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Board of Education

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday evening. Members present: Chairman McNeillie, Messrs. Flavelle, John Kennedy, R. Kennedy, Pilkie, McLaughlin, Anderson, Macmurchy, and Deacon. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The report of Principal Harstone of the Collegiate Institute gave 229 as the average attendance for May.

Principal Broderick reported 902 upon the roll of the Public Schools for May, with an average attendance of 803 or 89 1/2 per cent. The report also called attention to the largely increased attendance in the primary departments, and pointed out the necessity for additional provision for the same. Referred to the management committee.

Communications from Messrs. Head and Harrington asking for an increase of salary, were referred to the finance committee.

Inspector Knight presented his report on the Public Schools. The report spoke favorably of the condition of the schools, and drew the attention of the board to certain improvements required in connection with the furniture equipment of several of the rooms. Referred to the management committee.

Mr. John Kennedy, in the absence of Mr. Stewart, presented the report of the finance committee, which recommended the payment of several accounts. The report was adopted.

The board adjourned.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the town council was held on Monday evening. Present Mayor Ray, Reeve Kylie, Depy-Reeves Winters and Crandell, and Councillors Head, Fee, Lack, Robson, Mallon, Touchburn, Bryans, Finley and Connolly.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Messrs. Dovey, W. W. Logan and H. Fowler, asking for tile for drains opposite their respective properties.—Referred to the street and bridge committee.

From Mrs. Wright, asking for a sidewalk opposite her property.—Referred to street and bridge committee.

From Dundas & Flavelle Bros. offering to rent the room under the stairs of the market house.—Referred to town property committee.

From J. Head, secretary of the Horticultural Society, asking for the council chamber for the purpose of holding the Horticultural Show.—Laid on table.

From Messrs. Broderick and O'Brien, head teachers of the public and separate schools, stating that the census of children of school age does not state who are supporters of public school and who of the separate school, and asking that such a division be made.—Laid on table.

From the fire warden in reference to smoke stacks.—Received and filed.

From F. C. Taylor, offering to furnish 20 street lamps to burn 300 nights in the year from midnight to sunrise at the rate of \$17.50 per lamp.—Referred to committee on fire and water.

From Wm. White, asking to be allowed to use a portion of the street for the use of piling material while building the Opera House.—Referred to street and bridge committee.

Mr. Robson read the report of the street and bridge committee which was adopted.

Mr. Winters read the report of the finance committee which was adopted.

Mr. Kylie read the report of fire and water committee. The tenders for street lighting were referred back to committee for further consideration.

Mr. Mallon read the report of the police committee which was adopted.

A resolution from the Ops council in reference to repairs of boundary was referred to street and bridge committee.

On motion of Mr. Kylie, seconded by Mr. Finley, a special committee of the whole council was appointed to take steps towards the proper celebration of Dominion Day.

On motion of Mr. Crandell, seconded by Mr. Bryans, the sum of \$4.50 was granted out of the charitable fund of this council to Mary O'Neill.

On motion of Mr. Crandell, seconded by Mr. Touchburn, the central charity committee was granted \$125, the usual amount to be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

On motion of Mr. Lack, seconded by Mr. Robson, the use of the council was granted to the Horticultural Society for holding their first annual show on the 1st July.

On motion of Mr. Mallon, seconded by Mr. Crandell, the chairman of the police be authorized to consider the advisability of securing an assistant constable for the purpose of having better protection during the night, and that this resolution be referred to the police committee.

On motion of Mr. Connolly, seconded by Mr. Kylie, the town clerk was instructed to procure a list of the public and separate school children for the use of the head masters.

Mr. Flurey was heard with reference to the toll on wool, when, on motion of Mr. Kylie, seconded by Mr. Mallon, the matter was referred to the market committee.

On motion of Mr. Winters, seconded by Mr. Lack, the street and bridge committee was instructed to examine the sidewalk on the west side of Victoria avenue, from Peel to Kent street, and report to the council as to the advisability of repairing or renewing the same.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

A Fearful Calamity in Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, June 5.—The oil region was visited by an awful disaster of fire this morning early. A cloud burst at Titusville and another at Oil City. Both cities are inundated, and people have fled to the hills, men, women and children being on the housetops praying to be rescued. To add to the horror, several refineries were struck by lightning, and property not destroyed by water is being consumed by fire. At 3 o'clock this afternoon half the city of Titusville is reported in flames and at the Oil City it is feared the entire town is doomed to destruction.

