

**THE WEATHER.**

**Forecasts.**  
Maritime - Strong northerly and northwesterly winds; cooler and showery in eastern portion; clearing in western.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—Pressure is low over the Gulf of St. Lawrence and also over the western provinces, while a pronounced high pressure covers the region of the Great Lakes. The weather has been fair and cool in Ontario and Quebec, and showery in the Maritime provinces. It has been fine and warm in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but has turned cold in Alberta, with local showers or snowfalls.

Temperatures.	Min.	Max.
Victoria	48	54
Vancouver	46	56
Kamloops	48	52
Calgary	39	60
Edmonton	36	34
Battleford	34	70
Moosejaw	44	73
Winnipeg	38	70
Port Arthur	28	50
Sault Ste Marie	32	56
London	37	57
Toronto	40	56
Kingston	42	55
Ottawa	42	52
Montreal	44	55
St. John	52	68
Halifax	60	64

**TELLS OF CONDITIONS IN PERSIA**

The Women's Canadian Club heard an interesting address by Miss Ella Sykes, of England.

The Women's Canadian Club inaugurated the winter season's activities last night in the Nickel Assembly rooms, when the members were treated to an interesting lecture on Persia by Miss Ella Sykes of England, secretary of the Colonial Intelligence League. Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the club, introduced the speaker of the evening.

Miss Sykes proved an entertaining speaker. Having spent three years in Persia, where she came in intimate contact with the people of the country, she was familiar with her subject, and as she has the art of picturesquely describing her travels, her lecture was intensely interesting.

One of the pathetic features about Persia, the speaker said, which impresses the European visitor, is the neglect with which the women of the country are treated. Their lot is an unenviable one from the European woman's viewpoint, and even if they are fortunate enough to receive a little consideration from their husbands, their life is at best a colorless one. Their education is limited, their amusements few, and in fact from the cradle to the grave, and even after they have passed the boundary between this life and the next, this secondary, subservient position which the woman takes in relation to the man continues.

The Persian woman's hope of salvation, the speaker said, will depend on the Turkish woman, as the latter throws off the shackles and earns her emancipation by the way she passes the time. The woman of Persia will follow the lead and gain her independence and just rights.

The speaker narrated a number of interesting incidents during her stay in Persia illustrative of the character of the people of the country.

The crucial event in the life of the girl in Persia is of course her marriage. In this event, however, she has but little choice. Generally she marries a cousin or relative to keep the land in the family. The matrimonial agent, impersonated by some elder woman, is a real live factor in the matter. She posts the eligible bachelor as to the charms and dowry of the young girl. Relatives of the young man call on the bride to be. On such occasions the young lady sometimes exercises her prerogative. Her mode of refusing a prospective fiancé is rather novel, however. If she does not desire the party she shows her displeasure by the way she passes the tea to her prospective mother-in-law.

Miss Sykes gave her hearers an interesting account of the work which the Colonial Intelligence League is doing. As secretary of the league Miss Sykes has spent the past few months in Canada in the interest of the organization.

The league, the speaker pointed out, has as its object the assisting of the young girls in England who wish to find in a new country the occupation congenial to them which they cannot find at home because of the conditions there. The league makes a study of Canada so that it can give these girls first hand information as to the prospects here, the conditions they will find and all information they need. It also studies Canada to ascertain the kind of girls that will be most acceptable here. In addition to this the league loans the girls one-half the passage money to come here if they have not the means themselves.

In sending out these young women the league sends only those who are capable of filling the positions which await them here. Included in the numbers who come are teachers, stenographers, girls for domestic service, etc. Already a hundred and fifty-five have been sent out by the league. All are doing well and are satisfied that they came.

Miss Sykes told of the way the league keeps in touch with Canada through correspondents in different parts of the Dominion. These furnish lists of suitable positions and other information.

At the close of her lecture a vote of thanks was tendered the speaker. The club by vote volunteered to assist the league and do what it could to help along the work.

**INCREASE IN SALARY ASKED BY TEACHERS**

Petition Signed by 145 Lady Teachers Presented to Board.

WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

Appointment of Janitor to Centennial School Cause of Much Discussion—Other Matters up.

