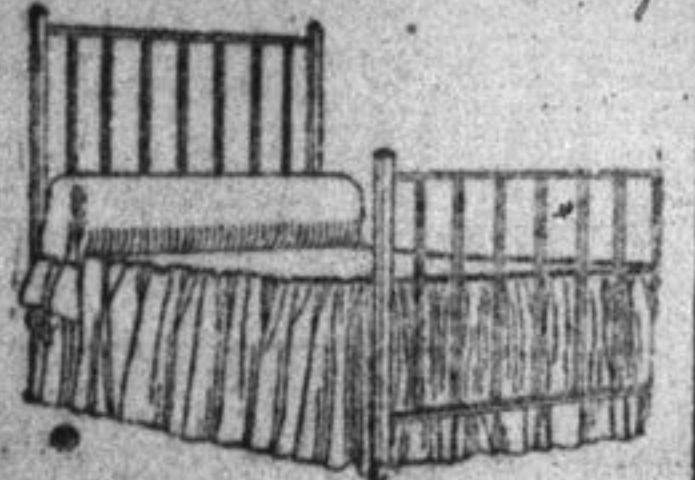


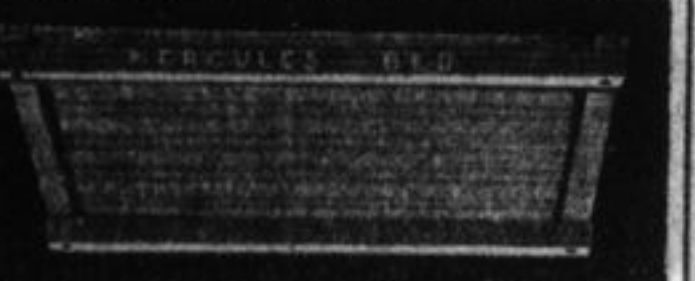
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Trustee Elliott's Report on Trustees' Department of Ontario Educational Association Presented to Board of Education—F. R. Anglin's Report on Convention of Technical Association

Two very interesting reports were presented to the Board of Education, on Thursday night, one from Trustee J. G. Elliott, who was sent as a delegate to the recent meeting in Toronto, of the trustees' department of the Ontario Educational Association, and the other from F. R. Anglin, who attended the convention of the Ontario Technical Association also held in Toronto. The following are the reports:
Medical inspection was, possibly, the liveliest subject for consideration at the meeting of the trustees' department of the Ontario Educational Association held in Toronto last week. It has taken quite a time to bring the matter into public notice, but trustees are now alive to the necessity of caring for the health of the school children and considerable progress is being made. The trustees were extremely interested in the subject and wherever instruction had been carried out they sought the fullest information as to its advantage. Your delegate was plying with questions as to its operation here. Plans are under way to bring the smaller towns and rural schools under the operation of investigation and inspection. Truancy was also considered, and final recommendation was that the school trustees must have the sole authority in connection with school delinquents rather than the council. There was considerable talk on the subject of manners and deportment, and also supervised playgrounds, and in connection with these the following resolutions were adopted:
1. "We deplore the lack of manners and deportment in the youth of the land, the lack of reverence and respect for age and position, and a generally unappreciative attitude towards those things that make men and women, gentle, sweet, self-reliant, sacrificing, and disciplined in speech, manners and conduct. Foulness in speech and in life is too much in evidence and we would have the trustees seized with the responsibility of making all pupils in our schools clean and moral, and well fitted to become citizens of a powerful, progressive state, and the parents of a strong and virile race."
2. "Play as a force in the development of physical and mental power is now acknowledged everywhere. We urge the best playgrounds in country and city, so that play may be exemplified as a vital and invigorating element in the betterment of the children of the land. Playgrounds, properly conducted, will soon settle the necessity, for police, prisons and penitentiaries. We recommend that the Education Department investigate the elements of play as an educational adjunct, and to act according to their best light."

The attendance was very large, one interesting feature was the unusual attendance of rural representatives. The rural side of school life was commented upon and the committee on resolutions, the thoughtful presentation of the school problem, as it touches the school, the home, the community, and life generally. The uplift into a better status must come through higher educational ideals, wider and more intelligent co-operation by the government and cities in giving to rural sections the advantages that will tend to make them self-reliant and progressive. The sessions altogether were pleasant and instructive, and your representative, who has been in attendance for a great many years, notes with pleasure that the advanced steps made in many directions have been the outcome of the department's labors. Kingston is well abreast of the times in the conduct of its schools. Dr. Knight was one of the visitors to the department, and his address on hygiene was greatly appreciated. Several of the district trustee organizations have asked him to appear before them and discuss the topics of medical inspection, dentistry, and school hygiene generally.

