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position, and that was that one of more of the tackbirds, who had been away from their camp at the time when the fellow-miscreants were swept away by the flood, had come by the flood, had come back, and h cearching for their com-rades, or one traces of them, had made their way to the caves. It was quite possible, and, further, it was quite probable that the man or men who had fund that mound might still be here or in the neighborhood. As soon as this dea came into the mind of the captain, he prepared for action. This was a question which must be solved if he could do it, and without loss of time. Lighting his lantern—for in that heak daykness it was imfor in that black darkness it was impossible for him to find his way without it, although it might make him a mark for some concealed foe—the cap-tain quickly made his way out of the lake cavers, and, leaving his lantern near the little wall, he proceeded, with a loaded pists in his hand, to make an examination of the caves which he and his party had occupied.

He had already looked into the first compartment but stopping at the pallet which lar almost at the passage of the doorwa, he stood and regarded it. Then he stepped over it and look-ed around the little room. The pallet of blankets and rugs which Ralph had used was not there. Then the captain stepped into the next room, and to his surprise he found this as bare of everything as if it had never been used as a sleeping apartment. He now hurried back to the first room and examined the pallet, which, when he had first been looking at it, he had thought to be somewhat different from what it had been when he had used it. He now found that it was composed of all the rugs and blankets which had previously made up the beds of all the The captain ground his teeth. There can be no doubt of it," he

maid; "someone has been here since they left, and has slept in these caves." At this moment he remembered the innermost cave, the large compartment which was roofless and which in his excitement he had forgotten. Perhaps the man who slept on the pallet was in there at this minute. How reckless he had been, to what danger he had exposed himself! With his pistol cocked, the captain advanced cautiously toward the innermost compartment. Putting his head in at the doorway, he glanced up, down, and around. He called out. "Who's here?" and then he entered and looked around and behind each of the massive pieces of rock with which the floor was rewn. No one answered, and he saw no one. But he

made him stare. On the ground at one side of the entrance to this compartment, were five or six pieces of rock about a food small circle so that high, placed in a near enough together cettle which was rest-Under the kettle, in their tons came to support a tin ing upon them. the center of the burnt leaves and sticks. rocks, was a pfle of

saw something which

"Here he has cloked his meals," said the captain, for the pallet made up of all the others had convinced him that it had been one man who had been here after his party had left. "He stayed long enough to cook his meals and sleep," thought the captain. "I'll look into this provision business," and passing through the other rooms, he went to a deep niche in the wall of entrance passage where his party had kept their stores, and where Edna had written him they had left provisions enough for the immediate use of himself and the men who should return. Here he found tins tumbled about at the bottom of the niche, and everyone of them absolutely empty. On a little ledge stood a tin box in which they had kept the matches and candles. The box was open, but there was nothing in it. On the floor near by was a tin biscuit box, crushed nearly lat, as if someone had stamped upon

'He has eaten everything that was left," said the captain, "and he has been starved out. Very likely, too, he got out of water, for, of course, those pools would dry up. and it is not likehe found the stream outside." An now the captain let down the hammer of his revolver, and put it in his belt. felt sure that the man was not here. Being out of provisions, he had to go away, but where he had gone to was useless to conjecture. Of another thing the captain was now con-The intruder had not been a Rackbird; for, while waiting for the disappearance of the Chilian schooner, he had gone over to the concealed

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storehouse of the bandits, and had found it just as he had left it on his last visit, with a considerable quantity of stores remaining in it. If the man had known of the Rackbirds' camp, and this storehout, it would not have been necessary for him to consume every crumb and vestige of food which had been left in these caves.

had been left in these caves. "No," said the captain, "it could not have been a Rackbird, but who it was, and where he could have gone, is beyond my comprehension

CHAPTER XXII. When Capt. Horn felt quite sure that it was not Ralph, that it was not Cheditafa, that it was not a Rackbird, who had visited the treasure mound, he stood and reflected. What had happened was a great misfortune, possibly it was a great danger, but it was no use standing there thinking about it. His reason could not help him—it had done for him all that it could; and it would be foolish to waste time in look-ing for the man, for it was plain enough that he had gone away. course, he had taken some gold with him, but that did not matter much.

The danger was that he or others might come back for more, but this could not be prevented, and it was needful to consider it. The captain had come to this deserted shore for a purpose, and it was his duty, without loss of time, to go to work and carry out that purpose. If in any way he should be interfered with, he would meet that interference as well as he could, but until it came he would go on with his work. Having come to this conclusion, he got over the wall, lighted his lantern, and proceeded to

On his way he passed the tin cup, which he had forgotten to pick up, but now he merely kicked it out of the "If that man comes back," he thought he knows the way. There is no need of concealing anything."

