector showing that in the kindergarten, for instance, there were 95 pupils in the class, and he said that the other classes were overcrowded. At the same time many of the pupils who by right should attend the Sophia school had to be sent to the Central, Ryerson and Caroline Schools, thus making the children walk a great deal farther than they should. Such a congestion should be remedied at once.

Mr. Armstrong was on his feet in an instant to protest against the school getting the improvements and letting the other schools throughout the city go unheeded. He stated cases at Cannon, Murray and other schools in the north end, showing how badly more room was needed. And then he said that it might be mentioned that could stand extra rooms. He was in favor of sending the clause back for further consideration.

Mr. Callaghan said that when it came down to a matter of room needed, there was no doubt that a new school was wanted in the southwest end of the city. The population is growing and a new school was the only solution of the problem. He intimated that it was only a matter of short time before the board would have to build there, and it might as well save the money that might be spent on the Sophia School for the building of the new one. He thought Sophia School would have to be enlarged at some time and that the schools in the north end would need looking after at a future date, but he thought that the new school should come first.

Mr. Howell thought that it would be a good move to get the inspector to send in a detailed statement of the conditions of all the schools throughout the city. An amendment to the motion made by Mr. Allan was introduced by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Booker, that the clause be sent back for further consideration, and that in the meantime Inspector Ballard prepare a report as to conditions. This passed. The rest of the report was also adopted.

The annual report of Inspector Ballard was presented at the meeting, and it showed that 9,314 pupils were enrolled with an aggregate attendance for the first half year of 779,191 and for the second half year of 547,057. The average attendance of the pupils for the first half year was 6,690, and for the second half year 7,105. The average daily attendance for the year was 6,836, or 73.4 per cent. of the number enrolled. During the year four teachers had resigned, and at present the staff of teachers on the pay roll is 183.

The report of the Finance Committee passed without comment, and with it the estimates for the year's expenditures. The estimates call for the expenditure of \$196,500, and have already been published in full in the Times.

Traveling men of London, Ont., are circulating a petition to the Premier, asking that a commercial traveller be appointed to the Railway Commission.

STRUCK ESTIMATES.

HOUSE OF REFUGE COMMITTEE WANTS NEARLY \$20,000.

Dr. Roberts Appointed Physician of Home for Incurables—Aldermen Want Insurance Properly Divided.

The House of Refuge Committee last night struck the estimates and decided to ask for \$19,128 to tide it over the year. Of this amount \$10,674 is for operating the House of Refuge; \$3,465 for furnishing the Home for Incurables, and \$3,989, the estimated cost of maintaining the new institution for nine months, it being the intention to open it about the first of April. Superintendent Rae said it would be impossible to prune the figures any finer if the institution was to be opened as scheduled, and to receive patients. Chairman Wright stated that he already knew of a number of prospective inmates and Mr. Rae was confident there would be forty patients by the fall. The committee expects to have \$338 left out of the \$20,000 voted by the people when the new building is completed.

One of the provisions made in the estimates is \$150 for a physician for the Home of Incurables. Ald. Farrar seconded by Ald. Sweeney, moved that Dr. Roberts be appointed, the salary to be at the rate of \$150 a year. Chairman Wright and Ald. Anderson supported this. Ald. Peregrine, Hennessey and H. G. Wright opposed it on the ground that it was time enough to make the appointment when the institution was opened. Another echo of the agitation over the distribution of insurance was heard when the question of increasing the insurance on the House of Refuge and Home for Incurables was discussed. There is \$12,000 insurance on the old building and \$10,000 on the new. Ald. Farrar pointed out there had been some fault found with the way the insurance was distributed.

"If you have friends who want to get a little piece of this insurance, all right," said the chairman.

"I want a proper distribution," said Ald. Farrar.

Chairman Wright will make a report on the matter at the next meeting.

EXCLUSION ACT.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S WILL BE DISALLOWED.

Dominion Government Officers Instructed to Take Proceedings in the Courts in Case of Any Attempt to Enforce It—Assurances Cabled to Japan.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The Canadian Government have sent instructions to the agent of the Justice Department in British Columbia to promptly take legal action either by habeas corpus proceedings or otherwise to restrain the Provincial authorities from any attempt to enforce against Japanese immigrants the penalties imposed in the Natal Act, just passed at Victoria. Under the act the Province takes power to imprison or fine immigrants from Japan or China who land after refusing to pass the educational test prescribed in the act. As the act is clearly ultra vires, the courts can at once grant the release of any immigrant whom the Province attempts to penalize, and recourse for damages for illegal arrest may be had against the Province.

