

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR 1887.

Passing the Accounts and Squaring Things as Far as Possible.—A Poof to Mr. Savage—He is Pronounced as Good a Chairman as Ever Presided—The Closing Speeches

The final meeting of the old school board of 1887 was held last evening. There were present the chairman, T. C. Wilson, S. Anglin, J. Gaskin, Williamson, Dunlop, McCammon, Allen and Horne.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed without discussion.

A communication was read from Miss Nerva McDonald, relative to an error which had been made in the payment of her salary.

The chairman stated that he received a letter from a citizen stating that a male teacher had used abusive language to him and his friends.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT. The committee on finance recommended the payment of the following accounts: R. M. Horsey, \$63.77; W. McRosie, \$12.71; J. Henderson & Co., \$3.90; T. T. Miller, \$10.50; Dalton & Strange, \$3.90; Nugent & Taylor, \$11.25; J. Laird, \$37.70; W. Dunn, \$11.45; W. J. Chapman, \$3.85; McKelvey & Birch, \$4.40; L. W. Shannon, \$29.50; Gas Co., \$4.90; F. Nesbit, \$30.19; S. S. Phippen, \$66.22; Water Works Co., \$40.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT. The secretary reported that he had collected during the year the following sums from military and non-resident pupils: January, \$21.75; February, \$28.50; March, \$26; April, \$21.75; May, \$21.25; June, \$22.50; September, \$15.75; October and November, \$28.50; December, \$11; total, \$197. Received \$1.70 by sale of catalogues.

THE SCHOOLS REOPENED after the Christmas vacation with an increased attendance. Overcrowding exists to some extent in most of the senior departments and in some of the junior classes.

THEY PARTED AS FRIENDS. Farewell ceremonies were in order at the regular meeting of the school board last evening.

THE CHAIRMAN, Mr. H. B. Savage, was requested to vacate the chair, and on doing so Mr. J. McCammon was called upon to preside.

MR. GASKIN, seconded by T. C. Wilson, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Savage, chairman of the school board, for the able manner in which he had presided at the board during the year.

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Mr. Allen paid a tribute to the members of the board who had been elected as aldermen at the late municipal elections.

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A FAMILY IN WANT. The Wheel of Fortune has not Turned in Favor of a Poor Man. Two years ago an Englishman, with his wife and two children, arrived in the city.

Fred. Mackenzie, one of the oldest queen's counsel in Manitoba, was found dead in bed yesterday at Winnipeg by his clerk.

Mr. Gaskin—"And no caucuses." Mr. Savage repeated that he hoped those who would manipulate the wires would appoint as chairmen of the committees men who would do their work fearlessly and impartially.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE.

THE PERFORMANCE OF THE KINGSTON CHORAL SOCIETY.

It Was An Unqualified Success—Those Who Sang the Solos and Choruses—The Special Features of the Evening—The Toy Symphony Well Liked.

A large audience assembled in the city hall last evening to listen to the music of the Kingston Choral Society.

The chief feature of the entertainment was the production of Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise, after a rehearsal covering a period of about three months.

And the fact that this performance was so good is an evidence (1) of the devotion of the vocalists to their engagements; (2) of the excellence of the talent they possessed; and (3) of the skill with which the practices have been directed.

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE FUND.

The New Endowment Nearly Raised—The Work of Canvassing Still Going on.

The endowment fund of Queen's university is booming along to the required amount announced in the circular of April last; to date something over \$240,000 has been raised.

Principal Grant, who has, by the way, sufficiently recovered to resume his lectures on theology, thinks that the lists in the hands of friends in all parts of Ontario will be returned during the next week and he anticipates that the \$250,000 will be reported as having been raised.

There is an air of enthusiasm about the professors and students of Queen's that has not been apparent before.

Rev. Mr. McGillivray, who has been giving a week to the work in Ottawa and elsewhere, has raised a good amount.

Kingston must be proud of the success of the scheme, and in such a short time. It will enable Queen's to be equipped at once and thus have the advantage of years in the race.

It will be a long time before the confederated colleges are congregated in Toronto, as the Methodist institution will hardly be moved before the needed \$450,000 is raised and a building erected.

CONCERT AT PORTSMOUTH. Plenty of Enjoyment in the Orange Hall—An Entertainment of Much Merit.

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KINGSTON PENITENTIARY.

THE FACTS COLLECTED FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S REPORTS.

The Improvements Made to the Prison During the Year, and Others to be Made—Tribute of the Warden to the Efficiency of the Staff—Cost of Managing the Prison.

In addition to what we published yesterday regarding employment in the penitentiary Inspector Moylan adds that by the work of the men much has been done to improve the lower portion of the farm.

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Table with 3 columns: WIND, RAIN, COLD. Weather Probabilities.

Strong winds and gales, south-east and south-west; milder, cloudy weather, with snow, turning to sleet or rain, followed this evening or to-night by west to north-west winds and decidedly colder weather.