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## FINAL MEETING OF YEAR

### Board of Education Cleaned Off Slate of Business for 1921 on Thursday Night.

The final meeting of the Board of Education for 1921 was held on Thursday night, when reports of committees were received and adopted, and a list of business transacted.

An important resolution, moved by Trustee J. G. Elliott, and seconded by Trustee J. F. Macdonald was adopted. The resolution called upon Inspector Stuart and Principal Slicer, in view of the Adolescent Act, which comes into force next year to make a survey of Kingston and report to the board as to the needs of primary and secondary education in Kingston.

Trustee Elliott pointed out that the Adolescent Act would call upon all up to the age of eighteen, to attend school, and in all probability the city would require a technical school, and it would be necessary for the board to make preparations.

The members of the board felt that the resolution was a timely one, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

**Reports of Committees.**  
The following report of the management committee was adopted: "On the communication from the Teachers' Institute stating: 'We feel that the efficiency of the schools will be lowered if we continue to exploit the various schemes presented to us from time to time, and which have little bearing on regular school work.'"

"That the principals be notified that only on a communication from the secretary can outsiders have access to the schools for other than regular school purposes.

"That the expenses of the Collegiate Institute shooting team which went to Toronto to compete in the annual Cadet matches, viz. \$120, be paid by the board.

"That the following equipment be purchased for the Robert Meek school: 29 Teachers' Manuals, \$6; one World Wide Atlas, \$4; one set of The World Book, \$35; one Chamber's Gazetteer, \$4.50; one set of Highroad to History, \$3; one Helio-terra, \$7; 4 maps, \$43; two Relief maps, \$50; total, \$152.50.

The report of the property committee was adopted as follows: "That the request of the pupils of the Collegiate Institute for permission to hold an 'At Home' in that building on the night of Dec. 23rd be granted, the principal to have supervision on the occasion.

"That nine clocks, four white roller blinds, a map rack and a bulletin board be provided for the Robert Meek school; estimated cost, \$130.

"That two barrels of floor oil be purchased from C. C. Snowden, Montreal, at 35c per gallon. This purchase enables the board to buy a sprayer from the firm at \$15P for the Robert Meek school.

A report of the financial committee, recommending the payment of a batch of accounts was also passed.

**Penny Bank Left Over.**  
Trustee Jones stated that the special committee appointed to take up the question of establishing a penny bank in the schools had not convened as yet, and he felt that perhaps it would be better to allow the matter to stand over for next year's board. And to this the board agreed. The board as a whole decided that it was decided to operate to meet the expense of the stationery required. It is understood that this will be provided for the board at cost.

Mrs. Kennedy, librarian at the Kingston public library, appeared before the board, and asked for the co-operation of the teachers in notifying the pupils about the "movies" and study classes to be held by the library, commencing at the new year. On motion of Trustee Elliott the matter was referred to the management committee, with power to act.

**Communications Received.**  
The Home and School Club of the Robert Meek school drew the attention of the board to the condition of the school yard, stating that in wet weather it was very unsanitary for the children, and that the children were compelled to use the basement. Referred to property committee.

F. R. Bailey, on behalf of the Parent-teachers' Association of Louise school, asked the board to install lights in the school, and at the same time reminded the board of the need of a new school for upper Williamsville. This letter was sent to the property committee.

The property committee will also deal with the letter from Robert Wallace & Sons, who had the contract for the erection of the Robert Meek school, asking the board to pay war tax amounting to \$384.43 on materials supplied by two local firms.

The department of education asked for particulars regarding the organization of the board, as to whether it is a municipal or union board. Kingston has a union board with twenty-one members, whereas a municipal board is composed of nine members, elected by the city at large. Before a municipal board can be organized, the city council must pass a resolution favoring such a board, and then the matter must go to the people in the form of a bylaw. No action was taken.

Isaac Cohen wrote asking the board to construct a 90-foot fence between his property and the Depot school. The property committee will deal with the matter.

