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Influential Citizens wait on the School Board-A Deputation to be Sent to Toronto.

The Public school board held a special meeting last evening. There were present, Chairman Wilson, and Trustees McCorvie, Johnston, Thomson, Morley, McKeough, Paxton and Robertson. A number of citizens were also present, including Rev. R. Mc-Cosh, Edwin Bell, Rev. J. J. Ross, O. B. Hulin, Mayor Smith, C. A. Austin and Dr. Thornton. Andrew Thomson was appointed secretary during the absence of T. C. Macnabb in London.

Chairman Wilson said the meeting had been called with a view to discussing Principal Smith's case and decide what steps the board should take. Mr. Wilson read a letter from the Rev. Dr. McColl, in which he stated that in or McColl, in which he stated that in compliance with the school act, the certificate of Mr. Smith had been suspended, for the reason that the said T. C. Smith had, on the 12th day of June, received the Dresden entrance papers in a sealed bag and had unsealed the bag and taught the answers to the openious thereby disclosed. to the questions thereby disclosed. Furthermore, on the 9th day of July he had confessed to having opened the he had confessed to having operate the bag and taught the answers to the questions. The said conduct was a fraud and violation of the school act. Dr. McKeough said that a deputa-tion of citizens was present and he

DEPUTATION HEARD. before to discuss a breach of trust on the part of the Principal of the Central school and to see if the maton the part of the Principal of the Central school and to see if the matter could not be dealt with in a lenient manner. It had been moved by Dr. Hall, seconded by Fred Stone, that a committee be appointed to wait on the school board and ask that the principal of the Central be retained, and the meeting desired to place on record the many evidences of the high character Mr. Smith had during a ten years' residence in the city, and that he had done the wrong in a moment of personal weakness which his better nature would have repudiated. A committee had also been appointed to find the opinions of the citizens. They had circulated a petition and had 273 sigcirculated a petition and had 273 sig-natures of the leading men of Chat-ham. If more time had been devoted strain, and Mrs. Smith had already FEELS SYMPATHY. to the petition a much larger number of signatures could have been obtained and Mr. McCosh was confident that 85 per cent. of the ratepayers would

lost his certificate it would be was understood that he had not ac-cumulated any money and was deoils would not view the offense in the time light as they would more serious rimes. They would say that he had done the wrong from over anxiety and no wrong was involved. Although there were differences in Christian be-liefs, the foundation of all faiths was teach forbearance and forgiveness. he board knew that in the law courts rst offenses were dealt lightly with. ome little girls had been found guilty f stealing in Windsor, but the magisrate had not treated them harshl cause it was their first offense and hey had previously borne good char rters. The same might be said of Mr. mith, and the deputation merely askod that the leniency of the law courts be extended to him. They asked that Mr. Smith's certificate be restored and Mr. Smith's certificate be restored and his services be retained at least until the expiration of his engagement. It was not thought that the interests of education would thereby suffer, but it would be a Christian act.

THE MAYOR'S PLEA! Mayor Smith said that this was the first occasion on which he had appeared before the school board and he was nly sorry that he hadn't a pleasanter ask to perform. Although Mr. ask to perform. Although Mr. Smith was a perfect stranger, he con-sidered it his duty to come to night and to make an appeal for the condonation of Mr. Smith's misdemeanor. The Mayor had been one of those who d helped circulate the petition, and all signatures had been given freely. Some had ever thanked him for circulating it. Only three refusals had been met with, and these three had peen met with, and these three had grievances. In asking for signatures no effort had been made to minimize matters or gloss them over. All should be willing to cast the mantle of charity over the first offense and not cast any man out into the cold world. He had always tried to temper justice with mercy and this was the right and only course to pursue. The Mayor said he would like merely to refer to Mr. Smith's past teaching and his ability. He had always contended that school teachers were the worst class of people to always contended that school teachers were the worst class of people to be thrown out on the world. They got into one groove by reason of their work, and this unfitted them for anything else. The Mayor closed with an earnest appeal to the board to do all in their power to aid Mr. Smith in his

The Rev. J. J. Ross said that Mr. The Rev. J. J. Ross said that Mr. Smith was not a personal friend of his. He had been introduced to him snortly after his arrival, and had spoken to him several times. This slight acquaintance had created a confidence in Mr. Smith which Mr. Ross still retained. If each one present were placed in the position of Mr.

