

Provincial Teachers' Institute to Consider Matter of Examinations

Lively Clash at York & Sunbury Institute When Resolutions Committee Failed to Report Re Matriculation and High School Graduation—Meeting Ended Friday.

The meeting of the York & Sunbury Teachers' Institute closed Friday afternoon after animated discussion on the suggestion that a resolution be passed in favor of making the matriculation examination and the graduation examination for Grade XI the same. The final result was the passage of an amendment to the effect that the question be referred to the Provincial Teachers' Institute at its next meeting. The executive of that institute is to meet on the 29th.

The Resolutions Committee of the Institute brought in no recommendation on the matter although it had been referred to it. A. S. McFarlane who presented the report of the committee when the omission was noted from the floor explained that the committee had considered the question which should not be dealt with by a county institute but by the Provincial Institute.

H. H. Stuart of Fredericton Junction who had drawn attention to the omission then moved a resolution to the effect that the matriculation and Grade XI examinations be identical.

The Discussion.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Stuart pointed out that pupils often were graduated from High School unfit for matriculation. Graduation from High School in his opinion should mean fitness to enter a university. Inspector M. G. Fox advised reference to the Provincial Institute and promised that the matter would be placed before that body. A. S. McFarlane asked how the returns from a graduation examination which would be equivalent to matriculation could be made up in time for the High Schools to graduate their classes on them. Mr. Stuart replied that Nova Scotia had worked out a system and New Brunswick could do the same.

J. E. Page moved an amendment to the effect that the question be referred to the Provincial Institute and for more discussion the Institute adopted the amendment.

Too Much Arithmetic.

A resolution was moved by R. D. Hanson, Secretary of the Fredericton School Board to the effect that the curriculum should be changed so as to give less arithmetic for Grades VII and VIII and arithmetic more suitable to those grades.

In support of his resolution he contended that High School arithmetic had been allowed to be put on the lower grades with the result that there

was too much and other subjects suffered. The resolution was carried.

Resolutions.

The report of the Resolutions Committee as presented by A. S. McFarlane was adopted. The resolutions were of regret because of the retirement of Dr. B. C. Foster as a teacher, of thanks to the Fredericton School Board and to the Press, an honorarium of \$20 to the secretary-treasurer and one of five dollars to the janitor of the building, promising cooperation if the Provincial Institute were held in Fredericton at Easter time, that the next county institute be held on the Thursday and Friday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day those dates to be annual, that Sgt. Instructor Oliver be requested to prepare a statement of changes in the syllabus of Physical Training.

Interesting Papers.

The papers heard by the institute were one on "Junior Red Cross" by Miss Jessie Lawson of Saint John, "Arithmetic" by E. C. Close of Fredericton and "Nature Study and Agriculture" by A. C. Gorham of Sussex, Director of Elementary Agricultural Education.

Junior Red Cross.

Miss Lawson referred to the great work of the Red Cross during the war and the peace work which was taken up afterward largely because of the discovery of inferior physique on the part of the majority of men. By the Treaty of Versailles certain duties were imposed on the organization. In New Brunswick 21 teachers—about ten per cent of the total—had been teaching Junior Red Cross work. Miss Lawson gave other interesting facts.

In the discussion Miss Logan, Miss Chase and Miss Black took part.

Agricultural Education.

Mr. Gorham outlined the instruction in agriculture as it had developed. School Gardens had been established and Home Plots later. The latter were receiving particular attention recently. In King's, Westmorland, Carleton and Victoria Counties the best work had been done. Mr. Gorham asked particularly for support for the Home Plots and the Poultry Projects. He also made mention of School Fairs and the value of Nature Study.

Applied Arithmetic.

E. C. Close of the Smythe Street School in his paper on Arithmetic demonstrated estimates of tongue and grooved flooring and other practical matters.

HUNDREDS OF DEAD BIRDS IN ICE FIELDS

(Quebec Chronicle.)

Hundreds of bodies of birds have been seen floating on the river and a number of them have been discovered in the fields and along the roads as far inland as Lorette. They are those of flocks of common murre, or guillemots, a species of high seas bird very seldom seen along the shores or near land. Large flights of those birds were swept from the Atlantic over the Gulf of the St. Lawrence and as far inland as this neighborhood by the recent heavy storms, and as those birds feed exclusively on shrimps, soft shell crustaceans and small sea-fish, being entirely lost when they were driven to these parts, they simply starved by the hundreds.

A local authority on bird life stated this morning that murre, a pretty black and white bird, sometimes referred to as sea pigeons, have not been seen as far inland since 1906 when large flocks of them appeared near Quebec and met a fate similar to those whose bodies have been found in the river Murre. Said the same authority, approach land only in the Spring during the brooding season. They lay but one egg on the ledge of a rock and the eggs are shaped in such a fashion that they cannot roll off that ledge, the shell has a small projection or "bubble" on its side which causes it to revolve upon itself when struck by the wind, and keeps it from falling into the sea. The murre does not build a nest and leaves most of the hatching to the heat of the sun.

