

WORK ON THE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISPLEASE THEM.

The Contracts Will be Re-Let if Messrs Snowden and McCartney Don't Look Out—The Discussion About the School Everlasting—A Strong Expression of Opinion.

A regular meeting of the school board was held last evening. There were present the chairman, Messrs. Allen, Brown, Dunlop, Fee, Gaskin, Horn, McCammon, Shaw, Tracey, Williamson and Wilson.

A communication was read from Miss Alice Chown, secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance union, asking the permission of the board to organize a temperance band of hope in connection with the public schools, to meet once a week in a class room in the model school.—Granted.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES.

The following accounts were recommended to be paid: G. M. Wilkinson, \$33.07; G. S. Hobart, \$9.25; J. Muckleston & Co., \$12. The secretary collected \$21.75, being non-resident fees for the month of April.

The committee on school property not being satisfied with the way in which the work on the new Central school was progressing, met at the building on Tuesday afternoon at 4 p.m. with the chairman and architect.

THE DISCUSSION IS BEGUN.

Mr. Shaw objected. There were other parties as blameable for the backwardness of the work as the contractors, and one of the contractors, Mr. McCartney, was not present to defend his position.

Mr. Power said Mr. Snowden had notified him that in consequence of the roof of the building not being covered there was a liability of his material in it being destroyed.

Mr. Snowden did not attend the meeting of the committee on Tuesday because he considered he was not at fault in the work of the building.

Mr. Horn wanted to know if the contractors had given any satisfactory reasons for their delay.

Mr. Power stated that Mr. McCartney had given reasons that were not satisfactory, and Mr. Snowden could not go on with his work because he could not get the carpenters to do it.

Mr. Snowden rose to speak, but was checked, Mr. Gaskin objecting.

It was then moved in amendment by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Brown, "That the consideration of the report of the school property committee be discussed at a special meeting of the board, to be held on Monday evening, and that the contractors be invited to attend and make explanations."

Mr. Gaskin and Mr. Allen said that if the board did not adopt the report of the committee on school property they would not set on it.

Messrs. Williamson and Tracey explained what action had been taken by the school property committee last year to finish the work on the Central school.

Mr. Shaw, in a lengthy address, humorously analyzed the remarks of Mr. Gaskin, and contended that Mr. Power was, in his opinion, slightly to blame for the delay in the work of the school.

Messrs. Power and Snowden were allowed to make a few closing remarks. The former explained that he had done all that he could to expedite the work.

THE AMENDMENT IS LOST.

The amendment to discuss the report of the school property committee at a special meeting of the board, was then voted upon, and lost on the following division:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown and Shaw, 2. Nays—Chairman, Messrs. Allen, Dunlop, Fee, Gaskin, Horn, McCammon, Tracey, Williamson and T. C. Wilson, 10.

Yeas—Chairman, Messrs. Allen, Dunlop, Fee, Gaskin, Horn, McCammon, Tracey, Williamson and T. C. Wilson, 10. Nays—Messrs. Brown and Shaw, 2. The board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Paragraphs of Interest as Picked Up by Our Busy Reporters on the Street.

New hosiery cheapest at Hardy's. Silk and kid gloves cheap at Laidlaw's. There are fifty students in the Dominion business college.

See Hardy's new 5c cotton. It takes the bun. For hosiery Murray & Taylor's stock is the best and cheapest.

The latest style in silk hats at Page's, leading hatters and furriers. Save 19 per cent. and buy corsets and kid gloves at Hardy's.

Dr. Alice McGilivray has removed across Princess street to Dr. Sparks' stand, No. 230.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards' band will surprise its best friends on the trip with the regiment to Kingston.

Mrs. W. E. Ingram, wife of the superintendent of the paint factory, has gone to Providence, R.I., on a visit to friends.

I am surprised at how you are selling California hams and roll bacon for 10c per lb. is what all our customers say.—James Crawford.

Collector Hamilton's new yacht, under construction by W. Robinson, will be launched in a few days. She is a pretty craft.

The residence of Mr. Young, Gordon street, and the office of Dr. Alice McGilivray, Princess street, have been connected with the central telephone office.

Gypsies have arrived from Montreal and pitched their tents near Law's rope walk, Williamsville. They have a number of ferocious dogs and several fine looking horses with them.

Gilmore, the light-weight pugilist, will give a sparring exhibition next month in the opera house here. Sergt.-Major Morgans, of the Royal military college, and J. McGrath will take part in the proceedings.

If you want to see the new Queen street church under the most favorable auspices, attend the opening festival on Monday evening; music and song; speech and sentiment; and something very palatable besides.