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ity, he would also have been tempted, though of course all would not have fallen. He had helped circulate the The Rev. Mr. McCosh was the first fallen. He had helped circulate the petition, and had got some 160 signatures. Only three had refused, and citizens had been held a few evenings one of these had afterwards sent for one of these had afterwards sent for the petition and signed it. The other two wege willing to exert all possible

FEELS SYMPATHY. O. B. Hulin said that he didn't even know Mr. Smith to see him, but he had heard of his trouble and his sympathy had at once run out to the unfortunhave signed had they had an opportunity. Mr. McCosh then read the petition.

The whole question had been exhaustively discussed throughout the city and nearly all the arguments had been heard, said Mr. McCosh. It was the desire of the deputation to impress as strongly as possible the wisdom of dealing leniently with Mr. Smith. His character had heretofore been unsullied and he had always acted in an updealing leniently with Mr. Smith. His character had heretofore been unsullied and he had always acted in an upright and honorable manner and, as far as they knew, it was the first offense. All the circumstances should be carefully considered. The misdemeanor had hinged on a question of rivalry between the schools. If Mr. Smith lost his certificate it would be the reconsidered. the government. It had been asserted by some that should Mr. Smith be retained in his present position his influence as a teacher of the Model by some that should all position his in-fluence as a teacher of the Model School would be destroyed. In answer to this, he would say that one of the inspectors had stated that there nd children. Some were considering he moral effect on the minds of the oung if Mr. Smith were retained, here was but little in this for the minds of the sistant had to be secured as a si

Edwin Bell said that there had been tendency to magnify the enormity of the fault. All would recognize, how-ever, that there could be no great consequences. In some colleges even at the present time, teachers set the examination papers and examine them. having regard to the work gone over during the term. As a practice, the action of Mr. Smith was of course reprehensible and worked confusion but the harm was really small. One on two might have passed who should not. One single false step should not take away a man's livelihood, and wreck his whole life. The deputation present had been appointed to wait on the board and they merely asked that the board endeavor to work out natural justice. The board had heard the deputation and Mr. Bell trusted that they would find some way to re-tain Mr. Smith in his present position. FEELING OF THE BOARD.

Chairman Wilson said that he was sure the board appreciated the services of the citizens in behalf of Mr. Smith

and there was no member but felt keenly on the question. Dr. McKeough concurred with the remarks of the deputation. He had a short resolution passed at the meeting of the special committee which he thought would over what the deputation asked and which would meet with the unanimous endorsation of the board. While the board were deof the board. While the board were de-liberating on the question, the Rev. Dr. McColl had performed the painful legal duty. He had expressed great sympathy with Mr. Smith and on hearing of the resolution of the special committee, had been rather pleased than otherwise with its tenor. The question as to whether Mr. Smith should be retained or not was an open one that could not be decided until the government had sould to the sould not be decided until the government had sould the sould not be decided until the government had sould the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had so the sould not be decided until the government had not be decided until th open one that could not be decided until
the government had acted. Whatever
stand the board might take, Dr. McKeough
felt sure there was no desire to have the
certificate cancelled. For such a crime the
penalty would be too enormous. In the
doctor's opinion Mr. Smith's humiliation
was already sufficient punishment.
Whether Mr. Smith's services were retained or not was immaterial as the world wa wide and would provide for him elsewhere

THE RESOLUTION. Dr. McKeough then moved the following resolution which Mr. Robertson seconded

resolution which Mr. Robertson seconded and it carried:

The board of public school trustees of the City of Chatham whilst regretting the serious circumstances which led to the suspension of the certificate of Mr. T. C. Smith, principal of the Central school, in consideration of Mr. Smith's previous unsullied character, the high esteem in which he has deservedly been held by the citizens of Chatham, and by his fellow teachers in the city and vicinity, together with his successful

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school and of the Kent County Model school, would respectfully request that the Hon. Minister of Education would now kindly restore Mr. Smith's certificate which the inspector, the Rev. Dr. McColl, deemed it his duty at the time to suspend.

Dr. McKeough moved that the chairman f the board be sent to Toronto and that of the board be sent to loronto and that the secretary be instructed to forward the petition at once with a good strong letter Mr. Morley seconded the motion and said that the idea was a good one and the Here are a few of the money savers. matter could thus be placed more strongly

Chairman Wilson asked that a more fluent speaker be sent and Mr. Thomson moved in arrendment, seconded by Richard Here's an opportunity, Crompton's Paxton, that Dr. McKeough be sent. Mr. McCorvie made a second amendment, conded by Mr. Robertson, that both Dr.

