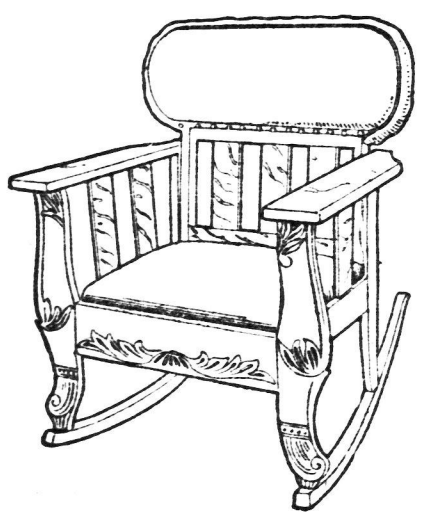


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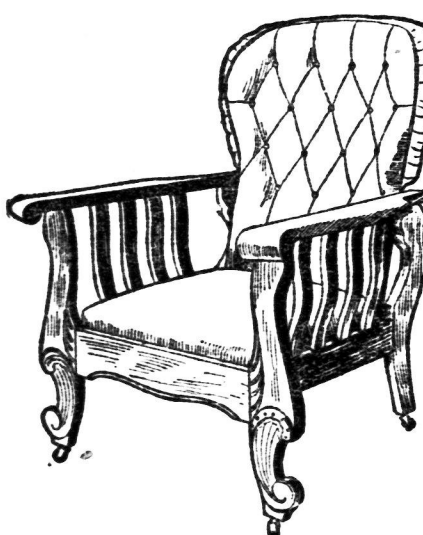


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BOARD WILL REQUIRE TWENTY-FIVE TEACHERS

First Step Taken Toward Reorganization of the Kindergartens.

At the meeting of No. 1 committee of the board of education held yesterday, Inspector Edwards' report was read regarding the reorganization of the kindergartens.

It was recommended that the six schools at present with double sessions be placed in charge of two directors; one director to take charge in the morning, and the other in the afternoon. At the present time there are two teachers at each session. These six schools are: Aberdeen, St. George's, Empress avenue, Lorne avenue, Princess and Victoria schools.

In six other schools there would be morning and afternoon sessions, with one teacher in charge. There is only one session a day now, with two teachers in charge.

These schools are Colborne street, Chesley avenue, Rectory street, Simcoe street, Talbot street and Wortley road.

Employ 22 Teachers.

This would employ 22 teachers. Four more were recommended to be appointed. One of these could teach kindergarten work, and assist the first grade teacher at King street, and one each could be employed at Richmond street, Quebec street and Colborne street south.

The hours were fixed from 9 to 11 a.m., and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This would give the teachers plenty of time to attend the Froebel Society each meeting week, and also their other duties.

Dr. Teasdale objected to what he called a make-shift at King street, and declared that the kindergarten had better be cut off there. Inspector Edwards, however, stated that while it was not ideal, it would be useful.

The doctor also objected to the committee's pick of work of reorganization upon Miss Laidlaw and the inspector.

Trustee Weekes Explains.

"The board have explained what they want," said Trustee Weekes. "It is up to them to carry out our wishes. That's what they are for."

The report was laid over until a meeting to be held next week, when the teachers would be appointed to the positions.

"It is a temporary arrangement in a way," said Chairman Westervelt. "It is not like the laws of the Medes and Persians. If the coming board does not like it, they can change it."

At a special session of the police court held yesterday afternoon, nine men charged with keeping and frequenting a gambling house were acquitted by a jury.

The case involved the question of a race-off, and although Crown Attorney McMillan examined a number of the men all swore that there had been absolutely no race-off as far as they were aware.

"Was there any scheme at all by which a race-off could have been given even if it was not called a race-off?" asked the crown attorney. "No," replied the men, after another, but all replied in the negative.

No Race-Off.

Every witness examined admitted that he had played for money. Witnesses stated a lunch would be served by the man of the house on nearly every occasion. But they denied absolutely leaving paid in any way for the lunch. There was no race-off for the house. "There is no question about it that gambling was going on," said the court. "But there is no evidence to show that there was any race-off. The money that was on the table went apparently to the winner alone. The police perfectly right in raiding the place, as completely as they have made that men were frequenting the house, gambling for money and going home intoxicated."

