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URGENT NEED NEW SCHOOL

SHOWN IN REPORT OF INSPECTOR STUART

Says That Early Addition of More Accommodation is a Great and Increasing Necessity—New Teacher to be Appointed at Collegiate Institute to Alleviate Congestion There.

The urgent need for a new school was once more brought to the attention of the members of the Board of Education, on Thursday night, in a report on attendance, which was submitted by Inspector J. Russell Stuart, and the fact was commented on by the chairman, F. R. Anglin, who took occasion to remark that a good many citizens did not understand conditions.

In his report for September, Inspector Stuart showed the enrollment in the public schools to be 2,721, with an average attendance of 2,409; Orphans' Home, enrollment, 27; average attendance, 28. Total enrollment, 2,758; average attendance, 2,437. In his report the inspector said:

"The enrollment at the end of the month was 71 more than that of last year, and the average daily attendance 29 greater. The average attendance would have been considerably greater, had it not been for an unusual tardy re-entry of former pupils, and the disturbance during fair week. The attendance particularly at schools adjacent to the fair grounds, was greatly diminished for three days.

"As usual, for this month, I submit a statement showing the enrollment by classes. It will be seen by this that most of the classes are too large, and that some are much in excess of the standard prescribed by the regulations as permissible. Thirty-four classes had an average daily attendance of over 40; 15 were above an average of 45; 5 had more than 50.

"In view of these facts, it must be apparent that the early addition of more school accommodation is a great and increasing necessity.

The report submitted by Principal E. O. Sliter, of the Collegiate Institute, also showed that the classes were overcrowded. The Management committee recommended that in view of this overcrowding, that another teacher be appointed to start, and the recommendation was passed.

Principal Sliter, in answer to a question asked by Trustee Mills, stated that about ten per cent of the increase in attendance was due to outside pupils and about the same from the city.

Trustee Mrs. Newlands gave notice of motion that at the next meeting of the Board, she would move that the salary schedule of the teachers be revised, so that the women teachers, with equal qualifications, be placed on the same basis as the male teachers.

Trustee Godwin brought in a motion asking that the school book fees in the public schools be abolished, but after some discussion, the motion was allowed to stand over till the next meeting in order that more information can be secured on the matter. Trustee Godwin stated that he understood that the passing of such a resolution would mean the saving of \$2,300 a year to the people. It would not mean much to a man with a small family, but to a man with a large family, it would mean a great deal.

The question was raised as to whether or not the Board intended to cut off the cost of text books, and it was intimated that the amount mentioned by Trustee Godwin would only cover the cost of readers and supplies. Trustee Godwin said he would be in favor of cutting off all the cost of text books too.

Trustee Mrs. Newlands, while not being opposed to lessening the cost to the parents, offered as a suggestion that the second year in the Collegiate Institute be made free.

To Help Navy League.

Lieut. Carnegie and Ald. R. J. Rodger appeared before the Board, in behalf of the campaign to be carried on in Kingston the latter part of this month, for the Canadian Navy League, by the Kingston Branch. In this campaign, Canada is to be asked for a half million dollars and half of this amount is to be raised in Ontario. Toronto alone will raise \$125,000. Kingston's allotment has been placed at \$5,000, which represents 25 cents per head.

The deputation asked that the Board assist in the campaign, and offer volunteers to help in the canvass to be made in the city.

Lieut. Carnegie also asked that permission be given for a collection to be taken among school pupils in behalf of the Navy League.

Trustee J. G. Elliott, in opening the discussion on the Navy League, had warm words of praise for the work of the merchant marine and said that it was desired to have Canada maintain his own service. He said there was no body of men in connection with the war, who showed more heroism or devotion to duty, than the men who were engaged in carrying food to the fighting forces. He appealed to the members to give all the time they could to the campaign, and at the same time asked that the matter be presented to the school children.

All the members of the Board agreed with the remarks of Trustee Elliott, regarding the good work of the merchant marine and it was decided to allow the committee in charge of the campaign to advertise by circulars through the schools, the said advertising to be under the supervision of Inspector Stuart and Principal Sliter. In view of the "tag day" to be held for the navy league, and also the house to house canvass, however, it was decided not to have a collection take up in the schools.

Reports of Committees.

The following report of the Management Committee, presented by the chairman, Trustee J. F. Macdonald, was adopted:

That the salary of J. W. Fraser, who has obtained his specialist standing, be increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800, the same as is received by the other male assistants on the Collegiate Institute staff who are specialists, the increase to date from September 1st.

