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Deputations Were Heard—Offer the Catarqui School For \$10,000.

The budget was presented by Trustee Mrs. Newlands, chairwoman of the finance committee, and was adopted.

Trustee Elliott took occasion to congratulate Mrs. Newlands for her able work in connection with the budget, and other members of the board concurred with all he said.

Trustees Lemmon and Boyd spoke of the great need for improvements around school grounds, and on motion of Trustee Boyd, the board decided to place the sum of \$500 in the estimates for this purpose.

Heard Deputations.

At the opening of the meeting, the board heard two deputations. R. J. Rodger and W. Peters asked that the board rent the old Catarqui school to the boys' naval brigade, and Aids Kelly, Holder and Peterson, asked the board to fit up an assembly room at Frontenac school, for the Home and School Club of that school. Both requests were sent to the property committee.

Mr. Rodger set forth the aims of the boys' naval brigade in an able manner, showing the work that was being undertaken to help the lads, and Mr. Peters followed up his remarks, pointing out the good that could be done among the boys in this work.

Aid Holder, in speaking on the request of the Frontenac Home and School Club, stated this club had a very large membership, in fact so large that at present there was not a room large enough at the school to accommodate all who attended the gatherings, which were held to get teachers and parents acquainted, and to promote the interests of the pupils. The club was so interested in its work that it would be willing to provide the chairs and also the heating of the assembly room, if the room was provided by the board.

Aid Peterson and Aid Kelly also spoke on behalf of the club, and the deputation made a great impression on the members of the board, who appreciate the work which is being undertaken.

Mr. Hill, instructor of music in the schools, also addressed the board, regarding the securing of a suitable hall for the holding of a musical demonstration, to be given by the school pupils.

Mr. Hill stated that he had a chorus of 350 voices, and was ready to put on a demonstration on April 3rd. On motion of Trustee Lemmon, it was decided to make application for the use of Grant hall for this event, on the date mentioned. A committee, composed of Trustees Lemmon, Campbell, Boyd, Inspector Stuart and Mr. Hill was appointed to wait on the university authorities and ask for the use of Grant Hall.

Almost a Tragedy.

Principal J. G. Ettlinger wrote the board regarding a near tragedy which occurred at Victoria school on Wednesday, when two dogs engaged in a fierce fight among the girls, as they were marching into school, and as the letter was read by Secretary John Macdonald, the trustees were reminded of the old saying, "dogs delight to bark and bite."

Principal Ettlinger pointed out the seriousness of the situation, stating that one teacher had a close call from receiving serious injuries, in his attempt to stop the dog fight, and wanted to know if the board could suggest any means of preventing a calamity. He offered the suggestion that the caretaker of the school be armed with some weapon to cope with a case of this kind, should one occur in the future.

The members of the board realized the seriousness of the matter, but there were no suggestions put forth to serve as "safety first" methods, and the matter was allowed to pass over, but it is hoped that in future, when the stray canines around Victoria school want to "scrap" that they pick out some vacant field and not disturb the pupils at this school.

Reports of Committees.

The following report of the management committee, presented by the chairman, Trustee W. M. Campbell, was adopted:

"On the communication of the Hespeler town council, asking the board to co-operate in objecting to the raising of the standards of matriculation to the universities.

"After considering the matter your committee recommends that the board approve of the action of the department of education in raising matriculation standards, and that the minister of education and Hespeler town council be informed to that effect.

"Your committee further recommends that the sum of \$250 be placed in the estimates for the year 1923 for the purpose of establishing vacation schools during the mid-summer holidays.

"That Dr. Marchant, provincial industrial inspector, be invited to meet the members of the board to discuss the matter of commercial and technical schools for Kingston. The operation of the Adolescent Act renders the consideration of these schools necessary."

The following recommendations of the property committee, presented by the chairman, J. B. Cooke, were also adopted:

"That five teachers' chairs be purchased for use in Louise school; cost, \$10.

"That a table be procured for the library in the Robert Meek school at a cost of \$30.

"That the northeast room in the

basement of Central school building be fitted with dark blinds and table, so that it can be used for lantern purposes; cost, \$30."

The report of the finance committee, presented by Mrs. Newlands, and recommending the usual budget of accounts was also adopted.

To Sell Catarqui School.
The board received a communication from W. P. Peters, chairman of the civic industries, asking that Catarqui school, which is not being used for school purposes, be turned over to the city for a factory site.

It was explained by members of the property committee, that a gentleman wished to secure the school for the manufacture of refrigerators, at a fixed rental for a year, with the option of buying the property. Trustees Farrell and Boyd at first spoke in favor of calling for tenders to secure a price on the building, and later on Trustee Farrell moved that the school be sold to the city for the sum of \$10,000, for industrial purposes.

