

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE LABOR QUESTION CAME INTO VIEW.

Board Defeats an Amendment—Miss Martin Appointed Kindergarten Assistant—Business Transacted Last Night.

A regular meeting of the board of education was held last evening. Present: Chairman Sears and Messrs. Joseph Wilson, Prof. Martin, James Laturney, J. P. Oram, William Kelly, Dr. Fee, Robert Meek, W. H. Worm, D. A. Shaw, K. J. McKelvey, John McIntyre, Joseph G. Elliott and H. Richardson.

The following communications were read and referred: From the treasury department, Toronto, enclosing cheque of \$1,215.65, the grant to the collegiate institute.—Referred to finance committee. From George Cliff and F. Strange, asking for a share of the board's insurance.—Finance committee. From R. F. Greenwood, asking to be appointed entrance examiner.—Management committee.

The Accounts Passed.

Mr. Meek, by resolution, recommended payment of the following accounts: Smart Mfg. Co., Brockville, mowers, \$214; H. Skinner & Co., ink, \$17.50; John Godwin, hardware, \$45.03; Light, Heat & Power Co., \$24.03; Agnes Connor, furniture, \$8; Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Insurance Co., bond, \$7.50; Bell Telephone Co., \$12.50; G. Wilkinson & Son, \$42.50; John McIntyre, delegate's expenses, \$15; Thomas McAuley, sundries, \$2.50; C. Pollard, labor, \$7.05; McKelvey & Birch, expert fees, \$30; John Wilkin, son, rolling, \$10.50; E. Eglow & Co., \$54.50; L. A. Black, ink powder, \$7.20; customs house, duty, \$1.44; George Adelt, mould and labor, \$0; Simmons Bros., \$53.72; dominion government, rent, \$1; M. Kirkpatrick, pictures, \$8.40.—Carried.

Management Committee Reports.

Mr. McKelvey presented the report of the management committee, recommending: That Miss May Martin be appointed kindergarten director, to take charge of the class to be opened in St. Andrew's school in September, and that she act as assistant to Miss Jones, at assistant's pay, until the mid-summer holidays; no action on the petition of the board requesting the continuance of the half-time class in Cakaraqui school; that Mr. Greenwood be appointed entrance examiner for 1902. On the motion of Mr. Laturney, to promote examinations, the committee has given the matter due consideration, and is of the opinion that the present system of making promotions in the public schools is much better than the past and therefore would not recommend any change at present. Mr. McKelvey moved the adoption of the report. Mr. Wilson—Did Miss Anglin give satisfaction? The inspector was called upon to answer. He said that she was giving satisfaction.

Mr. Wilson—It seems strange to me that the management committee should displace one who had given satisfaction by one who had not been tried. Mr. McKelvey—Miss Anglin was not appointed by the board.

Mr. Wilson—If this rule carries it is no inducement for teachers to give their best services to the board. Miss Anglin should have gotten the position.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that the report be amended by striking out Miss Martin's name and substituting therefore that of Miss Anglin. Mr. Shaw spoke strongly in favor of Miss Anglin.

Mr. McKelvey gave explanations of the cause that led up to the appointment. Several names were before the committee. Miss Martin had grown up in the city schools, and she had had all her kindergarten training here. The committee of 1898 virtually promised Miss Martin the position, but funds were not available to make the appointment then. If there was any claim on the position, Miss Martin had it.

Mr. McIntyre said he had objected to the clause, for the same reasons as those which actuated Messrs. Wilson and Shaw.

The amendment was put and lost on the following division: Nays—Messrs. Elliott, Kelly, Laturney, Martin, Meek, McKelvey, Richardson and Wormworth—8.

Yeas—Messrs. McIntyre, Oram, Shaw and J. Wilson—4.

Dr. Fee objected to voting, but the other members demurred at this, saying that they would all like to have shared that duty.

Dr. Fee then voted against the amendment. The report was then received and adopted.

Mr. Godwin took his seat at this juncture.

The Property Committee.

Mr. Oram presented the report of the property committee, recommending: That James Cruse be paid 90c. per night for acting as caretaker for the night classes during last winter; that the committee be empowered to purchase a horse roller for use on the school grounds; the committee considered the communication of W. G. Hamilton, secretary of the building trades' council, asking the board to have its work done by union labor, and recommends that so far as practicable union labor be employed.

Mr. Oram moved the adoption of the report.

