

PERSONNEL OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD CHANGED

SEVERAL NEW MEMBERS TAKE THEIR PLACES

Question of Closing Maternity Home to be Considered Later—Elevator Not Suitable for Use.

The February meeting of the Trustees of the Victoria Public Hospital was held at the Hospital last evening when the agenda was too big for one session and after discussing several features of the business it was decided to defer further action for an adjourned meeting to be held next week in the Mayor's office. The president in a pleasing address cordially welcomed three of the new members who were present to seats at the Board. These were Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow, who succeeds the Countess of Ashburnham whose term of office had expired; also Dr. B. M. Mullin, who succeeds Dr. Ross as representative of the hospital staff; and Dr. M. L. Jewett, of Millville, who succeeds Dr. McNally as representative of York County physicians and surgeons. Two other vacancies existed caused by the retirement of vice-presidents R. B. Hanson, M. P., and ex-president Dr. W. C. Kierstead. These were filled by the appointment of Dr. D. W. Rens and C. N. Goodspeed.

Mr. Boyce reported from committee that it was decided to recommend that no further expense be incurred at present in fitting up additional rooms in the old building. It is thought that further work in this line can be undertaken later by house help.

On motion the recommendation was approved.

Elevator Unsuitable

Ald. Clark from committee, reported that after carefully considering several suggestions the committee finds the elevator not suited for the hospital. It is fifteen horse power when a five horse power would be better suited for the work; it is cheaper to allow it to lie idle than to make a change at this time. Approved.

Dr. Jones reported respecting some readjustments about the building (Continued on Page Four.)

CITY AFFAIRS

Shrove Tuesday.

Today is Shrove Tuesday, otherwise known as Fat Tuesday, Pancake Tuesday and Mardi Gras. It is a holiday in Louisiana, where the Mardi Gras carnival in New Orleans attracts many thousands annually.

Normal School Concert.

A very successful concert was given in the assembly hall of the Provincial Normal School Monday night. The entertainment was in aid of the hockey team of the school.

Matter Finally Settled.

One of the three young men concerned in a disturbance in York street early Monday morning was let go Monday afternoon on condition that he leave the city and he proceeded to St. John last night. Fines were paid by the other two.

Last of the Series

The last of a series of social evenings under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. took place last evening in the Knights of Columbus rooms and proved very enjoyable. There was a large crowd present. Music was furnished by McGinn's orchestra, and the old fashioned dances were enjoyed by old and young. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served by the ladies. The chaperones were Mrs. N. J. Ivory, Mrs. W. H. Carten and Mrs. Fred Logue.

Died at North Adams, Mass.

Mrs. William Rutledge formerly Miss Agnes Kelly, died last evening in North Adams, Mass., after a brief illness. The deceased was about forty five years old and is survived by her husband and one little son. The other surviving relatives are two brothers and three sisters, W. S. Kelly of the staff of Victoria Hospital in this city, Mrs. John Rowan of Lincoln, Mrs. Wilcox of Los Angeles, Miss Bessie Kelly of Boston and Walter Kelly of Boston. The body will be brought to Fredericton for interment the funeral taking place from the home of Mrs. John Moore, Brunswick street, Thursday morning with High Mass at St. Dunstan's Church by Very Rev. Dean Carney. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

School Board by Close Vote Decides to Notify Dr. Foster His Services are to Terminate

Latest Development in Regard to High School Trouble—General Comment Upon Action of Board—Public Opinion Divided with Strong Disapproval of Board's Action in Some Quarters—Full Membership was Present—Matter of New Building Postponed—Reversion of Students in High School Approved.

The latest development in regard to the trouble in Fredericton High School which arose out of criticism directed toward the principal of the school by Ald. D. W. Olts in a joint meeting of the City Council and School Board, has been the decision of the Fredericton School Board to notify Dr. B. C. Foster, principal of the school that his services will not be required after the end of the present school year.

Official Statement

The official statement of the Secretary of the School Board on the matter is as follows:—

The matter of Dr. Foster's reply to the request of the Board, asking for an apology from him because of recent difficulties, was considered and the following resolution was passed and recorded in the minutes:—

"That Dr. Foster be notified that his services will not be required by the Board after June 30th of this year".

Board Not Unanimous

The School Board was not unanimous in its decision and members say that the vote was close there being strong opposition to the action expressed in the resolution.

Incident in School Building

The incident which followed the criticism and which brought the entire matter to public notice was a clash between Principal Foster and Ald. Olts in the High School Building while a committee of the City Council appointed to inspect the school buildings was visiting that building. Dr. Foster asked if the remarks of Ald. Olts in the joint meeting had been directed to himself. Upon the alderman replying that they had, there was an immediate expression of resentment on the part of Dr. Foster and the two had a long interchange of unflattering remarks.

Subsequently Dr. Foster expressed regret to His Worship Mayor Reid because of the incident and the School Board also expressed regret

to the City Council. Correspondence after that passed between Dr. Foster and the School Board with the result mentioned before.

Opinion Divided.

Public opinion has been divided on the matter. The teachers of the city schools and the pupils of the High School publicly expressed their confidence in and respect for Dr. Foster. He also has received support from the general public. There also have been expressions of opinions the other way.

The action of the School Board in terminating Dr. Foster's services has come unexpectedly and although approved in some quarters is disapproved in others. The fact that the School Board was not unanimous has considerable bearing on public opinion. Dr. Foster has been on the High School staff about forty years and has been principal for the greater part of that time.

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

Reversion of Pupils From Grade 10 to Grade 9 Approved—Other Matters Dealt With.

All members of the School Board were present, Dr. G. C. VanWart, Mrs. W. G. Clark, Mrs. Annie Wheeler, J. M. Lemont, J. J. Weddall, J. W. Sparden, S. Douglass, P. J. Hughes, Dr. W. C. Crockett.

The meeting was lengthy and discussion sharp at times. Beginning at four o'clock it did not end until after six. The matter of a new High School Building was not discussed for lack of time.

The first business considered was the case of J. D. Estey, janitor of the Smythe Street School, who asked for increase of pay, because of additional work resulting from departments transferred to that building. Mr. Estey appeared in person and

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