As soon as an official copy of the act reaches Ottawa it will promptly be disallowed. Meanwhile assurances have been sent by cable to the Japanese Government that the action of the British Columbia Legislature will not be allowed in any way to interfere with the rights of Japanese subjects in Canada, as guaranteed by treaty.

JAP TROUBLE IN VICTORIA.

170 Detained in Quarantine, Having Failed in Educational Test.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 13.—One hundred and seventy Japanese are being detained in quarantine here, failing to pass the educational test. They are likely to be excluded. Should this happen, the case will be taken to the courts. The Japanese Consul will claim rights under the treaty and the steamship companies will also refuse to take back the immigrants, as they are under Federal regulations.

ORDER FOR SALE

Granted in the John Brown Brown Estate Case.

Re estate of John Brown Brown, W. T. Evans, Hamilton, for administratrix, moved under vendor and purchaser act to have it declared that the vendor has satisfied requisitions and can make a good title. W. E. S. Knowles, Dundas, for the purchaser. F. W. Harcourt for the non-concurring brothers and sisters and any possible children of J. B. Brown, who was drowned at Spokane, Or. that the same by the administratrix for \$1,700 be carried through under the devolution of estates act. The mortgage on the land and the debts to be paid by the administratrix out of the purchase money and the balance to be paid into court subject to further order. Costs of all parties out of the fund, those of the administratrix between solicitor and client.

Doidge vs. Farmer.—J. Bicknell, K. C., for defendant, appealed from judgment of Falconbridge, C. J., dated Dec. 4, 1907. Action against defendant for an account, discharge of mortgage and an injunction of restraint dealing with mortgage by defendant. Judgment was given referring to the Master at Hamilton to take the accounts asked and reserving further directions and costs. W. H. Irving for plaintiffs, opposed appeal. Not concluded.

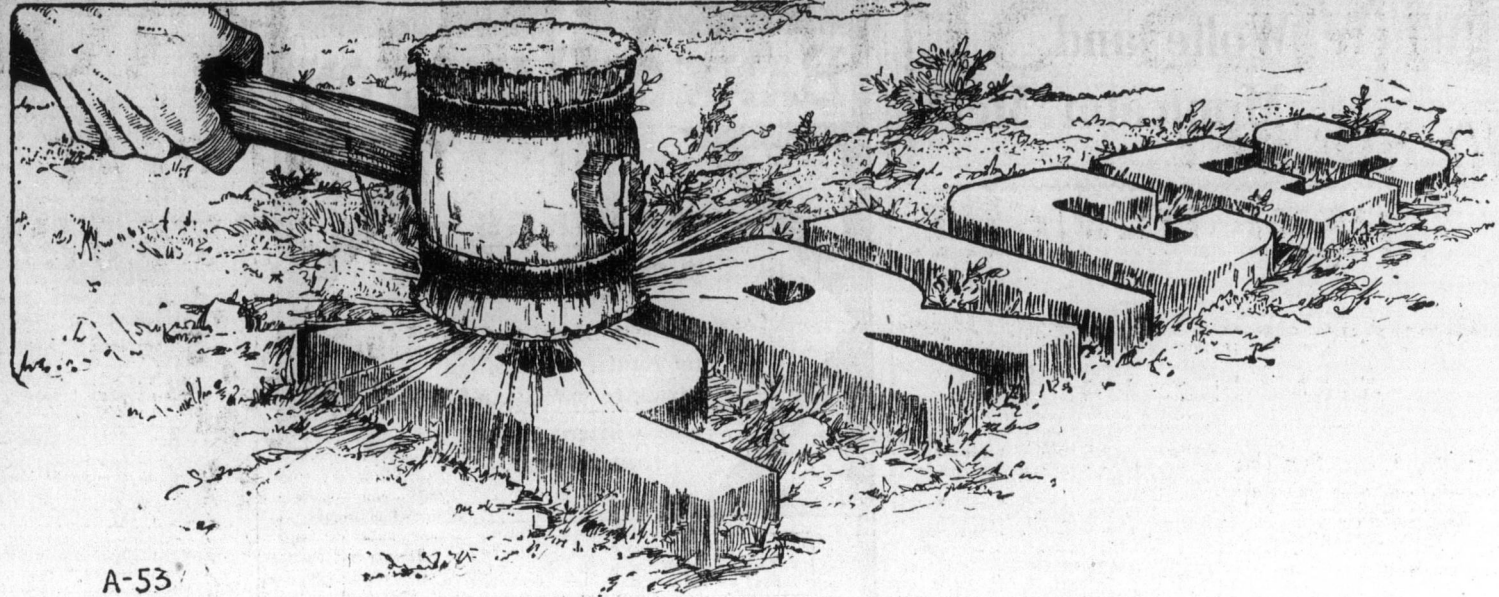
Fired 650 Shots a Minute.