Prof. Martin objected to the last clause in no uncertain manner. "It violates all the principles of equal rights," he declared. "We are here to represent all the taxpayers and we should not make any discrimination between laborers and union laborers. We have no more right to militate against a laborer than against a Methodist. Are we to take the bread and butter out of some poor man's mouth because he does not join a union? I do hope the board will cancel this clause. The committee should have ignored the communication. I move that we cast it out, and that the communication be returned to the gentleman who sent it."

Mr. Oram defended the action of the committee, pointing out that any union, union or non-union, could tender for board work. If both were equal



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The Man the Liberals Say Will Remain as Premier of Ontario.

the contract would be given to the union man. Mr. Martin—I strongly oppose that. Any man of common honesty should give every taxpayer an equal chance. That letter was a piece of impertinence, and I can't conceive of any sensible body sending such a letter to this board.

Mr. Meek did not see what else the committee could have done than it had done.

Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey, that clause three be dropped.

Mr. Kelly stated that the criticized letter reminded him of that of an insurance agent, who said: "That's in my line of work, and I want a slice of it." As for the rest, it was not worthy a reply.

The amendment was put and lost on the following division: Yeas—Messrs. Martin, Wormworth,

McKelvey and Richardson—4. Nays—Messrs. Wilson, Elliott, McIntyre, Oram, Shaw and Fee—10. The report was then adopted.

The Inspector's Report.

Inspector Kidd presented the following report for April: Total number of pupils in attendance, 2,355; last year, 2,313; increase, 42, 2,353; daily attendance, 2,062; last year, 1,895; increase, 167. In the kindergarten 163 pupils were enrolled, the average attendance being 131. New pupils admitted, 103, of whom 31 had recently come to the city. Since the opening of the schools in January 196 new pupils have been admitted, of whom 85 were recent arrivals in the city. During the same period 29 public school pupils have moved out of the city. 228 pupils have made applications to write on the entrance exami-

WAS KILLED IN THE WOODS

BY A FALLING TREE STRIKING HIM.

A Search Revealed the State of Affairs—Deceased Was Well-Known and Respected—A Number of Bears Killed.

Wensley, May 6.—A very sad accident happened on Thursday, May 1st, when James Gowen, a resident of Wensley township of Altonara, was killed. Deceased was building brush fence, and while cutting down a cedar tree, not noticing one which had been previously lodged in the one he was cutting, stepped back, apparently to get out of the road of the falling tree. But unfortunately he stepped right under the lodged tree, which came down with a crash, hitting Mr. Gowen on back of the neck and killing him. Mr. Gowen, the man who was working for him, was not more than five or six rods from deceased when he was killed. He saw the tree fall, but as Mr. Gowen had been falling trees off and on all day, he paid not attention. When the call was given for the four o'clock meeting, Mr. Gowen went home. After tea was over deceased's family became uneasy about him, as they had called several times and had no answer. So they set out to search for him, only to find him in this terrible position. They had to go two miles to get help to remove the tree, and take the corpse to the house. Deceased was buried at Playfair's Corners on Saturday. The funeral service was presided in the Methodist church, Plevna, by Rev. Mr. Huyck. Deceased was very much respected, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Left For South Africa.

Calatung, May 7.—Farmers are about through their seeding. The grass for this time of year is very dry advanced. Our cheese factory has undergone some extensive repairs. A new gong press has been put in and also pipes for heating in cool weather and for cooling in warm weather. R. R. Philips has made some repairs to his wind mill. Ira Andrews, agent for the Canada carriage company, has sold several new buggies this season. Will Connolly, attending Victoria university, at Toronto, has left for South Africa as a mounted policeman. We wish Will a pleasant journey and a safe return. Burton Hays, Union Val-ley, was visiting at John Kincaid's on Sunday. Miss Anna and Ezra Earl, Temperance Lake, were visiting friends here recently. Buell Dickey and Miss Lizzie Brodie, Rockport, were visiting friends here and in June- town this week. William Buell reports that while absent from his home in Janetown, on Sunday his house was broken into. Nothing of any value seems to have been taken. E. J. Kaint spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents at Rockport.

New French Warship.

Paris, May 9.—The armored cruiser Admiral Aube was launched at Saint-Nazaire to-day with interesting ceremonies, and in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The vessel is a sister ship of the Canada, recently launched at Loriet. She is the last of the armored cruisers provided for in the shipbuilding programme of 1896. The Admiral Aube will be ready for commission in June, 1903. Her total cost is estimated at nearly \$5,000,000.