Teachers' salaries and the appointment of janitors for city schools were the chief subjects discussed at the meeting of the School Trustees, last evening. A committee from the Teachers' Association on behalf of the female teachers of the city asked that an increase of \$100 be granted to each lady teacher on January 1, and that \$50 be added each year until a maximum of \$600 is reached. The request was presented in the form of a petition signed by the officers of the Teachers' Association, and 145 teachers. Miss Corbett, of Aberdeen school, and Miss McCluskey of St. Peter's school placed the petition before the members of the board.

Mr. Bullock pointed out that the increase would mean a total of \$14,500 and he did not think that the amount could be provided this year. He said that all the members of the Board were in sympathy with the terms of the petition, but they were compelled to keep the expenses low and he did not believe that such an increase could be approved by the city commissioners. He asked the delegation if an amount smaller than that named would satisfy them, but it was thought that this was a proper increase.

He pointed out that salary increases would be the first matter considered by the finance committee in taking up the estimates for the year, and on his motion it was decided that the committee meet next on Oct. 27 and consider the amounts which could be added to the salaries.

Others members of the Board expressed their sympathy with the request of the teachers, and promised careful consideration.

Dr. Bridges thought that in order to prevent teachers from accepting positions in the West, a substantial increase should be granted.

When Trustee Day reported that he had appointed J. Kimball as janitor of Centennial School in place of Mr. Hill, there was a strong protest from members of the Board, and the general opinion was that more trustees should have been consulted before the appointment was made.

Mr. Day said that Mr. Kimball neither drank, smoked or chewed, but his knowledge of boilers was not as great as the trustee was led to believe.

Mr. Kimball had already moved into the janitor's quarters in the building.

Mr. Emerson thought it would have been better had all the members of the committee been consulted before action was taken.

"This," said Mr. Emerson, "was one of the most important positions in the list of the Board."

T. H. Bullock: "New janitors should not be appointed without the consent of the Board. We have janitors who are looking for promotion and some of these men should be given a chance when better jobs are open."

Mrs. Skinner called attention to the living quarters of the janitor in the Centennial building and said they were not fit to live in. Mr. Hill, the former janitor, has a son who found it necessary to go to the River Glade sanatorium for treatment and no family should have been allowed to move into the school building before action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Day had not heard of the premises being fumigated after Mr. Hill's family had moved out. Mr. Emerson said that it was a breach of the law not to have the place fumigated.

Dr. Bridges thought that the appointment of janitors was nearly as serious as the selection of principals for the schools.

The appointment of Mr. Kimball was finally ratified by the Board and his salary, which was to start on Oct. 1, was fixed for \$350 per year.

Residents of Millidgeville sent in a request to the Board for better school accommodations and more competent teachers for the school in that part of the city. Dr. Bridges told the Board that the teachers provided for the Millidgeville school had been either holders of first class or superior licenses. The present holder of the position had a superior license and had been teaching two years before going to Millidgeville. He and Mr. Coll had visited the school and found it was properly conducted and the children well employed. He recommended, however, that repairs be made to the building and that better equipment be provided.

Those present at the meeting were R. B. Emerson (chairman), George E. Day, D. H. Nason, T. H. Bullock, M. Coll, Dr. Manning, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Dewey, Dr. Bridges, A. G. Leavitt and J. B. McMann.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. It was suggested by Dr. Manning that all matters concerning real estate be referred to the real estate committee and not to special committees, but this action was taken.

A letter from Miss Hazel McKinnon of Florenceville cancelling her application for a position on the city teaching staff was read. Miss McKinnon said that she had accepted a position in Calgary.

Miss Catherine C. Robinson, teacher of music in schools, asked that some changes be made in the present plans for teaching music so that the salary for instructors should be increased. Miss Robinson had received an offer from the school board of Leithbridge

**FEDERATION OF A SOLUTION FOR IRELAND**

England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales Should Form An Union

J. NORTON GRIFFITHS EXPRESSES OPINION

Could be Formed Along Lines Such as Employed in Dominion of Canada, is Believed.

"The federation of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales along similar lines to those employed in the union of the provinces of Canada into the Dominion seems to me to be the only possible solution of the present situation in Ireland," said J. Norton Griffiths, President of the Norton Griffiths Co., Ltd., when seen by a Standard reporter yesterday, after his arrival from the old country. "I made a special trip to Ulster for the purpose of seeing conditions myself, and I found the people of the Emerald Isle fully determined to continue their opposition to Home Rule with force of arms if necessary. The people in other parts of the island are also in earnest in their struggle for self government. I believe that unless some solution is found soon for the situation war between the two factions will result."