Paris, Feb. 13.—Government artillery experts claim that France possesses a perfect rapid-fire gun. This conviction is the result of tests just held at St. Etienne, where 650 shots a minute were fired without heating the gun, and the mechanism acted effectively.

CRESOLINE ANTISEPTIC TABLETS

A simple and effective remedy for SORE THROATS AND COUGHS. They combine the germicidal value of Cresoline with the soothing properties of slippery elm and licorice. Your druggist or from us, 10c in stamps. Lescage, 1000 St. Louis, Mo. Agents: Montreal, J. G. L. & Co.

The Protestant School Board of Montreal has decided to place an insurance on all pupils, to avoid suits for damages as in the Hochelaga fire.



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This will apply to every piece of Furniture and Carpets during our February Sale. For some years past our Annual Sale has been looked forward to as being the best time to buy. This sale will be better than any previous sale, as the stock is larger and prices lower than ever. If you are thinking of furnishing your home in adding a piece of new Furniture or Carpet, now is the time to buy. Below you will find a few prices which will give you some idea of what you can get here when you come to purchase.

Templeton's and other best makers' best quality Axminster Carpets, a splendid range of colorings, in greens, fawns, blues and oriental shades, suitable for parlors, dining rooms, libraries, bedrooms, and halls and stairs. Regular prices \$2.25 and \$2.00, for \$1.85 per yard

Empire Axminsters, a little lighter weight; regular \$1.65 and \$1.50, for \$1.35 per yard

Best Brussels

A quantity of odd lengths, some with 5/8 Borders to match, in all colorings, ranging from 15 yards to 50 yards, regularly sold \$1.50 and \$1.38, to clear at \$1.00 per yard

A Big Snap in Rugs

15 Made-up best Brussels Rugs, various sizes, colorings blues, greens and fawns, to be sacrificed at one-half their original cost.

Best Quality English Velvet Rugs

Woven in one piece in all colorings, suitable for any room, in sizes as below:

10-6 x 12-0, regular price \$28.00, for \$24.00
9-0 x 12-0, regular price \$24.00, for \$21.50
9-0 x 10-6, regular price \$20.50, for \$18.00

Brussels Rugs

11-3 x 12-0, regular price \$30.00, for \$25.00
9-0 x 12-0, regular price \$25.00, for \$20.00
9-0 x 10-6, regular price \$21.00, for \$16.50
9-0 x 9-0, regular price \$17.00, for \$14.00

Tapestry Rugs

10-6 x 12-0, regular price \$13.00, for \$11.00
9-0 x 12-0, regular price \$11.00, for \$9.50
9-0 x 10-6, regular price \$9.75, for \$8.25
100 Made-up Carpet Mats, fringed on ends, in best Brussels and Velvet Pile, while they last, to clear at \$1.00
50 Made-up Carpet Mats, made in best Axminster and Wilton, for \$1.50

Couches

A complete line of Couches. Prices begin at \$46.85

Dressers

A good Dresser, 2 large drawers, maple wood, royal oak finish, price was \$7.75, now \$5.88
1 only Solid Oak Dresser, \$22.00, now \$18.00
1 only Birch Mahogany Dresser, \$23.00, now \$15.85
1 only Solid Oak Dresser, \$48.00, now \$39.85

Parlor Suites

1 only Mahogany 5-piece Suit, \$75.00, now \$50.00
1 only Mahogany 5-piece Suite, \$24, now \$19.25
1 only Mahogany 5-piece Suite, \$28, now \$24.00
1 only Mahogany 3-piece Suite, \$26, now \$19.85

Parlor Tables

2 only Mahogany Tables, \$12.00, now \$7.75
4 only Mahogany Tables, \$8.50, now \$5.85
2 only Oak Tables, \$7.00, now \$5.00

China Cabinets

1 solid Oak Cabinet, \$27.50, now \$20.00
1 Oak Mahogany Cabinet, \$72, now \$61.85
1 solid Oak Cabinet, \$24, now \$19.85
1 solid Oak Cabinet, \$26, now \$21

Parlor Cabinets

In all the latest designs. Prices begin at \$10.

