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CITY TO MAINTAIN THE SCHOOLS

THE RECENT ACT, PASSED BY THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

What Income Will Be Available—Increase of the Per Capita Grant—Children Dis-

missed Yesterday.

Mr. C. O. Lalonde, chairman of the city school board, was somewhat astonished

Thursday to receive from Victoria a copy of a bill amending the "Public Schools

Act." Apparently the act has been passed and is now in force, although no one

here was ever advised that the proposed amendments were before the House.

The most important effect of the new act is to put upon the municipalities mentioned,

one of which is the city of Rossland, the entire expense of maintaining the public schools.

The provincial government has increased the per capita grant for cities

where the actual daily attendance equals or exceeds 500 pupils for the year, from

\$10 to \$15. The school lands and buildings formerly vested in the government, are

transferred and conveyed to the several cities and towns mentioned.

So far as Rossland is concerned the per capita grant made by the government will

amount to \$9,000 per year in round figures. It has always been understood that

the government tax of \$3 per head, which is annually collected from every male

person in the city, would, when the city assumed the maintenance of the schools,

be turned over to the municipality. There is nothing, however, in the act on this

question, and Mr. Lalonde was in some doubt last evening whether the increased

per capita grant was all the city would get to support the schools on, or if the

tax in question would also be turned over. In the latter case, the amount, estimated

at about \$9,000, together with the per capita grant would enable the local board

to maintain proper accommodation for the rapidly increasing school population

of the city.

For capital account, however, a present expenditure was promised by the

government last fall, of an amount necessary to construct four more rooms to the

Davis street school. Mr. Honeyman was instructed to prepare plans for the addition

but when the government recently called for the plans in a hurry, they were not

quite finished and were forwarded in that state to the minister of education.

The school board had no opportunity of inspecting the plans previous to their being

sent away, and when they did see them they wanted several alterations, and the

matter so stands. Unless, however, some provision is made in the estimates at

Victoria during the present session, the city will be called upon to issue debentures

and put up the building. About \$5,000, it is estimated, will be required to finish

the building in question, and a further expenditure will shortly be required on capital

account if the city increases in population in the near future as it has in the past.

Should the government, however, carry out its promise and complete the addition

and at the same time turn over the \$3 tax referred to, the city would be able to

carry on the schools fairly well. The board, however, is taken by surprise in the

matter, and it was not thought likely that action would be taken this session or before

the municipalities were placed upon a better footing to start with.

The Pearce furnace in the big school which cost the government some \$2,400 to

install, has failed this year to heat the building satisfactorily.

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IN THE U. S. SENATE.

Closing the Discussing on the Pending Financial Bill.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The final week's discussions of the pending financial bill

were begun in the senate today. The speakers were two Republicans, Mr. Elkins

of West Virginia, and Mr. Wolcott of Colorado, and one Populist, Mr. Butler

of North Carolina. Mr. Butler closed the debate for the day, advocating the adoption

of his amendment, providing for an issue of paper currency by the government.

An important bill was passed by the house today which makes universally applicable

the law that now permits the transit of goods in bond through certain ports in

the United States a share of the trans-continental can be shipped through any port of

the territory of the United States to foreign ports. It is principally designed to

give the transportation companies of the United States a share of the trans-continental

trade to the Orient. The bill also repeals the law of March 1st, 1895, prohibiting

the shipment of goods in bond to the Mexican free zone. The latter provision

was fought by Mr. Stephens of Texas.

LETTER FROM A ROSSLAND BOY

PRIVATE J. R. REA WRITES TO CAPTAIN FORIN FROM BELMONT.

The Canadians Are in Good Shape and Looking for a Chance to Share in the Fighting.

The following letter was received yesterday by Captain P. McL. Forin, from Private

J. R. Rea, member of the local company now serving in South Africa with the

first Canadian contingent. Belmont, South Africa, Dec. 23, 1899.

Dear Captain: We have been here two weeks and are getting pretty well tired

of it, but we expect to be relieved soon. The dust and sand are terrible, and we

will have plenty of them before we get through with this country. I was out on

picket last night, about a half mile from our camp, in the near neighborhood of a

number of dead Boers and horses, to whom but slight ceremony had been given in

their burying. I saw in one of the Canadian papers that the Canadians are not

expected to see much fighting, but this is not correct, as we expect next week to

go to Spontonein, and will be in the midst of it. The boys are in great shape

for fighting. I have gained eight pounds since I left. The weather is very warm

and we have, as you can easily imagine, lots of drilling and marching and fatigue

duty. We are in the trenches nearly every night. We had a fine voyage out, only

four rough days. The Kootenay rifles are all right. We are all together, except

McHarg, who is at present with the Victorias. Crooke is getting along fine with the

boys, and makes a good soldier. I am writing this in the tent, which is crowded,

and I have nothing to write on but my knee, meanwhile sitting on the ground.

We don't get much time to write. We had a very queer Christmas. But there was

something about it that I liked. The boys are very anxious to get into a scrap,

and we will soon have a chance. There is no use telling you about the war for

you will know more of it than we do. I don't like the country so far as I have

seen it, but they say it is much better a little further north. Now I must dress for

guard duty, but will write you soon again. Yours truly,

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C. P. R. MEETING.

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Mr. O. C. Lalonde, vice-president, was in the chair. A large addition was

made to the membership of the association by the election of several new members.

Quite a brisk discussion took place in regard to the organization of the party

throughout the province and the association intends to be represented at the provincial

Liberal convention which is to be held in the near future.

A strong committee was appointed to take charge of the voters' list for the city

so as to be in readiness for the general Dominion elections which may be held

soon. There was a general discussion of several matters relating to the welfare of the

party, which was participated in by most of the members present.

Mrs. Maybrick Again.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 12.—Efforts are again being made to secure the freedom of Mrs.

Florence Maybrick, now serving a life sentence in England for the murder of her

husband, James Maybrick.

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