

RAPS TEACHERS' VACATION WORK

Trustee Smith Raises Objection to Drawing of Two Salaries.

Ten Instructors To Mark Examination Papers At Toronto.

A little cross-fire on the subject of collegiate teachers drawing pay in addition to their regular salaries for marking departmental examination papers at Toronto, in which Trustees Ed. Smith and Thomas Rowe and Principal H. B. Beal took part, enlivened what promised to be a prosaic session of the advisory vocational committee meeting of the board of education, held in the technical school Wednesday evening.

The recommendation of Principal Beal, that the technical school should close on Friday, June 16, on account of the departmental examinations, immediately brought a protest from Mr. Smith.

Point To Be Settled.

"The question is, are London teachers going to be treated differently from teachers in other cities?" asked Mr. Beal.

"That is the point to be settled," replied Trustee Smith. "The department says the school should be closed on June 29. They have control of such matters."

"What about the school picnic?" questioned Mr. Rowe.

"The picnic has not been objected to," retorted Mr. Smith.

"Just wanted to know," replied Mr. Rowe mildly.

"What are the technical teachers going to do? Are they going to Toronto?" demanded Trustee Smith.

"Yes," said Mr. Beal, "I think so. That, however, is for the board to say."

"You wouldn't tell a man in your business to take a few weeks off and pay him, while he went away and made \$12 a day, would you?" went on Mr. Smith.

"If the board says the school is to remain open, it will be open," declared the principal.

Mr. Smith said that in Hamilton the upper and middle schools of the collegiate did not close until the end of June.

"The advertisement act would not be necessary if the teachers taught the full number of days," declared the chairman of the board.

Trustee Rowe observed that there was much dissatisfaction over the working of the advertisement act.

"Let's petition the government to have the act changed," suggested Wm. Reed.

"Have the teachers asked you if they might go to Toronto?" questioned Mr. Smith.

"No," said Mr. Beal.

"That's funny," commented Mr. Smith.

"Not at all. It is the usual custom," came back Mr. Beal, who stated that he understood that there would be ten teachers going to Toronto to mark papers, six from the collegiate, and four from the technical school.

He thought that the question was a provincial matter, but Mr. Smith thought it was local, as London paid the teachers salaries.

Should Be At School.

"The teachers should be at school, whether the scholars are there or not," stated the chairman of the board.

Mr. Rowe thought it was a matter that should be dealt with by the board of education, and the other members of the committee agreed to leave the question to that body.

C. M. Trace, M.A., of Woodstock, was engaged to fill the vacancy in the commercial department at an initial salary of \$2,600 per annum, duties to commence September 1.

H. Marshall was re-engaged as assistant in the machine shop department at \$1,800 per annum, while Miss M. A. Fitch, B.A., of Toronto, will commence her duties as general academic teacher on September 1. She has had 10 years experience.

The authority of the board of education will be secured to make necessary arrangements for instructors for part time classes for adolescents as soon as the requirements are shown from the general survey now being made.

"As soon as the reports are in, we can do something," declared Mr. Smith.

The report of Principal Beal showed that the average attendance of technical and commercial scholars during the day was 440, out of an enrollment of 469 while the average attendance at special afternoon classes was 23.

Accounts for \$2,649.12 were passed.

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Aldermen Do Not Favor Holding Dominion Day On Third

ON what day will London celebrate Dominion Day?

This question arose at the meeting of the finance committee on Wednesday night.

July 1 falls on Saturday this year. St. Catharines city clerk wrote asking whether it was the intention to keep the holiday on the day it falls or if the celebration would be put over to Monday.

The local aldermen leaned to keeping the day on Saturday, but Mayor Wilson said that as it was a federal holiday there would likely be a federal pronouncement on the matter.

BOARD WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK

Street Railwaymen Think Too Much Time Being Frittered Away.

There will be no meeting of the government board of conciliation to consider the local street railway situation until early next week.

Such was the declaration, Thursday morning, by John M. McEvoy, K.C., chairman of the board, who states that as he will be kept continually engaged all this week while the supreme court session is in progress, he finds it utterly impossible to arrange for another sitting until that date.

While appreciating the fact, John Colbert, president of the Street Railwaymen's Union, expressed the opinion Thursday morning that sufficient time had already been frittered away, while no progress had been noted in either direction.

"We want to see this matter proceed as rapidly and as soon as possible," he explained. "Considerable delay has now occurred to no purpose. It is quite evident that the company has no provision to offer that would be satisfactory to us. The recent visit of the company president, Charles Currie, has seemingly resulted in nothing. Now we desire that the board proceed."

Realizing, however, that this week is practically spent, the union president is reconciled to the fact that the earliest that any real start can be made by the board would be Monday next.

GIVES SIDELIGHTS ON CONFERENCE

Church, and the soloist, Mrs. A. W. Hayward.

AN unexpected bit of humor was introduced at the Wednesday evening session when Rev. A. E. M. Thompson rose to announce that a policeman was on the back steps of the church, stating that he wished to cause no trouble in such an august gathering, but car-owners must turn on their motor lights. About fifty men made a hurried exit.