Must Expect a Raid.

If any man keeps a house under such conditions he must expect the police to raid it, and I think they would only be doing their duty. However, there is no evidence on which the law as it now stands could convict, so I must discharge all the men."

"Maybe when the gambling laws are amended shortly it will be easier to secure convictions in cases of this kind," said the crown attorney.

WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN ONE ROOM SHACK

Aged Chatham White Woman Dies in Scene of Squalor.

Chatham, Dec. 10. — Lying cold in death on what could once have been called a lounge, scantily covered with two ragged skirts covering her remains, Mrs. Libby Vick, white, aged about 65 years, was found at 4 o'clock this morning at the home of Harvey Wilson, colored, Queen street.

Through her death has come to light something of the life of Chatham's poor. The house is that where, according to police records, the notorious "Mother Marbles" held sway for many years — a little whitewashed two-by-two, tumble-down hut on Queen street, immediately across the Grand Trunk tracks. In one corner of the single room is a bed, in which Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilson, both colored, sleep. In another corner of the room, with a tick stretched on the floor for a bed, is the righty room of John De Witt, white. Backing against a window is the lounge, on which the deceased woman rested her weary bones at night.

Later news says that the deceased woman came from Windsor a few years ago, and had been working here and there all over the city and country.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Montreal, Dec. 10. — James A. Johnson, a C. P. R. locomotive engineer, who resided on Sussex avenue, this city, was killed at Newport, Vermont, this morning being struck by a switch engine. Mr. Johnson was one of the best-known engineers on the road. The accident took place while he was standing near his locomotive waiting to bring the Boston express into Montreal.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF GUELPH FAIR

Practical Demonstration by Experts in the Selection of Stock.

Guelph, Dec. 10. — A special feature of the lectures delivered at the fair this year has been the practical demonstration of what really is necessary to secure the best types of stock. Yesterday these demonstrations dealt entirely with cattle, while today and horse, sheep and swine occupied the attention. The demonstrators did not deal so much with theory, but by bringing animals into the ring were able to show the large crowd which was present at all the lectures the types which were desirable. They showed where animals were liable to be attacked by disease, and how these faults might be avoided. The demonstrations were particularly useful in proving that all the technical talk on type is not based on the mere fads of a few, but as the result of careful consideration as to methods for the increase in the value of all kinds of stock. Mr. Robert Miller put this point very well when he urged breeders not to give weight to consideration of trifles, but to pay attention to the real fundamental principles of breeding. Others who gave demonstrations today were: Wm. Smith, Columbus; John Garhouse, Highfield; A. A. Grange, B.S., M.S., principal Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto; Dr. Hugo Reed, O. A. C., Guelph; Dr. R. H. Lambeth; Lieut.-Col. McClellan, Byron; R. H. Harding, Thorndale; A. W. Smith, M. P., Maple Lodge; Professor H. S. Arkel, McGill College, Quebec, and Professor G. E. Day, of the O. A. C.

Civic Luncheon.

Seedsman were the guests at the civic luncheon today. Mr. R. Simpson, president of the board of trade, spoke a few words of welcome.

Professor Zavitz, of the O. A. C., laid stress on the fact that there was shown in seed grain which was prizes in the standing crop competition throughout the province. The grain shown this year, he said, was the best that had ever been seen at the fair.

Mr. Wm. Renzie, of Toronto, emphasized the fact that great good would come out of the distribution of the prize seed grain as farmers' crops would in some cases be doubled next year.

Professor Day, of the O. A. C., said that he had never seen any thing like the display of seed grain shown this year. The Government and Mr. Jockie Wilson were to be congratulated on the success of the display.

Poultry Association.

At the annual meeting of the Western Ontario Poultry Association held at the city hall this afternoon great satisfaction was expressed at show. The display, it was stated, is the very best ever seen in America, both in numbers and quality. The poultry shows at Chicago and New York cannot compare with Guelph. The accommodation is better than it ever was before, and both exhibitors and spectators have a better chance of a fine quality, some of the best valued as high as a hundred dollars each.