When the captain had reached the top of the mound, he moved the stone lid so that the aperture was entirely uncovered. Then he looked down upon the mass of dull vellow bars. He could not perceive any apparent diminution

"He must have filled his pockets," the captain thought, "and so full that some of them dropped out. Well, let him go, and if he ventures back here, we shall have it out between us. In the meantime I will do what I can."

The captain now took from the pocket of his jacket two small canvas bags, which he had had made for this purpose, and proceeded to fill one of them with the gold bars, lifting the bag every now and then to try its weight. When he thought it heavy enough, he tied up the end very firmly and then packed the other, as nearly as possible, to the same extent. Then he got down, and, laying one of the bags over each shoulder, he walked about to see if he could easily bear their weight.

"That is about right," he said to himself. "I will count them when I take them out," and then, laying them down, he went up for his lantern. He was about to close the lid of the mound, but he reflected that this would be of no use. It had been open nobody knew how long and might as well remain so; he was coming back as often as he could, and it would be a tax upon his strength to lift that heavy lid every time; so he left the treasures of the Incas open to the air under the black roof of the cavern, and, with his lantern in his hand and a bag of gold on each shoulder, he left the cave of the lake, and then, concealing his lan-

tern, he walked down to the sea. Before he reached it, he had thoroughly scanned the ocean, but not a sign of a ship could be seen. Walking along the sands and keeping, as before, close to the curving line of water thrown up by the surf, he said to him-

"I must have my eyes and ears open. but I am not going to be nervous or fidgety. I came here to be a packmule, and I intend to be a pack-mule until something stops me, and if that semething is one man, he can look out

for himself." The bags were heavy and their contents were rough and galling to the shoulders; but the captain was strong, and his muscles were tough, and as he walked he planned a pair of cushions which he would wear under his

golden epaulets in his future marches When the captain had covered the two miles of beach and climbed the two rocky ridges and reached his tent, it was long after noon, and, throwing his two hags on the ground and covering them with a blanket, he proceeded to prepare his dinner. He laid out a complete working plan, and one of the rules he had made was that, if possible, nothing should interfere with his regular meals and hours of sleep. The work he had set for himself was arduous in the extreme, and calculated to tax his energies to the utmost, and he must take very good care of his health and strength. In thinking over the matter, he had feared that the greed of gold might possess him, and that in his anxiety to carry away as much as he could, he might break down and everything be lost. (To be Continued.)

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The recommendations were adopted, Messrs. Hunt, Wilkins, Burdick, Sanders, Bradford, Johnston and Griffin voting nay.

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Miss Florence O'Brien was appointed to take charge of the third room at Waterloo street south school, and Miss Jennie Auld, Maggie Monro, Minnie Grabam, Hattie M. Gidens a Lima Beans, 76

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Principal Graham, of the Model School, Gets a "Raise."

The Salaries of Collegiate Institute Teachers Readjusted.

Substitute Teachers Appointed-Nearly 700 Pupils at the Institute-Transition Teachers Located-The Board Will "K ok"-Increases for the Principals.

not prepared at its regular meeting on the roll number 60. last night to discuss the question of providing extra school accommodation in the various wards of the city.

The full board was present, but instead of enjoying the comforts of the council chamber the members were crowded into one of the committee rooms, owing to the Orange meeting Kirk. in the large hall.

The special committee appointed to investigate the needs of the six wards for further accommodation, presented their report, recommending the erection of the new buildings and additions decided on last Friday night, a list of which appeared in Saturday's "Advertiser." The total cost of the buildings was \$58,000.

The consideration of the report was barely begun when several of the trustees became imbued with the idea that a special meeting should be called for the purpose. Trustee Stephenson moved accordingly, and the motion

Trustee Anderson gave the board to understand that he did not consider that 24 new rooms, as proposed by the committee, were necessary. The average attendance in the city schools in "was 3,782," said Mr. Anderson. "Last year the average was 4,263, an increase of 481. In 1893 six additional rooms were built, sufficient to accommodate the increase, yet in the face of that you propose to build 24 rooms this year. I do not see where you will get the pupils to fill them." "There are plenty of children," said Trustee Johnston, "who do not attend

school now because the accommoda-tion is insufficient." Trustee Griffin also offered a plea in support of the proposition to build a new twelve-room school on Colborne street. He arose to a question of privilege, and asked to be allowed to read an extract from City Engineer Graydon's report on the present school on Colborne street, given in 1892.

"We don't want any of your chestnuts," said Trustee Greenlees. Mr. Griffin held the floor and quoted the engineer, to the effect that "the Colborne street school was hardly fit ive in regard to ventilation and heating, and would have to be replaced at an early date."