Lieut.-Col. George H. Gillespie gave a most glowing report on the work of the cadet corps, stating that their work had been remarkably good. This corps won the King's

cup and it was noted that the corps had 257 members and that on the parade for inspection there was a turnout of 217.

The Home and School Club of Macdonald school asked the board to furnish the recreation room at this school, and the Home and School Club of central school asked for a grant of \$150 for a piano, and also asked the board to provide the necessities for the kitchen in this school.

**Reports of Officials.**  
Inspector Stuart reported as follows on the attendance in the schools for the month of November.

Enrollment in public schools, 2,725; average attendance, 2,491; enrollment at Orphans' Home, 23; average attendance, 23. These figures practically duplicate those of 45 in enrollment over November of last year. The report of Mr. Stuart also contained the following:

"As reported by Mr. Leake, the departmental inspector of household science, the work of the caretaker of the household science room has been unsatisfactory. The discreditable dirty condition of the room is quite inconsistent with the purpose of household science teaching. Miss McKibbin and her pupils do what they can, but they cannot be expected to do the work properly belonging to a caretaker.

"To enable the teachers to qualify satisfactorily in the prescribed courses in physical culture, each should be provided with the new syllabus of physical training for schools. The Strathcona Committee has furnished one copy free to each school. Fifty-one additional copies are required. They are to be obtained from the stationary office of the British government at one shilling each, making the total cost about \$12.

On the recommendation of Mr. Stuart the board decided to purchase the books for the teachers.

The report of Principal Slicer, on the attendance at the Collegiate Institute for November, showed the following:

Enrollment, 635; average attendance, 610. As compared with November, 1920, this showed an increase of 58 in enrollment and 73 in daily average.

S. P. Day, on behalf of the Red Cross Society, wrote stating that it had been decided to form an advisory board of men to co-operate with the executive. Representatives will be chosen from the various men's organizations in the city, and it was desired to have a representative from the board of education. The matter was referred to the management committee.

Interesting reports were presented to the board by the school nurse and attendance officer, both showing that the work is being well looked after.

**Warm Praise For Chairman.**  
The board showed its warm appreciation of the work of the chairman, Allan Lemmon, during the year, in the resolution which was moved by Trustee Renton, seconded by Trustee Mrs. Newlands, and carried amidst much applause. Trustee Renton's motion reads as follows:

"That the hearty appreciation of this board be conveyed to the chairman, Allan Lemmon, for his admirable leadership during the year. His geniality, his courtesy, and his able direction will be remembered as the outstanding feature of his work. His zeal, energy, and stirring work, have merited our commendation and admiration, and the members of the board wish that he may long continue to give educational matters in Kingston his experience and foresight."

Trustee Elliott, who was asked to take the chair when the resolution was read, tendered to the chairman, the thanks of all the members in a most fitting manner.

Chairman Lemmon presided at the meeting, and the other members present were Trustees Jones, Newlands, Mowat, Goldwin, Lockett, Smythe, Moore, Campbell, Farrell, Henderson, Anglin, Renton, Macdonald, J. B. Cooke, Best, Elliott, Bishop and Mills.

### Already Peeling The Result.

Evidently the result of the federal elections has done much to buoy up the spirits of the Kingston merchants, as the Christmas decorations already started on Princess street are very elaborate, and from present indications will be more wonderful than ever before. In certain sections small spruce trees have been "planted" alongside every electric light pole, and with the many wreaths and garlands criss-crossing the street, it has the appearance of a young forest.

### Birth Control Leaders Say Police Play Unfair

New York, Dec. 9.—Birth control propagandists charged yesterday that they had been "scopied" on the final session of the police department inquiry which they had demanded in connection with the raid on their meeting November 13th.

Their counsel said that he had received no notice that the hearing was to be continued today. Consequently he was not present.

Captain Donohue testified that he stopped the meeting because of the law. He testified that he had seen in the audience a number of children between 10 and 12 years of age.

A police-woman and two patrolmen testified to observing "females of tender years"—whom birth control propagandists had pronounced boy-haired college girls.

Chief Inspector Lahey, who conducted the inquiry, reserved decision.

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