Oak Hill, Bibby's.

"Into each life some rain must fall," our umbrellas will prevent it falling on your head, special at \$1.50. The H. D. Bibby Co.

READ THIS RECORD.

Of the Ontario Liberal Govern- ment in Thirty Years.

Education. It has expended \$18,205,000 on education since 1871. The total grants for all educational purposes in 1901 was \$28,851 (including grants to agricultural and mining schools), or out of every \$4 spent, by the government \$1 goes for educational purposes.

It placed the department of education under the responsible control of a minister of education—a course approved by the late Dr. Ryerson, superintendent of council of public instruction.

It made the educational council a consultative committee to confer with the minister on such matters as he may from time to time submit to them.

It crystallized the school laws into a useful consolidation. It has improved the school system on fifty distinct lines, making it the most complete and effective of any similar system in the world.

It has established a school of practical science, provincial and county model schools, normal college and schools, training institutes, art schools, teachers' associations and mechanics' institutes.

It has assisted technical schools and manual training departments. Its policy as to text-books is Canadian for the Canadians. In 1883, out of 184 books used in the public and high schools, only forty-nine were written by Canadians and 135 by American and British authors. In 1901 every book used in these schools, with two exceptions, is the work of a Canadian author.

It has reduced the text-books from a number in different branches of study to one in each. Thirteen text-books were used in the high schools in 1901, as compared with eighty in 1875.

It has materially reduced the cost of text-books. The average annual cost to public school pupils is only 21 1-3 cents per pupil.

The reduction in price in text-books from 1883 to 1901 shows a saving of \$72,000. There are 6,010 public schools and 9,440 teachers.

The number of departmental examinations has been reduced from twenty-seven, held under the council of public instruction, to thirteen.

Spring Madness.

Miss Cannon in Almsbe's. The widows are all grayer now. And what a neat and oblige now. To the wild heart. There comes a start. Will he sit and embolden now.

The black tips are all slender now. The April light is tender now. And the soft skin. Are vain with new wisdom of new slender now.

The streets are full of "loveliness" now. Forget their look of sadness now. To every door. Hated at of yore. Come back the old spring madness now.

Men's Summer Underwear.

Splendid value at 50c., 75c., \$1 suit. The H. D. Bibby Co. Men's ready-to-wear suits, 60, 80, and \$10. Livingstons'. Rich Coronation cake, try a pound. W. J. Crothers.

Japanese Mattings. Nothing so cool and clean, can be easily fitted to any room, giving splendid wear, a very large variety of designs. 12c., 15c., 18c., 20c., 25c. a yard. COCOA MATTING, for front steps, made of the best quality fibre, warranted to stand the rain and frost, unequalled for serviceability, in all the standard widths, 1, 1 1/2, 2 yards wide. 28c., 50c., 65c., 80c. yard. BRUSH MATS.—A very large range of these goods. Everything new and fresh, plain and open work, 50c., 60c., 75c., 90c., \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard. A Surprise in Undershirts. 50 dozen (800) MEN'S BALBRIGGAN UNDERSHIRTS, ranging in price from 40c. to 75c. each, including the best French finished qualities, all sizes, up to 46 inches. Special to clear 25c. each. No drawers in this lot. RAIN UMBRELLAS, 108 good Umbrellas, made of extra quality English Waterproof covering. Black, guaranteed natural wood handles, 28-inch. Well worth, \$1.40. for \$1. each.

R. Waldron, Cor. Brock and Wellington Sts. LACE CURTAINS.—We are offering a 3 1/2 yard tape bordered Lace curtain, nearly finished at only 70c. FINE QUALITY NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, 3 1/2 yards long, 54-inches wide, heavy and light designs, very excellent qualities, at 98c., \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 pair. EXTRA VALUE, NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, finished with the new lock stitch edge, which is warranted not to pull away in the washing, new Renaissance effects, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 pair. IRISH POINT CURTAINS, made on extra fine soft net, neatly finished on edges, with plain or worked centres, very handsome borders, cream and white, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$7 pair.