"The present difficulty has had a bad effect on the financial situation in Europe and there should be a speedy settlement in order to avoid permanent injury to business. With the four countries formed into a federation similar to the provinces of Canada, each section would have equal representation in the government.

"With the feeling such as it is in Ireland I do not think that Home Rule would be successful for those in favor of it would not feel in harmony with the people of Ulster, who represent the money interests of Ireland, and Ulsters would no doubt withdraw from the government, and there would be a great financial depression in all parts of Ireland."

"I hope to see the difficulty settled to the satisfaction of both parties along federation lines, and then when this example is given to the British Empire there will be closer relations established between the different parts of the British possessions. The British Empire will remain an example to all nations, and these will see that it is useless to strive for military or naval supremacy over so great a people."

"This strong British federation would then be an example to the nations of the world, and investments would be more secure throughout the territory, and I believe that eventually the people of the United States would voluntarily come into a union in order to benefit from the great prosperity among the English speaking people."

Offering her an initial salary of \$1,000 a year to take a position there. The teachers committee will consider the matter.

Miss Maud Gibson applied for an increase of \$30 in her salary on account of special work in Winter street school. The teachers committee will report.

George Ogier, janitor of Victoria School, will be given \$10 to help pay for extra cleaning which was necessary on account of repairs being made to that building.

The report of the finance committee recommending that debentures for \$50,000 be issued and offered for sale over the counter of the trustees' office, was adopted. T. H. Bullock, chairman of the committee thought that the Board of Education should be asked for authority to issue bonds bearing 5 per cent, so that they could be offered at par. He thought that this would cause the bonds to sell faster.

On motion of Trustee Bullock it was decided that the members of the buildings' committee should consider the different locations for a new school building in Carleton and report to the board at a later meeting.

It was pointed out that many of the schools were overcrowded and the buildings were crumbling. Mr. Day was asked to consider the matter and offer some suggestions at a later meeting.

Dr. Bridges reported that arrangements had been made for the celebration of Trafalgar Day in the schools on October 21.

A resolution of condolence in regard to the death of one of the teachers, Miss Caird, who has been on sick leave during the last year, was passed and copies of the resolution will be sent to members of her family.

The building committee was given power to call for tenders for the repair of the roof of the Winter street school building. During a recent rain the water had gone through the roof and destroyed decorations in several of the rooms. It was thought that the cost of a new roof would be about \$500.

The report of the trust officer showed that there had been 119 irregular attendants, twenty-one of these were girls. Nineteen truants were reported. These were all boys. The officer had found it necessary to have five boys arrested for truancy.

The secretary's report showed that 117 more permits had been issued this year than in the corresponding time last year and that the per cent of pupils in daily attendance in the whole city was 91. This was an unusually high average.

First Ceremony Tonight.

The first ceremony to take place in the new Knights of Columbus hall in Coburg street will take place this evening when the first degree will be exemplified to between twenty-five and thirty candidates.

Ladies night at Queen's Ballroom.

**OPERATIONS AT COURTESY BAY SATISFACTORY**

J. Norton Griffiths, in City is Favorably Impressed With Progress.

BIG DREDGES WILL WORK ALL WINTER

Made Detailed Inspection of Contract Yesterday—Will Remain Several Days to Consider Plans.

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"If necessary we could start the construction of five or six locks at once, and have them completed within the other work, but our present contract calls for only two wharves on the western shore of the bay."

"I made an inspection of the work this afternoon and found them in a favorable condition. The dredging will be carried on during the winter and with the self propelled steam scows, which will be here within the next few days, there will be no great difficulty in carrying on operations in the roughest weather. We found that square nosed scows were not the proper equipment in the strong tides of the bay. When necessary other dredges will be added to our fleet here and next year we expect to have a suction dredge at work. The diggers now here are of the latest type and will prove entirely satisfactory for the work."

"For a time I was quite concerned for the work, but the government has been greatly relieved when I heard of her arrival yesterday."

"We could rush the work more than at present, but the government only appropriates so much each year for this sport, and we have to cut operations to suit, but we have found the government engineers and officials anxious for the work to proceed and no delays have been experienced from this source."

Mr. Griffiths arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal and went over the Courtesy Bay improvements with his engineers. He will make a detailed inspection, and any improvement suggested by the engineers will be considered and adopted if necessary.

Mr. Griffiths will remain in St. John for several days and will be in Canada for some time.

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