Trustee Anglin felt that educational claims should first be met, and he was strongly in favor of renting the school for the boys' naval brigade. Trustee Elliott was also in favor of renting the school to the naval brigade and this view was also taken by Trustee Bishop.

Trustee Lemmon impressed upon the members the great need of additional assembly rooms, and said that the money derived from the sale of the school could be used for this purpose.

Trustees Bishop and Anglin moved an amendment to dispose of the school given to the naval brigade, at a nominal rental, providing all the conditions thereto were satisfactory to the property committee.

After some further discussion, the property committee reported in favor of turning the school over to the city for industrial purposes. The amendment of Trustees Bishop and Anglin to have the school rented to the naval brigade was defeated by a vote of 10 to 5 as follows:

Yeas—Trustees Anglin, Bishop, Mills, Elliott, Newlands, Renton—5.
Nays—Trustees W. R. Allen, Best, Boyd, Campbell, Cooke, Farrell, Henderson, Lemmon, McLean, Norman—10.

On the vote being taken on the original motion to dispose of the school to the city for the sum of \$10,000 for industrial purposes, it was carried by a unanimous vote.

On motion of Trustee Campbell, Miss C. Lovick was appointed as the board's representative on the board of entrance examiners. Trustee Elliott was on motion of Trustees Renton and McLean appointed as the board's delegate to the meeting of the Ontario School Trustees' and Ratepayers' Association, to be held in Toronto in April.

The board adopted a motion presented by Trustee Boyd, asking for a grant of \$50 for the purchase of a victrola for Rideau school.

New Member Welcomed.

A letter was received from the separate school board, announcing the appointment of Ambrose Shea, as their representative on the board of education. Mr. Shea was on hand at the opening of the meeting to take his seat, and he was given a warm welcome by the members. Chairman Godwin welcomed the new member at the opening of the proceedings, and later on Trustees Anglin and Newlands added their welcome on behalf of the trustees.

Trustee Shea, in a neat address, thanked the members of the Board for their warm reception and complimented the board on the business-like way in which matters were taken up and attended to.

On motion of Trustees Elliott and Farrell, Trustee Shea was appointed on the finance and industrial committee.

Reports of Officials.

Inspector J. R. Stuart reported on the attendance in the public schools during February as follows:

Enrollment, 2,764; average attendance, 2,433; Orphans' Home, enrollment, 24; average attendance, 21. The enrollment in the public schools is greater by 54 than that of the same month last year. A comparison of average attendance would be meaningless since many pupils were excluded last year for non-vaccination.

Principal E. O. Sitter reported the attendance at the Collegiate Institute for February as follows:

Enrollment, 620; daily average attendance, 573. This was an increase in enrollment of 84, and an increase of 55 in daily average attendance.

Mrs. Eason, attendance officer, also submitted a report which contained the following:

Reported for bad attendance, 70; visits made to homes, 260; notices served on parents, 9; exemptions granted, owing to non-employment of father, 2; visits to adolescents, 23; certificates granted, 2; cases before the magistrate, 3.

The school nurse, Hester Lovick, also reported. Her report showed pupils inspected, 349; number of instructions given, 109; consultations with parents, 31; home visits made, 31; consultations with parents, 31; defective nasal breathing, 17; defective teeth, 56; chickenpox, 7; scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 2.

Chairman Godwin presided at the meeting, and the other members present were Trustees W. R. Allen, Anglin, Bishop, Boyd, Campbell, Cooke, Elliott, Farrell, Henderson, Lemmon, Mills, McLean, Newlands, Norman, Renton and Shea.

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There have been no flagrant breaches of the O.T.A. or any indication of the existence of a whiskey ring such as flourished up to within the past seven months, and the sobriety of a large number of notable imbibers is a matter for comment. "Just you watch these men when they can get money once more," said this old official, "and nothing will stop them. There are in Kingston today 250 men out of work and hundreds of others simply haven't got the money to spend owing to the depression affecting every line, and the present price of whiskey is out of their reach. It is not due to any improvement in morals, but simply inability to pay the shot. In the absence of customers the bootlegger has to turn his attention in other directions."

"The cheapest whiskey today is made on the farms in the rural districts, and it is perfectly natural for the rural population to make their own liquor for they have always done so. They have only recently gone into distilling and the whiskey they make is poison. Their fermented liquors are perfectly harmless while satisfying the craving for stimulation. There is more whiskey manufactured in the country than we have any idea of."

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The birds coming back are not the only heralds of spring in Kingston and district. The pussy-willows have blossomed out again. Lovers of these pussy-willows have been using them for house decorations.

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