A pleasant evening was spent by the Sons of Temperance last evening. An interesting programme was contributed to by Sister Dugdale, Brothers O. Jones, Gilmour, Patton and Dicks.

We have been cordially invited to the unveiling of a monument at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, to the unknown confederate dead, but as it occurs on the 19th May, it will interfere with spring ploughing, potato seeding, Wendling, and the Ivy Leaf, and we forbear.

Sensible people, who make their purchase of goods a simple problem as to where they can get the most value for the least money, will never regret the time spent in looking over the new stock of lace curtains, which is being offered by minnes & burns, for this week only, at prices that can't be beaten.

CHANGES IN THE TARIFF.

How It Looks to Merchants and Others—Coal May be Cheaper.

Mr. Harty says that he has figured out an increased protection of from \$300 to \$350 on locomotives, but he has also discovered about \$150 of increased duties on the material to be used in the manufacture of them.

Pig iron has been doubled from \$2 to \$4 per ton, and the average duty on bar iron, hitherto from \$7 to \$8, has been increased from \$9 to \$15.

The fruiterers are pleased. The duty on American fruit has been decreased somewhat, and the fruit can stand the change.

Cigarettes, of American manufacture, cannot be sold at all now. "It don't matter," said an old smoker "I wish I could hang the man that invented them. They are ruining our boys."

They have taken the duty off coal and put it on the slates the children use. The Lord save us!" was the remark of a bookseller this morning.

At last coal is free. It will now be seen who pays the duty. A dealer said this morning: "The thing will be about equalized. The inter-state law has sent up coal fifty cents per ton, but with the abolition of the duty on hard coal the present prices will be maintained."

INSPECTOR KIDD SPEAKS.

A Remarkable Decrease in the Attendance of Pupils at the Public Schools.

The discussion on the Central school question was unnecessarily prolonged at the meeting of the school board last evening. Important business, which should have been done, was not considered. The monthly report of the inspector for April, which is as follows, was not read:

The number of pupils in attendance during the past month, was 2,015; boys 1,014, and girls, 1,001; daily average attendance, 1,646, a decrease of 79 since the last report; the per centage of average attendance to enrolled attendance, 82. There was one pupil suspended during the month, and four cases of truancy reported. Sixty-four pupils are reported as having paid fees. One case of measles, one of diphtheria, and two of scarlet fever, were reported since the last meeting of the board. Medical certificates have been handed to the secretary by teachers, who were absent from classes during the month. Thirty-seven bibles were provided from the bible society, and a copy has been placed in each department of the public schools in accordance with a resolution of the board.

Freckle Lotion.

Bell's lotion will remove tan, freckles, sunburn, pimples, blotches, etc. Twenty-five cents at Wade's drug store.

INCIDENTS RECOUNTED BY THE CLERK OF THE COMMONS.

Local Government in the Early Days of the City—The Power Formerly Used by the Court of Sessions—Kingston had a Lieutenant-Governor of Its Own.

J. G. Bourinot, LL.D., of Ottawa, lately honored with a title from Queen's university, has written a pamphlet on "Local government in Canada," and in it we glean some facts regarding ancient Kingston.

In 1788 the governor-general issued a proclamation constituting the districts in Western or Upper Canada, Pittsburg, Kingston, Ernestown, Fredericksburg, Adolphustown, Marysburg, Sophiasburg, Camden and other western townships comprised the district of Mecklenburg. These districts were named after great houses in Germany allied to the royal family of England.

In 1804 Hon. Richard Cartwright was the lieutenant of Frontenac, and he appointed the justices of the peace and the officers of the militia. In 1793 Kingston and Adolphustown were seats of the quarter sessions.

Whenever it was necessary to establish a market the legislature had to pass a special act giving the requisite power to the court of session. For instance we find an act authorizing the justice in this court "to fix, open and establish some convenient place in the town of Kingston as a market, where butcher's meat, butter, eggs, poultry, fish and vegetables shall be exposed for sale, and to appoint such days and hours as shall be suitable for that purpose, and to make such other orders and regulations relative thereto as they shall deem expedient."

In the long ago the burdens of the people were light. There was a small direct tax on property. There was no poor rate, no capitation tax, no tithes, no ecclesiastical rates of any kind. Instead of a road tax a few days of statute labor annually sufficed. Under such circumstances we can easily understand why the condition of Kingston, for many years the most important town of Upper Canada, should have been so pitiable.