Music Cabinets

Just the thing to keep your music clean and you will find a full line here. Prices begin at \$5.50.

Morris Chairs

We have a few left over and will clear out at bargain prices, some as low as \$4.50

Inlaid and Printed Linoleums

Nairns' and other best makers' Inlaid Linoleums, in qualities as below:

A Quality, regular \$1.40, for \$1.25 per square yard
B Quality, regular \$1.10, for 98c per square yard
C Quality, regular 90c, for 75c per square yard
Best quality Printed Linoleum, regular price 55 and 45c, for 38c per square yard

Wardrobe and Kitchen Cupboard Sale

We have bought a large consignment of Wardrobes and Cupboards at a low price, and which you can have at a slight advance on cost. See this line before buying.

1 only large Oak Wardrobe, double doors, with drawer, \$11.50, now \$9.45
1 only large Oak Wardrobe, double doors, with drawer, \$17.50, now \$13.80
1 only large Oak Wardrobe, double doors, with drawer, \$14.50, now \$11.50
1 only large Hardwood Wardrobe, double doors, with drawer, \$8.50, now \$6.75

Kitchen Cupboards, some with glass doors and others with wire doors, just the thing for keeping your provisions in during hot weather.

2 only Hardwood Kitchen Cupboards, wire doors, \$5.00, now \$4.20
1 only Oak Kitchen Cupboard, glass doors, \$10.50, now \$8.85
1 only Oak Kitchen Cupboard, glass doors, \$9.50, now \$7.75
1 only Hardwood Kitchen Cupboard, glass doors, \$8.00, now \$6.60

Brass Beds in all the latest designs, and from the best makers, a few prices will give you some idea what we can do for you in this line:

3 only Brass Beds, 2 inch post, heavy fillings, bow foot, \$30, now \$22.50
4 only Brass Beds, 2 inch post, heavy fillings, straight foot, \$30, now \$22.50
2 only Brass Beds, 2 inch post, heavy fillings, bow foot, \$34, now \$24.25
1 only Brass Bed, 2 inch post, heavy fillings, curved foot, \$50, now \$38
1 only Brass Bed, 2 inch post, heavy fillings, straight foot, \$90, now \$73.95

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AFTER POINTERS.

NECESSITY OF APPOINTING PLUMBING INSPECTOR URGED.

Committee Will Get Plumbing By-laws of Other Cities Before Making Any Recommendation to the Council.

The special committee appointed by the Council to consider appointing a plumbing inspector decided last night to send to Cleveland and other cities for copies of their plumbing by-laws before taking any action. Ex-Ald. Wallace, one of the master plumbers, and a deputization from the Trades and Labor Council was present in connection with the matter, and strongly urged the necessity of having such an officer. Mr. Wallace said that although it was charged to the master plumbers that they were behind the move, the citizens really wanted a proper inspection of the plumbing, the same as in every city and town of note on the continent. "The plumbing in Hamilton is a laughing stock all over the country," he said. The office could be made practically self-sustaining.

Practical plumbers who were present cited several instances met with on their daily rounds, and declared that a very small percentage of the plumbing in Hamilton was properly ventilated. Dr. Roberts, the Medical Health Officer, also strongly urged the appointment of an inspector, and said that many cases come under the notice of his department during the year of houses where the occupants were inhaling sewer gas. Although it had never been demonstrated that this was the direct cause, it undoubtedly contributed largely to sickness.

"How is it we are the healthiest city on the continent, then?" asked the chairman.

"Largely on account of the pure water," said the doctor. The treatment of the sewage also helped. Ald. McLaren wanted to know what was going to be done with all the bad plumbing installed at present. He preferred seeing a general inspection and to know what the duties of the inspector would be before making a recommendation to the Council.

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The committee then acted on Ald. pey's suggestion to write to other cities for copies of their by-laws.