Trustee Anglin's Report
The report of Trustee Anglin follows: This convention was held for the purpose of uniting the different organizations in the province, which are interested in technical education. The attendance was not large; there were delegates present from Ottawa, Cornwall, Prescott, Brockville, Col-

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lingwood, Brantford, Hamilton, and other parts of the province, and about as many more from the city of Toronto itself. It comprised representatives of the Manufacturers' Association, Trades and Labor Councils, Boards of Education, Boards of Trade, National Council of Women, Provincial Technical schools and other organizations.
For many years the Manufacturers' Association and the Trade and Labor Council have been advocating technical schools. Together they urged the government to form a Technical Education Commission of which Dr. Robertson was chairman, and which took evidence in Canada, United States and Europe, and which recommended to the federal government an expenditure of \$23,000,000 spread over ten years, and to be divided among the provinces according to population. The government appeared to be indifferent in the matter, and fearing that nothing would be done, this convention was called for the purpose of forming an organization whose voice and influence would be much stronger than that of the organizations originally interested in it.
The officers elected were: Honorary president, J. D. Allan, of the Toronto Board of Trade, and a life long student of technical education; president, R. D. Fairbairn; secretary-treasurer, Thomas Bengough, a member of the commission.
Mr. Bengough pointed out that it was necessary to have an organization combining the interests of the schools, manufacturing, industrial, commercial, agricultural, etc., a democratic organization springing from the people, and a harbinger of the new day that is coming to Canada. Such an organization is necessary to form and direct public opinion.
It was pointed out that the products of Canadian factories are greater than the combined products of farm, forests and minerals.
It was shown that the apprentice system is breaking down and that some form of training is necessary for boys and girls of the teen age, to fit them for capable positions in our industrial life. The quality of our Canadian life is as good as any in the world to-day, and yet Canada is twenty to thirty years behind other countries in technical education.
One speaker remarked that we should bridge the gulf between the kindergarten and manual training with handwork.
A number of resolutions were passed and steps will be taken to bring the matter more forcibly before the attention of the federal government, and it is hoped that in the course of time the other provinces will follow the example of Ontario and form similar organizations.

The delegates were invited to see the new technical school in the course of erection on Lippincott avenue, a building about 400 feet long, and 100 feet wide, of immense proportions, and consisting of class rooms, laboratories, auditoriums, an erecting room, gymnasium, etc. It is intended for male and female students, and is being built by the city of Toronto.
Reports Discussed
Trustee Renton asked Trustee Elliott if the cadet corps were discussed at his meeting.
"Not in my department," replied Trustee Elliott. "In the public school department it was likely discussed."
Trustee Farrell stated that the report of Trustee Elliott was an excellent one, and made reference to the part in which it referred to the deplorable lack of reverence for elderly people on the part of children, and also the manners of children. He believed conditions should be remedied, but wanted to know if the meeting in Toronto had set down any definite plans to bring about this much-needed change.
Trustee Elliott stated that no definite conclusion had been reached. It had been left with the boards to deal with.
Trustee Farrell then moved that Trustee Elliott's report be referred to the management committee, with the request that special attention be given to the clause in the report referring to the matter discussed by the board. Trustee Farrell said that the teachers could accomplish a great deal, but the greater responsibility was in the home.
Trustee Birkett seconded Trustee Farrell's motion, and in doing so, gave his reason for the lack of reverence on the part of the children. He believed it was because the rod had been dispensed with. He spoke of how the English lads were not spared when it came to receiving the rod, and they were a well-mannered lot.
The chairman thanked Trustee Elliott for his report. He said that Trustee Elliott had been attending these meetings in Toronto for many years, and that every year he came home the members of the board looked with pleasure to the report he presented.
Trustee Anglin was also tendered a vote of thanks for his report, on motion of Trustee Renton.
"The two reports are the best we ever received from any members of the board," he said.

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street railway company fill in the track allowance.
Ald. Couper still maintained that asphaltic concrete was the best pavement. No one had presented anything better.
Ald. Harrison again held back his amendment, to allow Ald. Graham to move, seconded by Ald. Stroud, that the petition of the property owners along the street in question for a pavement of asphaltic macadam on the sides of the street be granted. The amendment was lost on a vote of 18 to 2.
The amendment of Ald. Harrison to refer back the matter, was carried.
In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Shaw and Aids, Bews, Couper, Fair, Graham, Hanley, Harrison, Hoag, Hughes, Kent, Litton, McCann, Newman, Niekle, O'Connor, Peters, Richardson, Stroud, Sutherland and White.



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