The loss of life is large, but the reports are conflicting. One despatch says 50 persons were drowned at Titusville and a large number burned to death. At Oil City eleven persons are reported burned. Telegraphic communication is badly interrupted. The Western Union wires are down and for a time Oil City was completely cut off.

At Titusville four of the largest refineries are on fire, and a stretch of at least one-half mile in length is now burning up.

THE FLOOD IN GENERAL.

The flood appears to have been general throughout northern Pennsylvania. A telegram from Meadville says the damage there cannot be now estimated. The gorge which formed in a deep ravine north of the town, forming a lake three acres in area and 20 feet deep broke and swept half the city. The New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio railway east of Meadville is damaged beyond estimate. No deaths are reported, but in the loss of property the result is frightful.

THE LOSS AT TITUSVILLE.

At 4.30 o'clock this afternoon a telegram was received from Titusville, placing the loss of life at 150 in that town. The water came up suddenly from Oil Creek and flooded the whole flat as far as Spring street, forming a lake nearly half a mile in length. A short time after the Acme Oil Refinery was struck by lightning and fire added terror to the scene. The flames spread with rapidity and soon the fine blocks from Perry to Drake streets, including Washington, Franklin and Male streets, and from the Western New York and Pennsylvania R.R. to Spring street were laid waste. A half dozen of the largest oil refineries, among them Rice & Robinson's, Schwartz's and the Acme were burned. The only buildings said to be now standing in the district mentioned are the Titusville iron works and the depot of the W. N. Y. and P. R. R. The water began to recede about noon and is now going down rapidly. A large number of bodies have been recovered and the work is still going on.

TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

A despatch from Oil City says the loss of life there will probably reach 200. Emlenton, another oil town between Oil City and Titusville, is also reported to have suffered greatly from the flood.

OIL CITY, Pa., June 5.—Never before in the history of Oil City and the oil country has there been such disaster, excitement and turmoil as this city is now witnessing. At 11.45 o'clock this morning the city and country for miles around was startled by two explosions occurring almost simultaneously. Oil Creek was a raging torrent, and in Centre street a crowd of people stood watching the muddy water roll by. Oil was perceptibly floating on the water, and several gentlemen were discussing the danger should the oil catch fire. Hardly were the words uttered when, about 200 yards up the stream, a mass of flame was seen to shoot heavenward. "Run!" yelled a hundred voices, and the people

TURNED LIKE STAMPEDED CATTLE.

and started for the hills. Hardly had they started when a terrible explosion rent the air, and the entire creek, and for hundreds of feet on each side, seemed one mass of flame and smoke. The panic-stricken crowd shrieked madly in their efforts to escape. Women and children were trampled under foot, and about 26 were severely bruised, and had to be picked up by a few of the cooler heads and carried out of harm's way. About half a mile northward from the post-office on the Western New York and Pennsylvania railroad a tank filled with gasoline was standing on a siding. Some young men noticed that the tank was leaking, and seeing a shifting engine approach, ran up the hill, where they turned, and looking down as the engine passed witnessed a fearful sight. A mass of flame shot a hundred feet into the air, and the earth seemed to shake with an awful tremor. The engineer and fireman were seen jumping from the cab and it is supposed they were

BURNED TO DEATH.

or killed by the force of the explosion. In an instant the flames swept madly over the entire upper part of the city, which is flooded by the oily waters of the creek. Men, women and children, who were moving from their houses, were caught by the deadly flames and if not burned to death, were drowned in the raging torrent. Seven bodies have been taken from the flood and are lying on the railroad track unrecognized. At this end of the city an iron wooden bridge, and went down five minutes after the fire started. The large iron structure was broken and swept away like so much kindling wood. From this bridge southward for a quarter of mile the entire town is destroyed and the fire is still raging. The fire department are making heroic efforts to stop the flames and risking their lives every instant, as it