The birds are generally found around Bird Rock, the Labrador coast, Parrot Island, Egg Island, Couscoucheon, etc., all places situated at more than 900 miles from Quebec. In the Autumn they generally emigrate to the coasts of Nova Scotia and New England. They are particularly numerous on the high seas outside the Bay of Fundy.

MARYSVILLE AND ST. STEPHEN FORM SECTION

St. Stephen, Dec. 17—The adjourned meeting of the Western New Brunswick Hockey League was held here this afternoon. Two clubs were represented, Marysville being represented by Mr. Lyche, of that town, and St. Stephen by M. C. Buchanan. A communication was read from the Saint John club, stating their withdrawal from the western league. As Sussex and Fredericton have already linked up with other leagues, Marysville and St. Stephen formed the western league, which will consist of the two teams.

A four game schedule was arranged as follows:

Jan. 8—Marysville at St. Stephen.
Jan. 14—St. Stephen at Marysville.
Jan. 22—Marysville at St. Stephen.
Jan. 26—St. Stephen at Marysville.

In case of a tie home and home games will be played, total scores to count. The Marysville games will be played in Fredericton rink.

R. E. Hyslop was re-elected president of the western league and P. E. McLaughlin was re-elected secretary.

WHEN ALL THE FLOWERS ARE DEAD.

The joyous, happy days are gone
The glowing summer sun
No more will shine so brightly now
That summer days are done.
Our mother earth has gone to sleep
And soon a lovely spread
Of fleecy white will cover her
While all the flowers are dead.

We miss the beauty of the flowers
And of the trees now bare
The fragrance fine that mingled
With

The balmy summer air;
The leaves so lovely in their gowns
Of brown and gold and red
But most of all we miss the flowers
For all the flowers are dead.

We love the merry winter days
With all the ice and snow,
We love to sit beside the fire
And hear the north wind blow,
And dream about the Christmas tide
And other joys ahead
But, yet, we feel a little sad
When all the flowers are dead.
BEATRICE McDONALD.

Inspector Fox discussing the paper dealt with carpet.

R. D. Hanson also took part in the discussion.

STRIKING TRIBUTE TO THE DOG BY SENATOR VEST OF MISSOURI

A dog had been killed in a small town in Missouri. The owner accused a neighbor of the act and brought him into court.

After the witnesses had been heard on both sides a young attorney, Geo. Graham Vest by name, later to become a United States Senator, arose and in a soft voice, addressed the jury in behalf of the dog. The jury deliberated only a few minutes and returned a verdict of guilty against the killer.

The address of Senator Vest on this occasion was as follows and may be considered the most eloquent and appealing of the many tributes to the dog.—Dog World Magazine.

The best friend a man has in the world may turn against him and become his enemy. His son of his daughter that he has reared with loving care may prove ungrateful. Those who are nearest and dearest to us, those whom we trust with our happiness and our good name, may become traitors to their faith. The money a man has he may lose. It flies away from him when he needs it most. A man's reputation may be sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. The people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us may be the first to throw stones of malice when failure settles its clouds upon our heads. The one absolutely unselfish friend that a man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground where the wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the sores and wounds that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his prince. When all other friends desert he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls to pieces he is as

constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

If misfortune drives the master forth on an outcast in the world, friendless and homeless, the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies. And when the last scene of all comes, and death takes the master in its embrace, and his body is laid away in the cold ground, no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by the graveside will the noble dog be found, his head between his paws, his eyes sad, but open in alert watchfulness, faithful and true, even in death.

HOCKEY FANS STUNG ALL THEY CAN PRODUCE

Border Cities Star: Windsor has a good rink and splendid hockey team. But there are many people who complain of the prices charged to see the games. Even Rev. H. M. Paulin from the pulpit of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, said in part, last evening: "Five or six thousand people will pay from over two dollars down to the 'exceedingly low' figure of one dollar and a half to see the games." This writer has no idea of the over head expenses involved in the running of the rink. He does know that the rink promoters are public spirited citizens. He also knows that the fans do not want to pay too much for their hockey. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the rink owners to make a statement that would clear up this situation for the public in general? The fans are reasonable and would give heed to a clear explanation as to why they are paying the prices they are for their entertainment.

HOCKEY SUIT TO BE TRIED

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17—It is possible that the claims for \$5,000 which Tommy Gorman, manager of the New York Americans has filed against Franklyn Ahern, president of the Ottawa Hockey Association will go to trial at the assizes in January. The writ which was served on Ahern yesterday practically asks for an accounting of the business of the Ottawa Hockey Association for the 1924-25 season. Gorman claims \$5,000 which he says is due him under the contract he entered into last season.

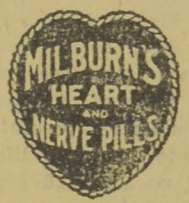
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