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Evening Classes.
Following up his question further, Trustee Meek said that the Manage-

ment committee should consider the question of opening up evening classes. Kingston could not be regarded as strong as some other places, in the industrial line, but he believed that there was great need for the classes.

If possible, arrangements should be made for the classes to open at the first of the new year. It was, indeed, great pity, that the first part of the winter could not be utilized for the classes.

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Some valuable information regarding the classes at Stratford organized by the collegiate institute board, and at Montreal, at the technical institute, were given by Trustee Meek, along with other information, all of which told a story of the great success of the work. At Stratford, the total attendance for October was 1,400, or one-half of the total attendance of all the classes last season. The classes in cookery and dressmaking are very large, while those in mathematics, drawing and science, are also well patronized, giving evidence of the strong feeling among young people, for this kind of education.

"(2) The extension of technical education, so that it may embrace many features not now recognized in our educational system. The manual training classes represented at present, as most elementary work, and Kingston, an educational centre, should take up technical training in an advanced and effective way."

The above resolution was passed by the Board of Education, at its meeting, on Thursday night, on motion of Trustee Meek, and if the plan as set out by Trustee Meek is carried into effect, it will mean a great deal to a large number of boys and girls, who, at the present time, are not receiving the education they should receive, to fit them for the battle of life. The action of the Management committee on this important issue, will be awaited with keen interest. Trustee Meek has given the question considerable attention, and was able to provide the trustees with a great deal of information regarding the working out of the classes in other places, and while there was no general discussion on the question, it was apparent that the members present felt that the innovation would prove a beneficial one.

In brief, if the scheme, as mapped out, is carried into effect, the compulsory school age in Kingston will be raised from fourteen to sixteen years. It will not be necessary for all boys and girls, between those ages, who are employed, to leave their work, but they will be compelled to attend classes either at the day or night industrial school, in accordance with the school act.

Department to Blame.

In taking up the question, Trustee Meek stated that the department of education, under both governments, had been to blame in not providing necessary school legislation, and even at the present time the department was to blame, in that it had not called the attention of the Local board of education to the recent act passed regarding the compulsory attendance of boys and girls at industrial classes. In the case of recent legislation regarding grants to charity organizations, the government had also been found to be negligent.

"The government needs a public relations department," added Trustee Meek. He said there were acts being put through that no community could keep track of.

The speaker, however, knew of the school act he had referred to, and went on to explain to the members how it could be worked out. Now that the government had given the necessary legislation, it was up to the board to act.

This new act had to do with boys and girls who leave school at four years of age to seek employment. The majority of them secure employments that are non-educative, with the result that they spend their time until twenty-one years of age in such work, and then they are unfitted to assume their position in life. This was a most lamentable state of affairs, and in this new legislation the government was trying to overcome the difficulty. There were two sides to the system. Would it be wise to compel them to go to the day classes? It would be a hardship on some who were bread-winners of a family. They could, however, be made to attend the night classes, but the necessary information could be secured, and a satisfactory plan worked out.

Trustee Meek referred to the fact that the school board, at London, Ont., had recently taken action on the matter, and pointed out that manufacturers there are willing to co-operate with the board in the scheme, and that they will pay the fees of the board, and will only be forced to go to the classes between these lines. Principal Best of the Industrial school at London was surprised as saying that the majority of the students attending the school were sixteen years and over. They had come voluntarily desiring to improve themselves. There was another large class, between fourteen and sixteen years of age, who should be compelled to go to school. Those who attend the classes now cause no worry, as they were anxious for self-improvement. The act would reach a class who need self-improvement a great deal more, but who must be compelled to see the necessity of it.

They are spending their best years at uneducated labor. The department of education was anxious to have the act tried. It was not the intention of the department to work hardship to any person, but assist all in obtaining a good education.

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THE STREET RAILWAY LINE TO THE CITY?

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Will the Kingston, Portsmouth and Caraquet Street railway sell the railway to the city at this time? This question, which the company will be asked in a few days, was the outcome of a joint meeting of the board of works and the Utilities Committee on Thursday afternoon.

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