According to a writer of those early times: "The streets (in 1815) require very great repairs, and in the rainy seasons it is scarcely possible to move about without being in mud to the ankles. Lamps are required. But first the legislature must form a code of laws, forming a complete police. To meet expenses the government might lay a rate upon every household in proportion to the value of property in his house." Subsequently when Kingston became the seat of government the municipal authorities were encouraged to make improvements in streets, drainage, sidewalks and otherwise.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention.

T. Nickleson left for New York yesterday. R. Dickson, of Minnesota, has arrived in the city.

Day's dramatic company will be here in June and remain a week. S. C. Warner, Wilton, has passed the solicitors' examination at Osgoode hall.

W. L. Hamilton, inspector of the inland revenue department, is in the city on official business. Buffalo Bill has received several hundred invitations to dinner since he has been in London.

James Forsythe was a passenger on the steamer Umbria with W. O'Brien, editor of United Ireland.

Thomas Leahy, after a long absence in the United States, is visiting his parents in Portmouth.

The graduates from the Dominion business college this week are: W. V. Terrill, Picton; C. McArthur, Pittsburg; H. B. Hines, city.

The printers of the United States have raised \$1,000 by denoting a day's work each towards a present for Mr. Childs, Philadelphia Ledger.

Hon. S. H. Blake has been elected president of the international invention of the Y.M.C.A. of America, now in session in San Francisco.

Mrs. Michael Davitt made her appearance at a concert in aid of church schools in Dublin and was warmly received and highly praised.

Capt. J. S. Skinner has passed the necessary examination for barrister at Osgoode hall, Toronto. He is expected here to drill his company for the 24th May.

Count Herbert Bismarck, imperial German minister of foreign affairs, will spend the holiday he is about to take in Dublin with the Marquis of Londonderry.

A handsome gold watch, chain and locket, has been presented to Hon. James McShane by the working men of Quebec, for valuable services rendered May 12th, 1887.

F. Jones, ex-M.P. for Leeds and Grenville, will deliver a lecture here on the origin and effect of confederation and home rule in Ireland in the past with the prospects of home rule in the future.

John Brokenbaird, who was licensed to preach in New York state by the Rochester Methodist conference, will leave for Palmer, N.Y., next week. He will conduct special services there.

THE SYNOD MEETING.

Restoring a Memorial Church—Licenses Granted—Members of Committees.

At the meeting of the synod of Toronto and Kingston, leave was granted to the presbytery of Kingston to take on trial for license, the following gentlemen:—A. Gaudier, W. G. Mills, Jacob Steels, L. Perrin, J. H. Buchanan and S. Childerhose.

Rev. James Cumberland, Amherst Island, convener of a committee appointed with a view of commemorating the regard the church holds to the memory of Rev. Mr. McDowall, a pioneer minister, reported that encouragement was given to the work by congregations and individuals during the year, that \$1,200 were already collected for restoring the old Adolphustown church in the congregation where Mr. McDowall laboured long ago, that more is promised, and that it is proposed to begin the construction at once, and that \$300 additional is required.

On motion the synod decided to ask its members to provide the sum yet needed, and ordered a collection to be taken up for the purpose of meeting the expenses connected with a mural tablet, prepared by a young Canadian, and on view on the platform of the synod's meeting place.

Rev. T. S. Chambers was elected governor of the Sabbath observance committee. On other committees are: State of religion, Rev. H. Gray, Mr. G. Gillies; Sabbath observance, R. M. Ross.

Horford's Acid Phosphate.

IN NERVOUS IRRITABILITY. Dr. B. B. Grover, Rushford, N.Y., says: "I have prescribed it for nervous irritability, with marked results."

The Cream of All Ales. Labatt's London ale is clear and sparkling, put up in pint and quart bottles. Jas. Crawford, agent.

The Great Orator. Wendling at City Hall, May 18th, 19th and 20th. Tickets 25c. See advertisement.

We Mean You. Do not fail to take advantage of the great bargain sale of lace curtains now going on at minnes & burns'; positively for the week only.

Many Persons Suffer. From impure breath and suppose it comes from a disordered stomach. In many cases the actual cause is catarrh: Nasal Balm will remove the cause, and cure.

A Foot-ball Match. To-morrow afternoon a foot-ball contest occurs on the Royal military college campus between teams from Montreal and the cadets. Ball faced at 3:15 o'clock.

Police Court—Friday. James Kenning, drunk, reserved. Elizabeth Brown, of Brockville, has gone on a visit to Retreat Corbett for imbibing too copiously. John Fraser, a blind vagrant, was remanded for a week.

B. Laurance's Spectacles. The only sure aids to perfect vision, at J. G. King's drug store. Buy none other. See every pair is stamped "B.L." Imitations abound. The frame may sometimes be closely imitated the lens never.

