

Must Have It!

More School Accommodation
Required in the City.

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For Three New Structures and
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The Overcrowding in Every Ward to
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Inspector Carson and Trustee Anderson
Have a Round-Whose Figures Are
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"You Scratch My Back"

Forty-eight thousand dollars worth
of debentures is what the Board of
Education will ask the City Council
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erection of new schools and additions
to some of the present structures.

The question of extra school accom-
modation, which has bothered the
school trustees for some time past, was
ably dealt with by Dr. Campbell, the
chairman of the board, in his inaugural
address. Dr. Campbell suggested,
among other things, that a special
committee be appointed to deal with
the matter. The suggestion was car-
ried out. The committee met, and at
a special meeting of the board last
night the following recommendations
were made:

"1. That a four-room addition be
built at Aberdeen school.

"2. That a twelve-room school be
built to take the place of the present
Colborne street school.

"3. That a four-room school be built
in the neighborhood of William and
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"4. That a four-room school be built
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"5. That two rooms be added to
Rector street school, and two rooms
to Lorne avenue school.

"6. That two rooms be added to
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"The total cost of the above is esti-
mated at \$58,000, and we would re-
commend that the City Council be re-
quested to issue debentures to cover
said expenditure."

Thirty-two rooms in all were includ-
ed in the committee's recommenda-
tions, but the board, as was supposed,
did not consider that all were neces-
sary. In considering each clause of
the report, the trustees, by their re-
marks, showed a desire to keep the
outlay down to the lowest possible
figure, and at times it was rather amus-
ing to hear the representatives of one
ward attack a proposition to build ad-
ditions in other wards. Throughout
the meeting was very peaceful, only
one or two little set-to's taking place.
Dr. Campbell was in the chair, the
other members present being: Trustee
Logan, Bayly, Johnston, Burdick,
Sanders, Martyn, Greenlee, Wilkins,
Buchner, Dr. Wilson, Anderson,
Keenleyside, Bradford, Dr. Teca-
dale, Griffin, Hunt, Stephenson, In-
spector Carson, and Secretary Mc-
Elheran.

Trustee Martyn read the report,
which was dealt with in the usual way,
clause by clause.

MR. ANDERSON'S OPPOSITION. On
the reading of clause 1, Mr. Green-
lee asked what schools the four-room
addition at Aberdeen would re-
lieve, and Dr. Campbell replied that
the addition would relieve the three
rooms now at Aberdeen, and also
Waterloo and Simcoe streets and also
do away with the cottage next to Ab-
erdeen, occupied as a kindergarten at
present.

Mr. Anderson was opposed to adding
four rooms at Aberdeen school, be-
lieving that a two-room addition to Ab-
erdeen and a two-room school on
Waterloo south would be more ad-
visable. He further dealt with the
general school accommodation through-
out the city, and stated that he was
not willing to lay out over \$1,000 on
each room. He also thought it would
be wrong to ask for a large issue of
debentures when the city was about to
issue debentures for the car shops and
the extension of the sewerage system.

Trustee Griffin also expressed op-
position to building four rooms at Ab-
erdeen, and favored a four-room school
midway between the Simcoe street and
Aberdeen schools. This, it was held,
would obviate the necessity of many of
the small children walking long dis-
tances.

"Has the old Waterloo street school
been condemned?" asked Mr. Car-
son. "Why was it originally
abandoned?"

"It was given up," replied Secretary
McElheran, "when the graded school
system was adopted."

Trustee Anderson moved that the
clause be struck out, and that instead
of the four-room addition at Aberdeen
school a two-room school be built on
the Waterloo street school property.

An amendment was offered by Mr.
Keenleyside that the Waterloo street
property be purchased.

MR. KEENLEYSIDE'S amendment was
lost, and a further amendment was
offered by Mr. Griffin, that four rooms
be built at Waterloo street.

In connection with this amendment
Mr. Buchner asked if the closing of
one room at Waterloo would not cause
overcrowding in the other two.

This question was the cause of the
first rumpus.

Inspector Carson replied that the
closing of one of the three rooms at
the Waterloo south school would
cause over-crowding the other two. In
support of his statement Mr. Carson
went into some details when Mr.
Anderson jumped up and interrupted
him. I think the inspector should an-
swer the question, and no more," he
said, somewhat excitedly.

"Well," replied Mr. Carson, "state-
ments have been made here tonight
which required contradiction. If you
are going to keep the truth out it will
be to your own detriment."

Mr. Stephenson sided with Mr. Car-
son. He did not think it fair that the
inspector should be "choked off" in
such a manner. He could not see why
Mr. Anderson did not want the truth.
"I want the truth as much as any-
one else," continued Mr. Anderson.
It was next asked of Mr. Carson if

the increase in the average attendance
for 1895 compared with 1892 was only
481.

Mr. Carson said the figures were not
correct.

The figures had been given by Mr.
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"I am prepared to bet \$2,000," said
Mr. Anderson, "that those are the cor-
rect figures. I ask the secretary to
bring down the figures."

Mr. Carson said the figures were not
correct. The secretary had not yet
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The vote was then taken, and Mr.
Griffin's amendment for a four-room
school on Waterloo street was carried
almost unanimously.

Clause 2 was ruled out of order by
Dr. Campbell, as a resolution was
passed in June, 1894, appointing a com-
mittee to wait on the council and ask
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