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BD. OF EDUCATION CONSERVING COAL

Discussed Discontinuance of Evening Classes at the Collegiate

The 1917 board of education wound up its affairs at a routine session held last night in the tax collector's office, rather than the frigid precincts of the council chamber. The question of coal conservation was discussed at some length, the proposal being made that the evening classes at the Collegiate Institute be discontinued until the fuel shortage was alleviated, with a possibility of the abandonment of the manual training and domestic science classes also.

"If the worst comes to the worst," declared W. H. Lane, "we may have

to close up all our schools, and give week, Jan. 11.

Deficit in Finances
The following report was submitted by A. K. Bunnell, Secretary-Treasurer:—
Financial Statement as of December 31, 1917.
After providing for all accounts outstanding, the total expenditure will be \$134,709.00
The estimate was 128,200.00
Excess of expenditure 6,509.00
After receipt of all Government Grants, the revenue will be 136,681.00
The estimate was 128,200.00
Excess of Revenue 2,481.00
Deduct excess of revenue from excess of expenditure, which leaves a net deficit of 4,028.00.
For which an overdraft will be required to be provided from 1918.

Two New Teachers.
In lieu of a report, the management committee recommended the permanent appointment of Miss L. Matthews to the public school staff,

and of Mr. Leonard Hartford to the Collegiate staff, as drill master.

New School.
Mr. Coulbeck, on behalf of the buildings and grounds committee, reported progress on the new school, being erected at King Edward school, expressing a doubt, however, as to whether it would be ready for occupation when the school re-opens after the Christmas vacation, on Monday next. The building will offer accommodation for 100 pupils, the cost to the public.

All the schools of the city now have well over a month's supply on hand, and some of them sufficient for the season. No action was taken by the board in the matter.

A deficit of over four thousand dollars was shown to be facing the board, due to increased salaries and the high cost of coal.

Dr. J. B. Gamble, chairman, in his retiring address to the board, thanked all who had assisted in its work during the year, endorsing the appointment of a general superintendent to administer the affairs of the buildings and grounds committee.

The inaugural meeting of the 1918 board will be held on Friday of next week. A list of accounts was recommended for payment by the Finance Committee.

Chairman's Address.
Dr. J. B. Gamble, chairman, read the following address of farewell:—
Gentlemen—
In this, the closing meeting of my term as your chairman, permit me to thank you very much for the faithful performance of your duties. The valuable assistance of Mr. Bunnell I have appreciated, and I do not forget the support of the daily press.

From every point of view, I am pleased to be able to say, our association together has been most pleasant, and I trust profitable. The utmost harmony has prevailed at all times.

In reviewing the work for the year, there are a few matters to which I would like to refer. The first is the congested condition of the schools, which at the beginning of the year attracted our attention, and still continues to cause us a good deal of worry.

Although at our inaugural meeting in 1917, members emphasized

the necessity existing for increased accommodation, still owing to conditions established by the war, we felt it incumbent upon us to defer additional outlay as long as possible. Thus we have seen fit to dispense with the kindergarten classes, and re-arrange others, such changes not always being most pleasing to the parents of the children. It is still quite evident that we should defer outlay where at all possible. We, as well as the City Council, owe it to the ratepayers not to undertake any public works unless they are absolutely indispensable.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has managed to arrange matters so that without entailing undue expenditure, temporary accommodation will be supplied, by adopting the plan of building portable rooms at small cost.

With the increased cost of material for repairs and supplies, the public will not be surprised, that it has been very difficult for us to be able even to keep close to the amount of our appropriation for the year.

The second matter to which I wish to call your attention is the suggestion recently made by Mr. Coulbeck, and mentioned several months ago by Mr. Shepperson, viz., the appointment of a General Superintendent to look after the purchase of supplies and the making of repairs. A practical man, who could himself make repairs, would be the most satisfactory. He would relieve the members of the board of work which they should not be expected to do, but upon which, of necessity, they have been compelled to spend a great deal of time. No one, I am sure, will question the wisdom of such an appointment.

At no time during the past three years have we possessed such an efficient staff of teachers, as at present. I am sure it will be the desire of the board of 1918 to maintain this high standard, and the public generally will, no doubt, be anxious to give its support, even if by so doing, it should entail a larger salary appropriation.

Before closing my remarks, I wish to say that I have appreciated the honor of being the presiding officer, and can only express the hope that the future occupant of

this chair may have as little cause for worry as I have had.

Those present were Dr. Gamble, chairman, M. W. McEwen, J. W. Shepperson, W. Lehey, Dr. Marquis, A. Coulbeck, W. H. Lane, L. L. Miller, W. N. Andrews, Inspector Kilmer and Principal Burt of the Collegiate Institute.

BANK OF ENGLAND.
By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Jan. 3.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:
Total reserve, increase, £214,000; circulation, increase, £347,000; bullion, increase, £261,371; other securities, increase, £11,592,000; public deposits, decrease, £9,334,000; other deposits, increase, £34,250,000; notes, reserve, increase, £245,000; government securities, increase, £12,531,000.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 16.30 per cent; last week it was 15.64 per cent.

THE PRICE TO ADVANCE.
War conditions have forced many changes in the price of merchandise, and particularly so in the matter of woollens and other fabrics used in the making of clothes. For over three years The Tip-Top Tailors, 63 Colborne St., have so managed their buying that only a nominal increase has been made in the price of their made-to-measure suits, while qualities have been maintained. Now comes notice of an increase. No definite statement has been made as to the date of the increase becoming effective, nor, in fact, of the amount of the increase over the present price of \$15.00, but, it is claimed, the present condition of the cloth markets makes it impossible to secure goods at a price anywhere near what was previously paid, even in large quantity buying, and so the price goes up on the finished garments. It would look like good buying to order your suit or overcoat at once.

PREMIER MORRIS QUIT.
By Courier Leased Wire.
St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 3.—Premier Morris now in London announces his retirement from politics and resignation of the premiership. He has been in London since October on official business and proposes to reside there henceforth. Possibly he may be appointed high commissioner for the colony. His successor will likely be Dr. William Lloyd, now minister of justice and at present acting premier. Dr. Lloyd is the parliamentary head of the party formed by a union of former Liberal associates of Sir Robert Bond and representatives of the Fishermen's Union, led by Mr. William Coaker. These coalesced after the last general election and the past summer formed a union government with followers of Sir Edward Morris.

AIR RAID SUFFERERS.
By Courier Leased Wire.
Rome, Jan. 2.—The American Red Cross mission to Italy to-day appropriated 50,000 lire for the benefit of the victims and families of victims of the enemy air raids on Padua and other cities in northern Italy.

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