Sent to the Assembly. At the synod meeting an overture from Kingston Presbytery, that all queries be first submitted to and receive the approbation of the general assembly before being sent to presbyteries and church sessions, was transmitted to the assembly.

A Big Bonanza. Your choice for \$13.50. Z. Prevost is giving the choice of any piece of tweed in his window for \$13.50 a suit, made to order; and guaranteed a first-class fit. They are a range usually sold for \$18.50, and are of Scotch, English and Irish manufacture.

A Change in Dates. Last evening J. J. Behan, a member of the Irish National league, received a message from Montreal, intimating that changes had been made in the tour proposed for W. O'Brien, and that if he lectured in Kingston at all it would not be before the end of next week.

Erecting a Monument. It is thought that the monument to the memory of the old united empire loyalists who settled at Adolphustown, and centennial of whose landing there was commemorated some years ago, will be placed in position in the course of a few weeks.

Double Tracking the Line. It is understood that the following parts of the Grand Trunk, between Montreal and Toronto, will be double-tracked this year: York to Scarborough, 31 miles; Mallorytown to Gananogue, 17 miles; Montreal to Coteau, 37 miles.

She Won the Prizes. Some time ago The Week, of Toronto, offered prizes of \$100 each for the best poem and oration on the Queen's jubilee. The prize poem was written by Miss A. M. Macfar, of this city. Her's was the choice of 102 compositions. W. H. Cross, of Toronto, secured the prize for the best oration, and he had thirty competitors.

Bankrupt Stock. Bonanza for the boys. Having bought the stock of W. J. Byrnes at 50c on the dollar we are placed in a position to give the men of Kingston the greatest bargains ever offered in the city. The stock has been but lately bought, and the style of the goods is of the latest importation. The sale will commence to-morrow morning. Be sure and don't miss this chance for a bargain.

Orange Young Britons. An enthusiastic meeting of the members of Gaskin lodge, O.Y.B., was held last evening. The delegates appointed to represent his lodge at the meeting of the grand lodge, commencing in Toronto on May 24th, are W. Cornford and J. Deary. The Britons will attend Bethel church on Sunday, 29th inst. Rev. Mr. McFayden will address them.

They Must be "Kept On." Inspector Kidd has prepared a report with references to the utility of employing specialists to teach writing and drawing in the public schools. He is in favor of the retention of these teachers, and contends that the children have made rapid progress in writing since a special teacher has been employed to look after this branch. His report will be read at the next meeting of the school board.

Performances of the Bands. The band of the 14th P.W.O. rifles discussed a delightful programme of music in the Artillery park last evening. A great many people promenade in the park and in the streets adjacent thereto, and enjoyed the music. On the Queen's wharf a small audience listened to the music of the battery band. There was a number of persons in skiffs, but they did not remain long about the wharf. The air was too chilly.

For Delicate, Sickly Children. Scott's Emulsion is unequalled. See what Dr. C. A. Black, of Amherst, N.S., says: "I have been acquainted with Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with hypophosphites, for years, and consider it one of the finest preparations now before the public. Its pleasant flavor makes it the great favorite for children, and I do highly recommend it for all wasting diseases of children and adults. Put up in 30c and \$1 size.

A Very Pleasant Affair. An interesting and pleasant time was spent at the First Congregational church last evening, when an entertainment, gotten up under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid association took place. Those who took part in it were: Miss Josephine Savage and Messrs. T. Hendry, T. Savage, Ed. Crumley, G. Clark and N. Raymond. Col. Twitchell delivered an address, explaining the origin of the hymn "Hold the Fort." During the evening refreshments were served.

Particulars of the Windfall. By the death of their grandfather, Robert B. Orford, Mrs. Dawson, wife of George W. Dawson, crown lands agent and merchant, of Plevna, and her sister, Mrs. W. C. Darby, of Kingston, come in for an acceptable windfall. Her grandfather's estate is worth \$150,000 sterling, and is left to his six children, share and share alike. Mrs. Dawson's father being dead his share is to be divided among his children, share and share alike. Each child will receive about \$15,000. Mr. Darby is a traveller for R. J. Carson.

Special discount of 10 per cent. off kid gloves and corsets at Hardy's on Saturday night only.

A STRIKE OF THE WORKMEN OCCURRED THIS MORNING.

The Men do Not Care About Publicly Stating Their Case—Mr. Cunningham Says That if They Want Day Work, They Cannot Have It—A Conference Will be Held To-night.

Over one hundred men stopped work at Chown & Cunningham's stove foundry this morning. They marched out of the works in a body. One of them was asked, "What is the matter?" He said, "We have struck for the wages paid in foundries in the west."