is not known at what moment any of the immense oil tanks above here will burst and send their burning contents down upon them. The Imperial Refining Company's large tanks are visible from here and all are burning, and it is greatly feared that the burning oil will again come down the creek. If it should, little of the business portion of the city will remain standing. Paul & Son's furniture house, a four-story building, was swept away, with \$60,000 worth of stock. Reinhold's hotel and livery stable were destroyed a few minutes later, and Mr. Reinhold and two others who have not been identified were burned to death. These three bodies how many more are lost. About half the third ward has been destroyed and the fire is still doing its awful work in this part of the city. People are panic-stricken and are looking for their lost children. It is almost impossible to find words to describe this awful calamity, and at this time no one has any idea of the number of lives that have been lost. For miles up the creek on both sides everything is in ruins, and hundreds of families have been rendered homeless. The fire came so suddenly that very little property has been saved along this stream, and the sky for miles around is still black with the smoke from burning dwellings and oil tanks.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., June 6.—Never in the history of Titusville has such a scene of desolation presented itself as was unfolded to the gaze of an Associated Press reporter as he surveyed the main thoroughfare this morning. The first sight witnessed was four men carrying the body of a man on a stretcher. Within fifteen minutes the scene became so common that it ceased to occasion surprise. It is estimated that fully 100 persons have been drowned or burned to death. The money loss will run from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The territory covered by the flood and fire was over two miles in extent. This includes railroads, factories, refineries, private dwellings, etc.

Lord Mountstephen's Opinion on Political Questions.

MONTREAL, June 3.—Lord Mountstephen, who now spends nearly all his time in England, but honours Canada with a yearly visit for the purpose of fishing, arrived here to-day. The Canadian nobleman, as a local paper styles him, was interviewed to-day, and gave his opinions in a charmingly off-hand manner about Imperial politics and other grave matters. It seems that Lord Mountstephen's time when he is not sitting in the House of Lords or enjoying himself on his lordly estate in Scotland, is devoted to looking after the interests of the Canadian Pacific railway. Of course he is as ardent a Conservative in Britain as he was in Canada, and speaks highly of Lord Salisbury's as a statesman. He believes that the British Premier's semi-advocacy of protection will not hurt him in the coming struggle. "The majority of English workingmen," said he, "are for protection. They do not think that the competition of American manufacturers injures their interest so much as that of Europeans. Lord Salisbury did not declare for protection for the sake of protection but with a view to forcing reciprocity. British free traders will of course denounce his utterances, and no human being can tell exactly what effect they will have on the approaching contest."

"Have your views on the Home Rule question changed?"

"No, they have not. I am always against separation. Of course Home Rule means one thing to one man and another thing to another. I believe the present administration will give Local Government to Ireland as rapidly as it is judicious to do so. But repeal of the Union is as remote as ever, and I believe that if it should ever come it would soon lead again to another Union Act. It is true that the Gladstonians deny all sympathy with Ireland. So do the Irish Home Rulers, but I know that they look forward to an independent Ireland, having no connection with the British Empire."

"What about Imperial Federation?"

"I do not understand it," said his Lordship. Then he continued with grave humor:—"Perhaps I am stupid, but to me the scheme is incomprehensible. I cannot see how it will work. I have been in the habit of seeing Sir Charles Tupper very frequently, but I did not co-operate with him in this movement."

As to immigration to the North-West, he thinks there will be a fair increase, "but there is not," he says, "so much desire to leave Great Britain now as there was years ago when Ontario was settled. then a farmer who could plough and manage a pair of horses got perhaps £6 for the six months, and such board as he might. To-day he gets four times that, and with £50 a year and the cheapness of everything in comparison you can see there is not so much to induce men to leave and court a prairie life. We will get, however, those who desire to own their own farms, the more adventurous of them. Besides the Indian wheat now makes the market price of wheat, and with the cheapness of labour, their railways, and the depreciated silver to aid them it keeps down the price of our wheat."

Mr. O. F. Jordan, roadmaster of the Canadian and Michigan Midland divisions of the M.C.R., has been appointed superintendent of the same division, vice J. B. Morford, resigned on account of ill-health. Mr. Jordan was formerly a laborer,

June Frost and Snow.