DEPUTATION APPOINTED.

Jealousy Among the Powers Retards the Work of the Allies.

Japanese Accuse the Russians of Extreme Cruelty-Reports of Safety of the Legationers Renewed

London, July 20, 4 a. m.-The Chinese assertions that the members of the foreign legations are still safe have been so often repeated that they are again beginning to raise hopes in some quarters. According to the Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, however, the Russian government is already in possession of definite news that all the foreigners in Pekin were massacred on July 6. M. Delcasse's circular only goes to prove that so far the powers have failed to arrive at any concerted plan of

Very little further news is available this morning. The Yokohama correspondent of the Daily Mail, who repeats his statements regarding the jealousy felt among the allies on the subject of a Japanese commander-inchief and the general lack of unity among them, adds: "The Japanese correspondents charge the Russian soldiers with appalling barbarity toward the Chinese. They declare that the Pei-Ho is full of the corpses of women and children, and that the Russians loaded 300 bodies on a junk and

burned them."
Shanghai reports that three mission stations on Po-Yang lake have been destroyed, but it is believed that the missionaries escaped. All the missionaries at A-She-Ho, Kerin and Kuan Cheng Tzu, in Chinese Manchuria, have arrived in safety at Vladivosteet.

DEAD IN HEAPS. It is rumored that Yu Lu, the missing viceroy of the province of Chi Li, has committed suicide. Various conflicting stories are published of the manner of Gen. Nieh's death. It is stated that when the allies entered the native city of Tien Tsin they found the Chinese dead piled breast high, and it was feared that this would result in an outbreak of pestilence. Sixteen of the captured guns are quite modern weapons. It is rumored that Yu Lu, the mis

weapons.

The Shanghai sorrespondent of the Times expresses doubt that the southern viceroys will be able to withstand the pressure of the provincial officials to join the anti-foreign movement. He thinks that already there are signs

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of wavering on the part of the viceroy of Nankin, Liu Kun Yih, and says: "It is admitted at Nankin that Lui's au-thority is now insufficient to guarantee the maintenance of law and order north of the river. Hence the consuls news from St. Petersburg, have now completely routed the Chinese and have occupied Blagovestechensk, capi-tal of the Amur Government, with &

large force. SAFE AND SOUND. Paris, July 19 .- An official telegram Paris, July 19.—An official telegrand from Shanghai, dated Wednesday, July 18, states that, according to the governor of Shan-Tung, the foreign ministers and their families at Pekin ministers and their families at Pekin are safe and sound, but that the dangers is still very great. The viceroy, according to this despatch, informed the consular corps that he had telegraphed to Pekin urging the protection of the foreign legations.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, July 18.—Li Hung Chang and his suite arrived here yesterday evening and landed this morning. Li Hung Chang stated that he had-received definite news that the ministers and foreigners at Pekin, with the exception of Baron von Ketteler, the German minister, were safe July 8.

RUSSIAN DEFEATS.

RUSSIAN DEFEATS. London, July 20.—The Daily Express publishes the following from Che Foq dated yesterday:—"The Russians are hard pressed around Niu-Chwang, and have been expelled from Tien-Chwang. Tei, the scene of the great fight during the Chino-Japanese war, where they have sustained heavy losses. They have also been compelled to abandon Tashi-Chau by a large body of Boxers and armed peasants. Here, again, the Tashi-Chau by a large body of Boxers and armed peasants. Here, again, the Russians lost heavily, but it is reported that they succeeded in killing several hundred of their assailants. The Chinese have completely demolished the railway north of Tashi-Chau. The Russians are now on Niu-Chwanz."

WALLACEBURG.

July 20 .- A social was held on Wednesday evening in East Wallaceburg by the ladies of the Presbyterian charch. The grounds were decorated with lanterns givgrounds were decorated with anterior gring them a very bright appearance. Those who attended report a pleasant time.

Ross Hicklin, of Chatham, is spending a few days with his friend, C. McDougall.

Miss Marie O'Leary, of Port Lambton, and Miss Brady, of Chatham, who is visiting her, were in town on Thursday.
C. McDongall spent Thursday in Port Lambton.
Allan Frazer and H. Little brought their

sail boat, the "John Wilkins," in from Port Lambton on Thursday.

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