"What wages are they?" The workman replied that it was not intended to say anything publicly at present. He was not, therefore, at liberty to give the particulars. Information about the grievances of the men might be given later on. They would probably meet the proprietors of the works this evening and lay their case before them.

A great many of them are knights of labour, and the moulders have a union of their own, which they organized some time ago. The men who struck are moulders, stove mounters fitters, silver-platers and labourers.

A reporter saw Mr. Cunningham, the senior member of the firm, and the latter stated that two years ago it was decided to put the moulders on piece-work. The men did not like the change, but piece work was the system by which the moulding shops in Canada and the United States were conducted. He named several establishments in which moulders were paid by the piece. Moulders make better wages while working full time, at piece-work than they can if they work day work. Last winter, during the bad weather, the moulders worked four days in the week, for a couple of months and afterwards full time.

The books of the company were turned up and showed that the moulders' wages had averaged, for seven months, from \$10 to \$13 per week. Mr. Cunningham did not know the grievances of the moulders, silver platers and laborers, but he supposed they wanted an increase of wages. The moulders were getting \$8.10 per week; the silver platers, \$8 to \$9 per week; the laborers from \$1 to \$1.10 per day. Said Mr. Cunningham: "The men imagine we are making money, but if they were behind the scenes they would know different. The business has not been remunerative for two years. We have been laying our plans to run our establishment on full time the year round. With this end in view we opened a stove-depot in Toronto, to receive our stock. We have shipped two car loads of stoves to that place and because we have done this I supposed the men thought the firm was flourishing."

"If the moulders demand to be placed on day work will you grant the request?" "No," said Mr. Cunningham, "we will close the works before we will consent to that demand. We will, however, cordially meet the strikers when they are ready for a conference."

This afternoon a moulder stated why the men went out on strike at Chown & Cunningham's foundry to-day. He said that the moulders organized, that the men want to be placed on day work at about \$2 per day, or the moulders would accept piece work under certain conditions, making the shop a union one, and asking for a scale of wages to be submitted by the union. Apprentices should not be given piece work until they had been at the trade four years. Now they get it at two years. Under the present system moulders made from \$2.50 to \$3 per day.

REMEMBERING BATOCHE.

A Great Event in British History—Visiting the Royal Military College.

Maj.-General Middleton and Capt. Wise, A.D.C., visited the Royal military college yesterday and spent several hours in inspecting the classes, the hospital, and the dormitories. The general did not leave his quarters this forenoon.

The dinner at the barracks last evening was a fine affair. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and fairy lights, and Mrs. Seymour, cateress, sent up most palatable courses. The "Queen" was loyally toasted. Afterwards Lieut.-Col. Cotton referred to the anniversary of the battle of Batoche, and said that the company would listen with satisfaction to any remarks about it from the major-general. The commander of the forces was heartily received. He said among other things that the suppression of the rebellion in the north-west was the only event in the history of the British empire where, unaided by imperial forces, a campaign was successfully carried out. The services of the Canadian volunteers had been eminently appreciated by the presentation of medals. They were at first refused because there was no imperial troops in any of the engagements, but, on second thought, the authorities decided that this was a good reason why they should be given and they were granted accordingly. He asked the company to drink in silence to the memory of the brave men who had lost their lives on the battle field. This was done. For some hours afterwards the company spent a pleasant time together. Lieut.-Col. Montanibert, Capt. Wise, Lord Boyle, E. T. Walker and W. R. Creighton were among the guests present. The band of the battery occupied a position on the Queen's wharf and discussed music for some time.

MARINE PARAGRAPHS.

Interesting Items Gathered Along the Harbour—Vessel Movements.

The schr. Annandale is being fitted out for service. The schr. White Oak is loading lumber for Oswego. The sloop Lorraine arrived with 1,500 bushels of oats from Gananogue.

The steamship R. Anglin has cleared for Cape Vincent with 2,000 railroad ties. The tug Metamora and consorts with timber are on their way to Garden Island. The prop. Acadia from Detroit, lightened 4,500 bushels of wheat and proceeded to Montreal.

The schr. Caroline Marsh has been chartered to carry stone to Toronto from Howe Island. The schr. Caroline has gone to Howe Island to load stone for Toronto. A gang of men, in charge of Mr. Foley, left for the island this morning to load the boat.

Hon. Thomas White will visit the Northwest and British Columbia as soon as the session closes. Gentlemen, try Murray & Taylor for underwear.

Fine kid gloves and umbrellas at Page's, leading hatters and furriers.

Weather Probabilities. Light to moderate winds, fair weather, stationary or a little higher temperature. Buy dress goods at Laidlaw's.