

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

HELD THE FINAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR 1915.

Trustee Elliott Drew the Attention of the Trustees to the Need Of An Addition To Central School Next Year—The Reports Of Committees Adopted.

The final meeting of the Board of Education, for the year 1915, was held on Thursday night, and as there was a small grist of business on hand, the slate was cleared in about half an hour. Reports were presented by three committees, Management, Property, and Finance, and all were adopted.

The Board received a letter from G. A. Palmer, who has resigned as instructor of the Collegiate Institute Cadets. In his letter he stated that he could not continue to hold this position "under existing circumstances, particularly interference by Major George Gillespie."

The Board adopted the recommendation of the Management committee, which asked that the resignation of Mr. Palmer be accepted, and Mr. Kelly be appointed in his place, but the letter from Mr. Palmer, in which he complained of interference on the part of Major Gillespie, was referred to the management committee, after some discussion.

Information was asked for regarding the circumstances of the case, and Trustee Henderson, chairman of the Management Committee, stated that the reading of the letter was the first intimation he had about Mr. Palmer's complaint.

Trustee Meek drew the attention of the members to the fact that the Board had decided that the management of the corps should come through the Board, and he wanted to know why the rules had not been adhered to.

Principal Sliter was asked for a statement during the discussion, and he stated that he had seen a letter written by Major Gillespie, in which the latter had asked a member of his staff to take over the position of instructor for the cadets.

The pupils of the Collegiate Institute asked permission to hold a Patriotic Dance, in the Collegiate building, on Dec. 23rd, and on motion of Trustees Elliott and Macnee, the request was granted. Half of the proceeds of this event will be given to the Red Cross Society.

Miss Blanche Gilbert tendered her resignation as a teacher on the public school teaching staff, and on motion of Trustee Henderson, the resignation was accepted, and the Management Committee given power to appoint a successor.

E. K. Strathy, of the League of the Empire, which is sending home news to the men in the trenches, wrote the Board, asking that the children of the schools in Kingston continue the good work. The children here are carrying on the work. These budgets are greatly appreciated by the soldiers as they help very much to put in wearisome time at the front.

Reports Of Officials.

Inspector J. Russell Stuart submitted his report for the month of November, which contained the following:

The total enrollment was 2,607. This is 143 more than for the same time last year. The total average daily attendance was 2,311, or an increase of 61 over that of November, 1914. The appearance of measles and the prevalence of common colds have affected the attendance to some extent. In the Kindergartens 221 children were enrolled.

The enrolled attendance on the first of November for the past five years is as follows:—1911, 2,232; 1912, 2,354; 1913, 2,422; 1914, 2,464; 1915, 2,607.

The attendance in many classrooms is excessive. In thirty-one of the classrooms, outside the Orphans' Home, the average attendance was over forty, and in nine over forty-five. As will be seen by reference to the provincial regulations, this is a condition calling for early consideration.

Fire drill was duly practised in all the schools.

Following the report of Inspector Stuart, Trustee Elliot spoke on the question of additional school accommodation. He said that next year would be an opportune time for the Board to take up the question of an addition to Central School. The satisfactory report on the increase in attendance made the matter a most important one. Such an addition would be a great help to the workingmen, and he thought that next year would be a good time to have the work undertaken. The matter could be taken up at the first of the year, and the school would be in readiness by next fall.

The report of Principal Sliter of the Collegiate Institute showed the following: for November: Aggregate attendance, 457; average, 429; this enrollment was sixteen less than the same month a year ago, and the average attendance eleven less than a year ago.

The school nurse, Miss Jean MacCallum, also presented a report as follows: Pupils inspected, 723; in-

structions given, 26; consultations with parents, 33; home visits made, 44.

Miss McCallum is at present taking instruction from Dr. S. A. Aykroyd, regarding her work in the inspection of the children's teeth, which the Board is giving special attention.

Reports Of Committees.

The following report, which was adopted, was submitted by Trustee Henderson, Chairman of the Management Committee:

That Miss Myra Dyde, B.A., be appointed to the teaching staff, to begin her duties on January 1st. Miss Dyde is a graduate in Arts and Education of Queen's University and holds a first class public school teacher's certificate.

That a new primary class be organized in Victoria School of pupils from the present half-day class, and

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placed in charge of Miss Dyde, and that the Property Committee be instructed to provide the necessary furniture.

That the new class be accommodated in the downstair room now occupied by the Senior Third grade class under Miss Hipson, and that Miss Hipson's class be moved to the south-west room upstairs, now used by the Faculty of Education.

That pupils promoted from the Victoria School, Kindergarten and other beginning pupils applying for admission in January be formed into a half-day class in the Kindergarten room under Miss Annie Baxter.

That Miss Nellie Spooner, B.A., who will be relieved from her present duties as substitute for the Model School principal after Christmas, be given charge of the new half-day classes in the Kindergarten rooms in Macdonald and Frontenac Schools.

That the resignation of Mr. G. Palmer, as instructor of the Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps be accepted, and that Mrs. Kelly of the teaching staff be appointed to the position.

Chairman Chown, of the Property Committee, presented the following report of his committee, which was passed:

That a four-drawer card cabinet

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be procured for the use of the Principal of the Collegiate Institute. Estimated cost, \$10.

That the tender of McKelvey &amp; Birch for making improvements in the lavatories of the Central and Victoria School buildings, being the lowest, be accepted. The figure is \$76.

That the tender of Selby &amp; Youden, viz., \$327, for placing two fire escapes on Macdonald School building be accepted. Two tenders were received and the foregoing is the lower.

Since the cold weather set in several complaints have been received regarding the ventilation of the new Collegiate Institute building, the result, in the opinion of your Committee, of the flues not being heated.

Figures were asked for heating the flues the same as is done in the new Victoria wing, and the lowest was received from McKelvey &amp; Birch, viz., \$177. Your Committee recommends that this tender be accepted and that the work be proceeded with at once.

The ventilation of the old Victoria School building is also most unsatisfactory, and the teachers in the four back classrooms have complained frequently. Your Committee mentions this fact so that its successor may take the matter up early in the year 1916 and make a much needed improvement.

Chairman Thomas Mills, of the Finance Committee, was out of the city, and therefore unable to present his report, but it was presented by the acting Chairman, Trustee Metcalfe, and carried. It recommended the payment of the usual grist of accounts.

On motion of Trustee Meek, seconded by Trustee Godwin, it was decided to have the Inspector submit a report at the next meeting of the Board, as to the pupils in each school who have had their teeth examined, with the percentage treated.

Trustee Meek has at all times been a warm advocate of the inspection of the children's teeth, and does not in

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