Carpets. TAPESTRY BRUSSELS CARPETS from the leading English Mills, large assortment of designs and colorings, suitable for rooms, halls and stairs, at 50c. per yard. BALMORAL CARPETS, the very choicest qualities, very handsome patterns, suitable for any house, 75c., 80c., 90c. yard. EXTRA SUPER INGRAM CARPETS, very stylish, designs, extra values, 35c., 40c., 45c., 50c., 60c. yard. BRUSSELS CARPETS the very best qualities, extremely handsome designs, beautiful colorings, 90c., \$1, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.35 yd. TAPESTRY RUGS.—We are offering some very special inducements in these goods, sizes 9 feet x 9 feet, 9 x 12, 12 x 12. ALL WOOL ART SQUARES.—Nothing to equal them for wear or appearance, can be adjusted to any room, in all the best sizes, 9 x 9, 9 x 12, 10 1/2 x 12, 12 x 13 1/2, 12 x 15, etc., etc.

Ladies' Underskirts. Made of good quality, Mercerized Satin, Fast Black, 3 1/2 yards round with 9-inch pleating, neatly finished at only \$1.35. Extra Fine Mercerized Satin Underskirts, light weight, 3 1/2 yards round, 10-inch pleating, thoroughly finished with firm muslin, at only \$1.75.

Corsets. 40 cents for Women's Corsets, straight front and short waist styles, grey only, neatly trimmed. 98 cents for the new girle Corsets, and straight front bias gored Corsets, white, grey, suitable for short and medium figures.

Curtain Muslins. In many new ideas, 15c., 20c., 25c. yard. Plain and Fancy Nets for Sash Curtains, rich frills, also plain, 20c., 22c., 25c., 33c., 40c. SWISS SASH NETS, The largest and finest assortment in the city, very artistic ideas, exclusive Novelties. 40c., 50c., 60c., 70c., 75c., and 80c.

Stockings. 2 Very excellent values in Boys' Cotton Stockings. 2-1 Rib Cotton stockings, double knees and feet, absolutely fast black, all sizes, 5 1/2 to 10 inches, 12c., 15c., 17c., 20c. and 25c. pair.

1-1 Ribbed Cotton Stockings. Extra Fine double knees and feet, a really excellent Stocking for wear and appearance, sizes 5 1/2, 10 inches, 15c., 20c., 25c., 30c., 35c. pair.

Black Taffetas. Another lot of those special Taffetas to hand. We consider ourselves very fortunate in being able to procure them at such low figures, 28-inch, 50c.; 20-inch, 60c.; 22-inch, 75c.; 23-inch, 90c. CHAMOIS SKINS.—It is not necessary for you to pay an extravagant price for these goods. What used to be a luxury is now within the reach of every one. Good values at 20c., 30c., and 50c. each. SWEATERS.—For Boys and young Men, in Navy, White and Cardinal. Everyone perfectly reliable for wear and durability, 50c., 60c., 75c., and 95c. MEN'S OXFORD SHIRTS.—In light and dark designs, lined across the shoulders, home-made, with or without collars, excellent values, 50c. to 80c.

Flags. FLAGS.—You should fly one on the 24th, and a few weeks after Coronation day will come. We have prepared for your needs: Cotton Flag, Jacks, Ensigns, Standards, Scotch, Blue Ensigns, 9 inches to 2 1/2 yards long, 10c. to 90c. each. ALL WOOL BUNTING FLAGS.—Will not fade, very best English make, splendidly bound. Ensigns and Jacks, 3 feet long, 70c., 4-6 at \$1.25, 6 feet \$1.75, 9 feet at \$4, 12 feet at \$6.25. Summer Muslins. The season is fast approaching and stocks are rapidly decreasing and owing to the heavy advances in raw material no more values such as these can be obtained. AMERICAN CORDED DIMITY in white, black and colors, with fancy designs and stripes, only 20c., 22c. yard.

English Printed Lawns. ENGLISH PRINTED LAWNS, very neat, stylish goods, our own importations, at 15c., 18c., 20c. yard. SATIN FINISH FOULARDS, beautiful Mercerized finish light and dark grounds. Floral and striped patterns, 20c., 25c., 28c. yd. GINGHAMS, English and American ideas, checks and stripes, 10c., 12 1/2c. and 15c. yard. BLACK DRESS GOODS, NEWEST NOVELTIES, WOOL CRASHES, VOILES, ETOMENES, TAFETAS, SERGES, CHEVIOTS. COLORED SILKS, IN PLAIN FANCY DESIGNS, FOR WAISTS AND DRESSES LARGE VARIETY. NOVELTY WAISTINGS IN WHITE, TUCKINGS, DROP STITCHING INSERTINGS.