There was a lengthy discussion over the question of having all the poultry entries included in the general catalogue of the fair, and a resolution was passed asking the fair board to have the poultry entries catalogued under their own heading.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary presidents, Hon. J. Duff and Hon. Nelson Monteith; president, L. H. Baldwin; vice-presidents, R. Oke and W. J. Taylor; directors, Henry Russell, M. P., A. W. Tyson, G. G. Henderson, T. H. Scott, T. L. Green, J. P. Kiley, J. Cornwall, C. H. Wilcox, and J. D. McNeil.

Mr. McNeil gave a report of the conventions and exhibitors he had attended during the year, and stated that the poultry would be given increased accommodation at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto next year.

Many Horse Exhibits.

Judging of the horses is not yet more than half-finished, so many were entered. James Leach, of Owen Sound, won the special cup for the best animal in the show in the cattle entries with a remarkably fine Shorthorn steer, 2 years old. Numbers of cattle buyers from Toronto, London and Montreal were at the fair today purchasing cattle for slaughter and sale for the Christmas trade. The average price paid being 9½ cents a pound on the hoof. The Drummond cup, for the best pen of five lambs, any breed, was won by John Shakespear, Ont.

The poultrymen's annual banquet was held this evening, when speeches were made by the officers of the association, representatives of the fair and others interested in poultry and pet stock. The growth of the poultry section was dwelt upon by every speaker, and great praise given to Mr. J. D. McNeil, who has been in charge of the poultry section of the fair.

ALMA COLLEGE

Annual Meeting of the Board of Management.

The annual meeting of the Alma College board, held recently, was exceptionally interesting. The alumnae representatives to the board, elected by Alma Daughters, were present for the first time. Of the three alumnae representatives, two were present, Mrs. (Dr.) Baker, Toronto, and Miss S. E. Sisk, Toronto. Owing to illness, Mrs. Warner, St. Thomas, was not able to be present. Her absence called forth a very kind vote of sympathy and goodwill.

The reports presented showed a largely increased registration of students to date, both of boarding and day students, and a increase over 150. The financial increase is even greater. A significant proof that Alma College is positively in a forward movement was the unanimous vote of the 24 members present appointing a special committee to prepare a comprehensive plan of development for the college. It was further unanimously decided that the erection of a gymnasium should be the first item in the plan. Steps will be taken at once to get this under way.

The start arrangements effected by Principal Warner and staff committee received hearty commendation.

A delightful banquet was held on the evening of the meeting. Principal Warner presided at the banquet, and Miss Bowes, lady principal, at the students' section. Congratulations were made by Dr. Car-

ry speeches were made by Dr. Carman, president of the board; Mrs. (Dr.) Baker, Alma Daughters representative, and Dr. Coyne, chairman of the executive.

After the banquet an informal reception was held in the spacious drawing-rooms, where the members of the board enjoyed a pleasant hour with students and faculty. The reception closed by students heartily singing the college song "Alma."

The members present were Dr. Carman, Rev. R. W. Woodworth, Mrs. (Dr.) Baker and Miss S. E. Sisk, Toronto; J. S. Williamson, D.D., Rev. A. C. Going, B.A., Hamilton; Rev. Dr. Gee, Brantford; Rev. Dr. Ross, Hanover; Rev. H. W. Crews, M.A., Guelph; D. Graham, Brantford; Rev. W. Goodwin, Parkhill; Rev. J. Philp, B.D., Essex; Rev. W. G. H. McAlister, M.A., Blenheim; Rev. G. N. Hazen, B.A., London; Rev. R. J. Elliott, Waterloo; Dr. Gundy, Dr. Coyne, J. McCausland, L. D. Marlatt, J. Griffin, Dr. Kennedy, W. H. Murch, W. Risdon, Principal Warner, St. Thomas.

The executive is as follows: Dr. Coyne, Dr. Gundy, Judge Colter, J. McCausland, Mayor Geddes, J. Griffin, L. D. Marlatt, W. Risdon, Principal Warner, W. H. Murch, Dr. Kennedy, G. K. Crocker, J. H. Chapman, Rev. G. N. Hazen.

MAY PUBLISH OR OMIT NAMES AS PAPER PLEASES

Toronto Man Failed in Attempt to Secure Free Advertising.

