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THOMAS W. MILLS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

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men who wanted to enter the college had to go to an outside place to gain admittance.

Trustee Jones remarked that at Port Hope they specialized, where-upon Mayor Nickle said: "Why can't we specialize?"

Trustee Henderson wanted to know if the mayor had investigated to see if it were possible to keep the boys in Kingston. Did he bring the matter to the attention of the Board of Education. The Collegiate, he pointed out, was operated on regulations set down by the department at Toronto.

The mayor said that he proposed to go into all the details regarding the matter.

Moved For Action.

Trustee J. G. Elliott remarked that while members of the Board might not concur with all the mayor had said, he considered that the question was worthy of the consideration of the management committee. He then moved as follows:

"That this Board of Education is in thorough accord with the mayor, who in his inaugural address, recommended the making of the Collegiate Institute absolutely free to the pupils, and to this end appoints a committee, consisting of the chairman of the board, with the chairman of the finance committee and management committee, to confer with the civic finance committee."

Trustee Henderson thought that the first move of the Board should be to abolish the fees in the public schools.

Trustee Farrell heartily endorsed the motion presented by Trustee Elliott. "I think it is one of the most forward steps the board has ever undertaken," he remarked. "It will give an equal opportunity to the poor and the rich for education. As to the charges against the Collegiate, Trustee Farrell thought the management committee could get at the root of this trouble."

Trustee Jones remarked that he was president of the Parent-Teachers' Association, of the Collegiate, and he could not allow the opportunity of saying a word to pass by. He had been attending meetings of the association he had mentioned, and Mr. Nickle had not been present at one of those meetings to discuss the question. He was not ready to vote in favor of the motion at the moment. He believed in education, and would like to see it made free, but was not ready to give away \$4,000. A new school was being erected, and the teachers wanted more pay. He would like more facts. The first year at the Collegiate was made free, and most any boy could earn enough money to pay his own fees. As to the progress made by pupils, it was not always the fault of the school. Very often the blame could be attached to the pupils.

Trustee Elliott remarked that the passing of his resolution did not mean the abolishing of the fees. The resolution called for a conference with the civic finance committee, to ascertain what steps, if any, could be taken to bring about the cutting out of the fees.

Trustee Anglin considered that the matter was one that should be considered in the budget.

"And this will pave the way for it," said Trustee Elliott.

Trustee Godwin expressed himself as being very strongly in favor of abolishing the fees. There were many men, he pointed out, who could only afford to send one member of his family to the Collegiate. However, he did not favor taking the matter to the civic finance committee. He felt that it was a matter for the Board itself to decide.

As it was a matter of finance, Trustee Henderson asked that the matter be allowed to stand over till the budget was under consideration. "Is it known how many families are too poor to pay?" queried Trustee Jones. "Are we just assuming something?"

"It would be a hard question to answer," a trustee remarked.

Mrs. Newlands favored the abolishing of the fees if the city could finance the scheme.

Trustee Elliott's motion was put to a vote, after some further discussion, and was carried.

Following the discussion about the fees, the meeting of the board proper commenced, when the chairman called upon Trustee (Rev.) J. W. Jones to offer prayer, and this was followed with the Lord's Prayer, all the members taking part.

To Help New Library.

Mrs. Amy Kennedy, librarian at the public library, addressed the Board briefly, asking that it give the school pupils permission to have a share in the installation of the children's room, proposed for the new public library, by so doing, she pointed out, the children would be helped to develop the community spirit.

On motion of Trustee Campbell and Anglin, the matter was referred to the management committee, with power to act.

Trustee Anglin referred to the annual report of the librarian, given in

the press, and pointed out that it showed that the children were reading less fiction than the adults. He said the Board should encourage the children in their interest in the public library.

Miss Mowat had warm words of praise for the work Mrs. Kennedy is carrying on among the school children in the city, and Inspector Stuart also added warm words of praise for the work of Mrs. Kennedy with the children, pointing out that her work was "highly educational," and asked the Board to give Mrs. Kennedy all the support possible. He deplored the fact that Kingston had been so many years with just a subscription library. The library, he said, should be associated with the schools, and he hoped that this would soon be the case. At this stage of the proceedings, the chairman took occasion to thank the mayor for coming to the meeting, and at the same time extended to him the congratulations of the members of the Board on his election to the position of chief magistrate of the city, and wished the city council a prosperous and happy new year.

Teachers Want Increase.

The request of the women teachers in the public schools for salary increase was referred to the management committee. Here is what the teachers are asking:

That the maximum salary be \$1,300.

That for the year 1920, a flat increase of \$300 be given each teacher.

That in 1921, all teachers who have taught for ten years, be raised to the maximum.

That the yearly increase be \$100.

The newly received requests from J. G. Ettlinger, George E. Scott, and D. McDougal, public school principals; W. J. Saunders, on behalf of the Collegiate Institute staff, and J. G. Cruise, a caretaker, for salary increase. These communications will come before the management committee.

The communications included the following:

Grace C. Coleman, president of the Victoria School Parent-Teachers' Association, asking for the appointment of a music teacher, and that something be done to stop the noise caused by the iron steps in the building, and that kitchen apparatus and hot water be put in one of the small rooms upstairs.

George E. Scott, principal of Macdonald school, asking that his salary be increased to \$1,800.

Helen Patterson, tendering her resignation as public school teacher.

The Canada Film Company, regarding films for school purposes.

The Urban Trustees' Association, requesting the board to become a member.

From the treasury department, enclosing a cheque for \$354 on school inspection.

On motion of Trustees Farrell and Henderson, the management committee was instructed to consider the question of the necessity and advisability of a fifth form at the Collegiate, and report to the board at the earliest possible date.

On motion of Trustees Elliott and Best, the annual report of Inspector J. Russell Stuart, was referred to the management committee for consideration and for recommendations.

Trustee Campbell said that it had been reported to him that there were several cases of whooping cough among the pupils at Victoria school, and the matter will be investigated.

The newly elected chairman, before the close of the meeting, in a happy address, welcomed all the members, and touched on matters of importance to come before the board during the year, and took occasion to thank his colleagues for the honor conferred upon him. In addition to the chairman, there were present at the meeting, Trustees Anglin, Best, Campbell, Elliott, Farrell, Godwin, Henderson, J. W. Jones Lockett, Miss Mowat, Mrs. A. Newlands, McLean, Renton and Frank Smythe.

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On St. Peter's day, 1910, he was ordered deacon in Emmanuel church, Arnprior, of which his father was then rector; placed in charge of the mission of Madawaska in the Algonquin Park district, and priested during the following year. After eight months he was granted leave of absence and attended lectures at the General Theological Seminary, New York, holding at this time the curacy of St. Matthew's church, off Central Park. Early in 1913 he was appointed incumbent of Manotick, a large country parish near Ottawa, where he remained until appointed to the curacy of St. George's cathedral, Kingston, being afterwards made priest-vicar. During the past year the Bishop of Ontario appointed Mr. Whalley one of his examining chaplains.

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Races will be held on the ice at Kingston Mills.

Robert Crawford, Thomas Hanley and A. R. Martin have been appointed license commissioners for Kingston.

The market to-day was almost deserted as a result of a big snow storm.

Mr. Graves, customs officer at Folger's wharf, will take charge of the customs station at Wolfe Island this winter.

Capt. Ira Folger has a new steam-bergo which will be used in the lumber business.

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