THOSE who preach the gospel of pessimism and predict all sorts of oncoming disasters received a number of well-aimed blows during the sermon, value \$52,530 for 1921.

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RAIL MEN TO VOTE ON AGREEMENT

Acceptance of Rules by Brotherhoods Left Out of Conference Asked.

At special meeting of the Federated Shop Trades in the Labor Temple Friday evening, ballots will be distributed to approximately 900 railroad men in the city to determine whether the revised agreement between the shop men and the Canadian Railway Association, drawn up a few weeks ago, will be accepted or rejected.

Immediately after the ballots have been cast they will be returned to Montreal and the result of the referendum will be known within the next few weeks.

With each ballot is a circular giving in detail the clauses of the revised agreement and also pointing out clearly how each man will be affected by the change.

This is the first vote to be taken regarding the tentative agreement, but it is known that many men in the district are opposed to many of the changes.

Should the new agreement be rejected by the Federated Shop Trades it will be then decided by the committee whether or not a strike vote will be taken. Joseph Corbett, general chairman of the Grand Trunk Carmen of Canada, is at present in Montreal overseeing the distribution of the ballots and will return to the city the latter part of the week.

On Tuesday last the Grand Trunk Railway Company refused to concede representation to three railroad brotherhoods at negotiations concerning the revision of working rules applicable to railroad employees outside the running trades and shop mechanics.

Just what effect this refusal will have on the men or what action will be taken by the three brotherhoods is not known at the present time. The company, however, opened negotiations with the representatives of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and the International Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

This arrangement entailed that the three brotherhoods not given representation at the negotiations—the International Brotherhood of Railway Stationmen, the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen and Oilers, and the United Federation of Railways—would have presented for their acceptance a schedule of working rules the formulation of which was carried out irrespective of their wishes.

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FARMING EXPERT PRESENTS REPORT

Statistics compiled by the local branch of the Ontario department of agriculture for the month of May show that 244 persons sought information at the London office during that time.

One hundred and twenty-eight letters were received and 138 mailed. Bulletins issued were 119, circular letters sent out 386, number of telephone calls 144, meetings attended 8, farm surveys 17, milk tests 3, while 28 ex-soldiers desirous of taking up land under the soldiers settlement board made inquiries at the local office, which is presided over by R. A. Finn.

There may be some adjustments," stated Mayor Wilson. He said he was not as yet prepared to go into the details. The only suggested increase that has been put forward comes from Alderman Asplund, who stated, among other things, that the mayor's salary should be increased.

City Clerk Baker drafted the by-law. He was asked if any amount was included for aldermanic salaries. He said not.

Early in the year the council approved of the policy of paying the aldermen reasonable remuneration for services rendered, but so far no steps have been taken to fix the "reasonable remuneration."

Obituaries

DUNCAN WOOD.

The death of Duncan Wood occurred suddenly Wednesday evening at his residence about a mile east of Hensall. Mr. Wood was presumably in his usual good health when he retired Wednesday about midnight, and it is thought that his death, which occurred a short while after, was due to heart failure. Mr. Wood was between 55 and 60 years of age. He had been at one time in the insurance business and was also a cattle buyer. He was unmarried.

Shoots Sweetheart To Death in Lover's Quarrel



CHRISTINA NEAR AND FATAL TRYSTING PLACE.

GORDON DIBSDALE of 384 Oakland avenue, shot and killed Christina Near of 886 Adelaide street, at the corner of St. James and Adelaide street, Wednesday afternoon, later slightly wounding himself in a futile attempt to take his own life.

FREES QUINTET OF GAMBLING CHARGE

Magistrate Finds Evidence Insufficient to Warrant Conviction.

Frank Steele, Robert Brown, John Howe, Charles Raison and George Smith, all admitted playing a friendly game of Casino in Thames Park last Sunday afternoon, but denied most strenuously that they had been gambling despite the fact that Constable Walter Pope declared he had seen money on a board as he approached the scene of the game. Mr. Graydon dismissed the case in police court Thursday morning.

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Town Topics. A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

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The spirit into that great vast Where neither future is nor past; None knoweth how he entered there, But waking, finds his spirit where

He thought an angel could not soar, And what he called false dreams before, The very air about his door.

—James Russell Lowell.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

FRIDAY—Annual public school picnic at Springbank.

London Methodist Conference in session at Centennial Methodist Church.

THE BANK CLEARINGS for the week amounted to \$3,357,000, in contrast to \$3,585,549 for the corresponding week of last year. The bank clearings for May, this year, were \$24,513,539. May returns also show an increase over April ones of \$29,999,233. The April returns amounted to \$232,497,80.

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John McClary, the late head of London's largest individual industry, left an estate valued at \$1,209,583. This is the valuation just arrived at after checking up the estate.

A few days ago the court of revision was asked to reduce the assessment against Mr. McClary's personal estate by \$1,803, the amount of personal earnings on which he was assessed. Income taxes must be paid on the income from his investments by the estate.

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TOWNSHIP BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS

Report States Total Population of Westminster Is 5,846 Souls.

Births have exceeded deaths in Westminster Township until May of 1922 by 29, according to the report of the assessor of the township, E. S. Hunt. The number of births was 82, the number of deaths 53.