ST. PAUL, June 5.—Despatches received this evening say that a great snowstorm is racing west of the Missouri river in South Dakota. At Deadwood snow has been falling fiercely for 10 hours and lies on the ground to the depth of 10 inches. Traffic is suspended and the temperature has fallen below the freezing point. Nothing of the sort has ever before occurred in June in the North-west in the history of the signal service.

Drowning Accident.

UPRILL, June 6.—An accident occurred on Saturday on the Black river about 20 miles north of here on one of Messrs. Mickle, Dymont & Sons' drives of saw logs by which a much respected young man, Mr. William Matchett, the son of the late Lachlan Matchett, lost his life. The young man was working on the logs and missing his footing fell into the water which was perfectly calm. He was seen no more until his body was recovered about four hours later. He was 20 years of age.

OPS.

Special to the WATCHMAN.

The following is the report of S. S. No. 9 Ops for the month of May.

St. IV class—Kate McGeough, Maude Pogue, Laura Rea, Aggie Blaylock. Jr. IV class—Frank Rea, Lillie McGeough, Grace Cornell, Sheridan Rea, Wilfred Rea, Debbie Shaw, Tom Pogue, Florence Reid. Third class—Lillie Magee, Isiah Blaylock, John McNevan, Thos. McNevan, Thomas Magee, Melville Cornell. Second class—Annie Rea, Bernice McGeough, Vincent Pogue, Bruce McNevan, Dane Magee, Annie Pogue, Finlay Blaylock, Part II class—Mabel Pogue, Lillie Blaylock, Johnnie Gray, Joseph Powers, Annie Blaylock, Fred Shaw, Willie Powers, Reggie Kerr, Ernest Reid, Chas. Shaw. Sr. I class—George Magee, Bertha Wilson, Gertie Rea, Mabel Feir, Nellie Powers, Bert Shaw, Emma Feir. Jr. I class—Norman Roddy, Katie Powers Percy Pogue, Willie Shaw.

J. N. MOFFATT
Teacher.

A Horrible Story.

ARDMORE, I.T., June 4.—Albert Rennie United States Commissioner of this city, who for a time was stationed at Wowoko, the capital of the Seminole nation, relates a story of horrible execution there. It is the custom to execute men convicted of capital crimes, by shooting. The executioners in the case referred to were two members of the National Light Horse detailed for the purpose. The victim was led to the rock upon which these judicial killings take place. The executioners were very drunk and their shots only wounded the human target. They left the ground at once, and a negro took the rough box coffin to the wounded man, who protested against being buried alive as vigorously as his strength would permit. Three negroes finally succeeded in putting the man in the box, and an effort was made to nail the lid down, but the victim pushed and kicked against it so that the task was only accomplished by two of the negroes sitting on the lid while the other drove the nails with the utmost nonchalance. The interment was then made.

A Terrible Cyclone.

OMAHA, Neb., June 5.—McCook, Neb., was visited yesterday by a terrible cyclone. As the huge funnel-shaped cloud passed over the Burlington and Missouri shops and roundhouse it seemed to suddenly drop to the ground, first striking the business building owned by W. H. Cole, and with awful power raised the metal roof clear off the two parts in the rear, and whirling it around brought it down with terrible force in almost its former position upon the heads of the cigar-makers who were at work there. All escaped except one, who was severely injured. The storm centre seemed to raise up in the air and again drop to the ground about three blocks away. In a moment the air was filled with flying debris, and the cry was raised that the Congregational church was in ruins and that hundreds of children buried in the ruins. The children of the city were rehearsing for the children's day at the Congregational church, and that edifice was packed to its utmost capacity with the little folks. With willing hands the fallen timbers were raised from the ruins and soon all were released from their imprisonment. The list of the injured is about 50, and as many were carried home at once it is impossible at this hour to get the exact number.

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Hiram Calvin has accepted the Conservative nomination for Frontenac.

Renewed rains have caused much destruction in the western and southern states.

Black rust has appeared in some of the finest wheat fields in Illinois, and serious damage is feared.

A cyclone in Texas on Thursday caused injury to a number of people and great destruction of crops.

It is said the umbrella manufacturers of the United States have combined with a capital of \$8,000,000.

At Palmer, Mass., J. A. Foksett, 77 years old, while sitting in arm chair in his ho use was struck by lightning and killed the other day.