Chief Justice Meredith yesterday refused to issue any injunction, as asked for by J. B. Mackenzie, to restrain the World Newspaper Company, of Toronto, from continuing to publish reports of cases, omitting the plaintiff's name in cases in which he appears as solicitor, or as counsel, and to restrain George M. Lee, an officer of the high court, who furnishes the reports to the World from continuing to omit the plaintiff's name from those reports. His lordship said a newspaper, which undertakes to publish reports, necessarily assumes the duty of court proceedings, has a right to publish just what it likes, so long as it does not reflect upon somebody in such a way as to bring it within the law as to the publication of libel.

They just did not choose to give counsel the benefit of the advertising with the mention of his name in the last analysis, would mean. With regard to the other defendant, his lordship did not know what was in the reports he furnished to the paper, but expressed the opinion that if he had omitted the plaintiff's name, it might have been better, as a matter of taste, if he had not done so, but there was no invasion of any legal right of the plaintiff in what was done. The motion was dismissed, with costs to defendants in any event.

Mr. Kenneth F. Mackenzie, representing the defendants, asked for the action to be disposed of, but this was not granted.

LONDONERS MADE MONEY IN GROWING OF APPLES

Messrs. Joseph Weld and W. D. Albright Cleared \$330 From Three Acres.

Apple-growing pays in Ontario, as is shown by the fact that two Londoners cleared \$330 this year from a three-acre orchard. They are Messrs. Joseph Weld and W. D. Albright, who had an orchard in Westminister on the farm of Mr. Joseph Poole, a half-mile west of Lambeth. There are 147 trees on the three acres, and they include Spies, Baldwins, Greenings and other varieties. The orchard was planted 22 years, but had been rather badly infested with scab and codling moth, and also, to some extent, with oyster-shell bark-lice.

There were many leaks, too. "Editorial and business duties rendered it impossible to do much of the work ourselves," says an account of the first year's work, appearing in the Christmas number of the Farmer's Advocate, "or even to supervise it as closely as desired. Hence minor leaks and wastes occurred, which could have been avoided by a grower living beside his plantation. Among the disbursements are included also such items as charges for car fare and livery, and other charges for telephone calls, express, etc., most of which a farmer could have avoided."

The account gives detail of pruning, spraying, four times, staking of the orchard and packing and grading of the fruit, which was sold to an apple buyer in the ordinary way. Following is the financial statement of the enterprise, which will be carried on for two more years:

Debit.
Rent of orchard \$100 00
Equipment, spray pump, ladders, scales, presses, etc. 80 90
Spray materials 24 95
Labor, pruning 16 80
Labor, spraying 45 50
Labor, picking and cultivating 22 75
Teaming 163 80
Seed for clover crop 10 55
Packages, barrels 82 40
Packaging boxes 46 50
Freight, Lambeth to St. Thomas 20 00
Miscellaneous expenses 33 98
Total \$652 13

Credit.
Cash receipts \$846 95
Apples on hand, ending year 75 00
Value of equipment, deducting 25 per cent to cover depreciation 60 65
Total \$982 63
Profit, \$330 50.

MEASURE TO CHECK LONG RAILWAY HOURS

If Man Works More Than Twelve Consecutive Hours, Wants It Reported.

Ottawa, Dec. 10. — Mr. E. N. Lewis (Huron), introduced a measure today to compel all railways to report to the Government the names of all employees who have during the course of years worked more than twelve hours consecutively, or for more than 34 hours in any one week.

Mr. Lewis said that the object of the bill was to prevent the species of accidents, which are due to long hours of work on the part of railway employees. Another object aimed at is to provide for the appointment of a Government official whose duty it will be to bring to the attention of the board of railway commissioners the complaints of people who are not able to engage counsel.

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ON SHORT TIME.

London, Dec. 10. — Notices were posted today at the weaving mills in the Bolton, Wigan and Leigh districts, announcing that short-time working schedules would go into effect next week owing to "the prohibitive price of cotton." Many thousands of operatives will be affected.

A SORE TOUCH.

The picture drawn by Mr. J. A. Macdonald of the types of faces he saw while in Great Britain has naturally attracted some attention on the other side of the big water. It is comparatively safe to say that the moral reputation of a people, but to criticize adversely their facial appearance is at once casual belli.