"When considering the needs of Col-borne street," said Mr. Griffin, "I would ask the trustees not to forget that re-

The question then dropped. A special meeting will be called in two weeks, and in the meantime the trustees will visit the different schools.
INCREASING SALARIES.

A considerable portion of the meeting was occupied in considering recommendations to increase salaries. as submitted by No. 1 committee. The first recommendation was that the salary of the model school teacher, Mr. R. M. Graham, be increased \$150 a year, to date from Jan. 1 last. This was very strongly opposed by Mr. Greenlees, who held that the model school was being run at a loss of \$110 per year. "If you raise the salary," said Mr. Greenlees, "you will not only increase the annual loss, but you will breed dissatisfaction in the breasts of many other teachers.'

Dr. Wilson, Mr. Logan, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Griffin supported the commit-tee's report, and paid high compliments to the ability of Mr. Graham. Mr. Griffin showed that the model school teachers in Brantford, Hamilton and Toronto were paid \$1,275, \$1,400 and \$1,350 a year respectively, while London's principal only received \$1,050, although he was the equal of the prin-

cipals in other places. A motion to strike out the recommendation was supported by Messrs. Wilkins, Greenlees, Burdick and Sanders. The balance of the board supported the increase, which was con-

sequently carried.

The readjustment of the salaries of the Collegiate Institute teachers was also finally disposed of. No. 1 com-mittee recommended that the following scale be adopted: 1. Upper school, first grade, maximum salary \$1,250 per annum, minimum \$1,100, with an increase of \$25 per annum, and that the master in charge of the upper assembly room (at present) receive an addition of \$50 per annum to his salary. 2. Second grade, upper school, maximum \$1,100, minimum \$1,000, with an increase of \$25 per annum, also that the master in charge of the lower assembly room be included in second grade. 3. Lower school, maximum \$1,000, minimum \$900, with an increase of \$25 per annum, and that Miss Hanson receive an in-crease of \$25 per annum till her salary

reaches \$800 per annum. Trustee Murphy, a member of the committee, was a strong advocate of the scale, which meant an increase to the masters in the school. He spoke highly of the staff in general. cost per pupil every year before Mr. Merchant's time," argued Mr. Murphy, "was \$10 higher than it is now, the cost at present being about \$24. The expense of teaching a pupil in the high school, is less than in the upper classes of the public schools, although many have the idea that the very rewill come back with large returns in the health and vigor of body and strength of parties est schools in the province-we ranked below Strathroy, Collingwood, Brantford and other small places—but London can boast of ing undoubtedly the best insti-tute in Canada. This is a standing which has only been ating tute

> ers. The recommendations were adopted.

C. B. Latta, Misses Ida Phillips, Agnes M. Robertson, Alma Fleming, Laura Phoenix, Emma Cooper, Ethel Martin-dale, Jessie E. McDonald were elected

substitute teachers.

Principal Merchant reported 697 pupils on the Collegiate Institute roll during February, with an average attendance of 590. This was an increase of 58 compared with February, 1895. Mr. Merchant again complained of the unsatisfactory heating of the institute, which had frequently caused considerable inconvenience. A similar complaint had been made several times, but no improvement was made. No. 2 committee will endeavor to solve the difficulty.

Inspector Carson's report recommended (1) That Miss Bertha Graham, transition teacher in Princess avenue school be appointed to part I. room at Aberdeen school; (2) that Miss Callard be transferred from the transition class in Aberdeen school to the transition class in Colborne street; (3) that Miss Sale be transferred from the Lorne avenue transition class to the same class in Princess avenue; and (4) that Miss Ida Philips, Miss Aggie Robertson and Miss Laura Phoenix be appointed transition teachers at Aberdeen, Lorne avenue and Quebec street The London Board of Education was schools respectively. Miss Phoenix's duties to begin as soon as the pupils The report was referred to No. 1

committee. Trustee Johnston notified the board that several of the lady teachers were about to get married. He wanted them to give a month's notice. Trustee Sanders gave notice that he would move \$100 increase in salary to Principals Eckert, McQueen, Stuart and

At Trustee Griffin's request the board will protest against the council granting the city hall to an organization for a dance, and thereby shunting the school board into an ante room to transact business of importance. Trustee Wilkins gave notice a

motion to dispense with the services the board architect, and that all plans be submitted for competition among the city architects.

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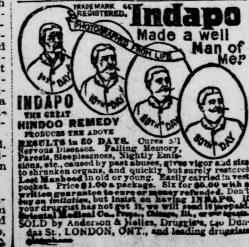
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