That the fee of the 5th form in the Collegiate Institute for resident pupils be reduced from \$30 to \$15 per year.

That in view of the over crowding

in the Collegiate Institute, another teacher be added to the staff.

That the Council of Leeds be notified that pupils residing in that county will be admitted to the Kingston Collegiate Institute on the same terms as they are admitted to the Leeds High School.

That supplementary reading at an estimated cost of \$100 be purchased for the Collegiate Institute library. This is provided for in the estimates.

That physics apparatus at an estimated cost of \$250 be procured for the Science Department of the Collegiate Institute. The estimates provide for this in the estimates.

Trustee W. H. Godwin, chairman of the Property committee, submitted the following report of the Property committee, which was adopted:

As instructed by the Board, advertisements were inserted in both city papers asking citizens who owned available and suitable school sites in Cataraqui Ward to report to the secretary. Only one response was received, and the site described was inadequate and not in a desirable locality.

On July 15th a communication was received from the City Clerk in which the following resolution concerning the new school was passed by the council:

"That this council recommends to the Board of Education that in view of a possibility that tenders will be lower later for stone and other materials that new tenders be called on Nov. 15th next, and that this council pass a by-law on December next to raise by way of loan the amount necessary to build and complete a ten roomed school in accordance with the views of the Board of Education; that stone be specified in the tenders as well as brick."

"Your committee recommends that tenders be called for in accordance with the foregoing and that the architect be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for both brick, rubble and stone, and to advertise so that the figures will be received not later than Nov. 15th.

Another communication from the city clerk, dated August 29th, included a second resolution passed by the council, as follows:

"That on the communication from the Board of Education, your committee recommends that in place of exercising the options that they hold for school sites that they at once take proceedings to expropriate the said properties."

"That the Board expropriate lands hereinafter described."

The lands to be expropriated are on Bagot, Corrigan and Dufferin streets.

Agreement Ratified.

G. Y. Chown, registrar at Queen's University, wrote advising the Board of the desire of the university, to continue the faculty of education agreement with the Board for another year.

On motion of Trustees Lemmon and Farrell, it was resolved that the agreement between the Board of Education and the Faculty of Education at Queen's University be ratified for another year.

Teeth Need Attention.

The report of the school nurse, Miss Hester Lovick, for the month of September showed the following: Pupils inspected, 320; number of instructions given, 39; consultations with parents, 9; home visits made, 14; defective vision, 3; defective hearing, 2; defective nasal breathing 22; defective teeth, 215; skin disease, 27.

Frederick J. Conboy, supervisor of dental inspection of school children, wrote the Board stating that it was proposed to have a dental survey at all the schools in the province and asking what was being done along these lines here.

The Kingston Board has a system in vogue for the care of the children's teeth, and this will be carried on. Mr. Conboy will be informed of the system carried on here.

Principal E. O. Sliter reported on the attendance at the Collegiate Institute for the month of September as follows: On the roll, 590; average attendance, 544. Principal Sliter gave the following interesting report in the attendance at the Collegiate during the past ten years, during September:

1910, 598; 1911, 568; 1912, 408; 1913, 420; 1914, 469; 1915, 459; 1916, 441; 1917, 486; 1918, 531; 1919, 590.

Principal Sliter also drew the attention of the Board to the fact that there is very serious overcrowding in more than half the rooms at the Collegiate. There were not sufficient seats.

At the request of Trustee Macdonald, Principal Sliter told about the attendance at the Collegiate. He said that the enrollment for September reached 590. This was an increase of 60 over September, 1918. The overcrowding was general. The appointment of a new teacher would relieve the congestion wherever it was most serious, namely, the second and third forms.

Other Business.

Communications received by the Board included the following:

The treasury department containing checks for \$210 and \$488 Kindergarten and certificate grants.

Mayor Newman, thanking the Board for its co-operation in tendering a reception to the Prince of Wales.

George Palmer, physical instructor at the Collegiate Institute, asking for an increase in salary.

W. J. Saunders and W. G. Anderson, of the Collegiate Institute staff, respecting the salaries they received on account of faculty of education work. Referred to the management committee for a report.

J. G. Ettinger, D. McDougall and G. E. Scott, public school principals, asking for an increase in salary.

Mrs. Kate Macneil, thanking the Board for the resolution passed by

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