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PUBLIC SCHOOL DEFENCE LEAGUE FORMED HERE

Officers Are Elected—Petition Against Changing Assessment Act.

The Frontenac County branch of the Ontario Public Schools Defence League was formed at a large meeting of public school supporters of the city and south Frontenac in the Sons of England Hall on Friday afternoon. This organization was formed for the purpose of counteracting the influence being brought to bear upon the Drury Farm-Labor government to put through legislation amending the public school assessment act for the purpose of providing larger money grants than are now being paid out for the support of the separate schools under the present law and the constitution establishing the Roman Catholic separate schools.

Charles Clark was appointed provisional chairman and addresses were delivered by M. J. O'Brien, secretary of the Ontario school trustees Association, Dr. J. W. Edwards, William Baxter and others. There were present members of the Protestant clergy of the city and county representing different denominations.

The following officers were elected: President, N. H. McLean, Pittsburg; vice-president, Rupert Aylesworth; secretary-treasurer, George Stewart.

Chairman, Kingston city, W. H. Godwin; Kingston township, Samuel Greer; Portsmouth, J. Sculley; Wolfe Island, J. S. Armstrong; Pittsburg, J. Sibbett; Storrington, John Taylor.

The chairman of the townships will be required to call together meetings of the rate payers for the purpose of endorsing and circulating the following petition which will be presented to the Ontario government:

"To the Prime Minister and members of the legislature of the province of Ontario:

"Whereas, the Roman Catholic bishops of Ontario have made representations to the government of the province that the Assessment Act should be amended so as to divide the school taxes paid by the incorporated companies between the public and separate schools on the basis of population; and

"Whereas, the granting of such demands would compel Protestant tax payers to contribute to the Roman Catholic separate schools and thereby pay for the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion; and

"Whereas such a division of school taxes as proposed by the Roman Catholic bishops would deprive the public, non-sectarian school system of a large portion of its legitimate and necessary revenues, thereby seriously impairing the efficiency of the public school system; and whereas, under the existing act all the school taxes that can be shown to be derived from taxable property in the possession of Roman Catholics now goes to the support of the Roman Catholic separate schools;

"Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that no such change shall be made in the Assessment Act; and further, that no additional concessions of any kind shall be made to sectarian schools in this province."

Mr. O'Brien outlined what had been done by the Roman Catholics in order to secure the changes that they desired. There were at the present moment circulating petitions among the people, and he said it was necessary for Protestants who appreciated what the changes, if enacted really meant, to get to work to prevent the government granting the request. It was therefore necessary to form in this county a Public School Defence League. He reviewed the history of the school question in Canada and explained the Act of Confederation establishing separate schools in Ontario. He claimed that if the act is not being interpreted right, the bishops have the privilege of asking the government or the courts to see that the got their rights. They have not taken this course, the only right and proper course open to them, but thinking that the government of today will give them what they ask they are emboldened to present demands.

"The separate schools system is not a public service," said the speaker, "because it is not for the benefit of all classes, but for the benefit of one religious sect, and is there not a public service in the sense that it is maintained for all creeds and classes. The church has been doing the same thing since 1854. Archbishop McNeill says that if the separate schools are not given the financial benefits asked 80,000 children will have to be sent from school. To that we say the public school system will take care of them all without prejudice to their religion, but that is no reason why we should jeopardize the interests of 480,000 school children attending the public schools. Archbishop McNeill has not stated the facts because if all the separate schools closed we could take care of the whole 80,000 in the public schools. (Applause.)

"There have been forty amendments made to the school act and all of them for the benefit of the separate schools. Our municipal officers are required to be the tax gatherers for separate schools, and it is apportioned according to the law. These separate schools exist in Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta, but not in the other provinces. Separate schools were never accepted by us. They were forced upon us. As a matter of fact the majority in Ontario voted against them, but we have loyally lived up to our agreements. Dr. Egerton Hyeron warned us that we would have to meet new demands until the separate

schools were wiped out. In order to ascertain what portion of corporation should go to separate schools, the cause of proof lies with our Roman Catholic friends and not upon the government. If money grants are made to the separate schools it means that the amount will have to be withdrawn from the public schools and the protestants will have to go down into their pockets to make it up, thus actually paying for the teaching of the Roman Catholic religion in their separate schools. It is not the duty of the state to teach the Roman Catholic religion."

Dr. J. W. Edwards said that the present Drury government was not independent and that the Roman Catholic church thought it saw an opportunity to present demands for further concessions, but in a province that was three-fourths Protestant, the people should not allow such a thing to go through. "I don't blame them for getting all they can but I blame our Protestant friends for indifference," said he.

One county representative read letters from the department of education showing that in his section the separate schools received larger grants than the public schools received, and the separate school teacher was paid the larger salary. This, he asserted was unfair to the public school.

MARRIED TO A DOCTOR

A Pleasing Event Took Place at 160 King Street on Friday.

A pretty house wedding was solemnized on Friday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Glen, 160 King street, when their elder daughter, Madge, became the bride of John T. Foulkes, M.D., C.M., Rev. T. W. Savory, rector of St. James church, officiating. The bride entered the room on the arm of her father to the strains of wedding music, wearing a handsome gown of Harding blue canton crepe, with panels of flit lace and touches of gold, a hat to match, trimmed with French flowers, and carrying a bouquet of bridal roses and orange blossoms. Her sister, Mrs. E. Davey, was matron of honor, her gown being russet bronze satin with Chantilly lace and bronze mesh-trimming with hat to match. Her corsage bouquet was of sweetheart roses. Leland Tolman, Lefarville, N.Y., acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony the party repaired to the dining room where a real old English wedding breakfast awaited them. The toast of the bride and groom was given by the groomsmen, and ably responded to by the bridegroom. The bride's gift from the groom was a diamond bar pin to the matron of honor a gold bangle and to the groomsmen a gold pencil. Dr. and Mrs. Foulkes left for Welcome Point, N.Y., the latter smartly frocked in russet broadcloth embroidered in wool, with hat to match, and a seal coat with Alaska sable trimmings. Dr. Foulkes is a graduate of Queen's University and Mrs. Foulkes a graduate of Kingston General Hospital and also has taken a post-graduate course in Mount Sinai Hospital, N.Y. They will make their home in Clayton, N.Y., where Dr. Foulkes has an extensive practice.

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BORN.
CHRISTMAS—In Kingston, on January 26th, 1922, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Christmas, 263 Queen Street, a daughter.

MARRIED.
FOXWELL—On January 25th, 1922, by Rev. T. W. Savory, (rector, St. James Church), John T. Foxwell, M.D., Clayton, N.Y., to Madge E. Glenn, Kingston, Ontario.

DIED.
REEVES—In Kingston, at the Kingston General Hospital, on Jan. 25th, 1922, Henrietta Reeves. Funeral from the residence of her nephew, Mr. P. G. Reeves, 314 Alford Street, Monday morning, 10 a.m.

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