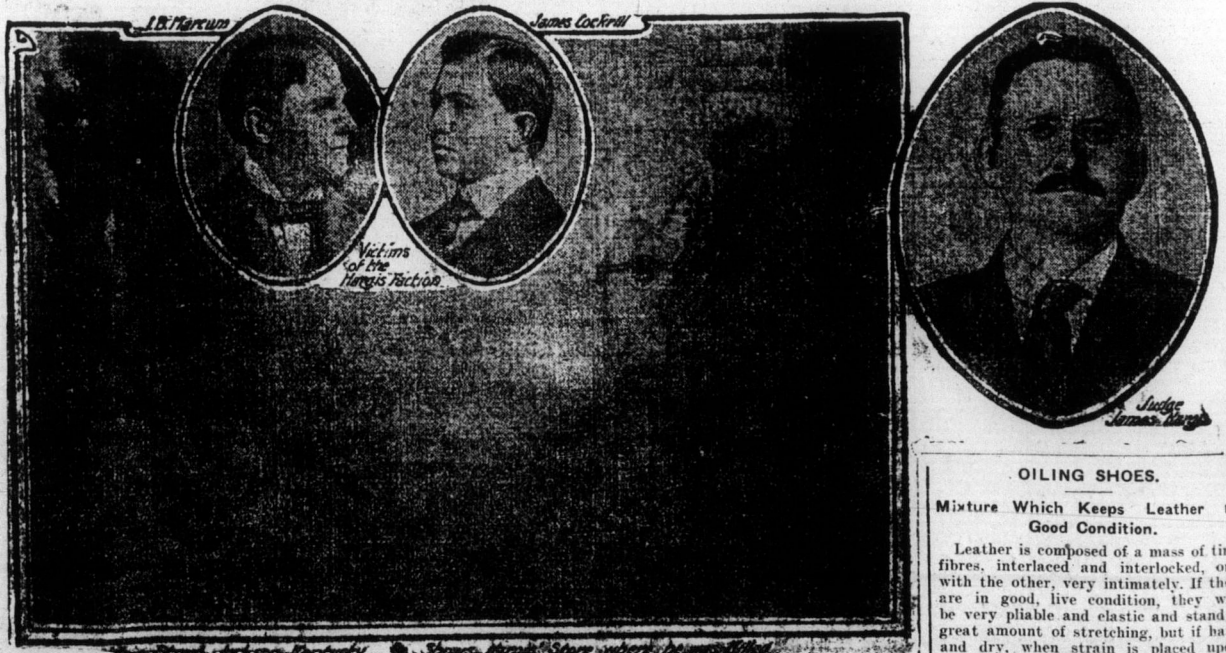
Aunt Clara—What would you do were you to see a ghost? Young visitor—I'd run for dear life, for I'm quite sure I should be paralyzed with fright.

The Tallest Man.

Dr. G. W. Redmond, of Potter, says that in 1870 he and Dr. Parsons, of Mount Pleasant, unearthed the remains of what is said to have been the tallest Indian who ever lived in this section of the country. The Indian was a Kickapoo, and was noted for giant proportions. He was buried on the old Pensoneau farm, or what

was afterward known as the Dougan farm, just north of Potter. "Uncle Jimmy" Dougan, an early settler, remembered when the Indian was buried, and pointed out the grave to Drs. Redmond and Parsons, who wanted the skeleton for dissecting, or, rather anatomical purposes. It measured 6 feet 7 inches in height. The Indian was killed in a drunken brawl. Many trinkets were buried

with him, and the blankets in which he had been wrapped were in a fair state of preservation when the skeleton was exhumed. The remains were buried at a depth of only about three feet. The skeleton lay around Dr. Parson's office in Mount Pleasant for a long time, when it finally disappeared, and Dr. Redmond says he never knew what became of it.—Kansas City Journal.



JUDGE HARGIS—VICTIMS OF HIS—PLACE WHERE HE WAS KILLED. Kentucky's notorious feudist, who has been charged with many murders, met death in his store, when his own son shot him after a quarrel. The young man had been drinking heavily and Hargis undertook to reprimand him. The dead man was a power in community in which he lived, and it is generally accepted that the reason he never was convicted of the crimes charged to him was because the jurors feared him.

OILING SHOES.

Mixture Which Keeps Leather in Good Condition.

Leather is composed of a mass of tiny fibres, interlaced and interlocked, one with the other, very intimately. If they are in good, live condition, they will be very pliable and elastic and stand a great amount of stretching, but if hard and dry, when strain is placed upon them they will break instead of yielding. Good leather oils are offered for sale at most shoe stores, but if one prefers to make his own mixture, he can do so by melting together slowly one part of beef tallow and two parts of pure neatfoot oil. Apply this mixture warm to the shoes, rub in well and the life of the shoe will be doubled.