

ONE TEACHER SAID TO BE PRO-GERMAN

Statements Would Bring His Dismissal if Made in Public

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

New Members Take Seats and Trustee Hodgson Becomes Chairman

The inaugural meeting of the 1915 Board of Education was held last night when the new trustees elected on New Year's Day made their initial appearance as members of the Board: Mr. Geo. Oakley from Ward One; Dr. John Hunter, Ward Six; and Dr. Caroline Brown, Ward Five, took the chairs that were occupied last year by Messrs. Jackson, Conboy and Mackay.

The first business to receive the attention of the new Board was the election of a chairman. This was proceeded with without any delay and by a vote of 10 to 5 Trustee Hodgson secured the appointment over Trustee Ellis.

Following is the way the members voted:

For Trustee Hodgson: C. A. B. Brown, Dineen, Fairbairn, Houston, Hodgson, McTaggart, Oakley, Shaw, Steele and Vokes.

For Trustee Ellis: Ellis, Hopkins, Hunter, Noble and Dr. Brown.

Chairman-elect Hodgson briefly expressed his appreciation of the honor that the members had conferred upon him in choosing him as their chairman.

The next business transacted was the reading of the names of the striking committee to name the standing committee. Following were the names of the above committee. Trustees Steele, Noble, Houston, Vokes, McTaggart, Hodgson, Ellis and Dineen for the Separate Schools.

Committees Appointed.

The following committees were appointed:

Management: Trustees Noble, Houston, Fairbairn, McTaggart, Hunter, Ellis, Dineen, and Dr. Steele, chairman.

Property: Trustees Oakley, Shaw, C. A. B. Brown, Dr. Brown, Hunter, Hopkins, Boland and Vokes, chairman.

Finance: Dr. Steele, Miles Vokes, McTaggart, and C. A. B. Brown, chairman.

Advisory Industrial: Trustee Houston and Dineen, with employers' representative Mr. Bridgen and representatives for the employes, Mr. Bancroft.

Advisory Commercial: Trustees Hopkins and Boland with representatives of those engaged in commercial work, Messrs. Stone and Bailey.

The chairman of each of the last two committees will be appointed at their first meeting.

The only outside business introduced was the notice of motion by Trustee Houston in which he recommended the changing of the name of the Inspector for Public Schools to the Superintendent of Public Schools. Mr. Brown protested against the notice being given, but his objection was overruled by the chairman.

Pro-German on Staff.

Just before the conclusion of the meeting Trustee Dr. Hopkins arose and asked for a suspension of the rules in order that a matter of extreme importance might be dealt with. He stated that in accordance with a request made to him in a letter, he had paid a visit to Annette Street School, where it had been charged that one of the teachers who was pro-German in his views had spoken in a most disloyal manner to the children. Dr. Hopkins stated that he had confronted the accused, a Mr. Lee, who had replied that he was of Teuton origin having been descended from the Pennsylvania Dutch. The trustee further stated that if Mr. Lee were to publicly make the statements which he had made to him the Board would have no option but to dismiss him. Dr. Hopkins refused to say what statements had been made to him by the teacher in question, but he asked that the matter be taken up and an investigation instituted.

Moved Adjournment.

The other members did not seem in the mood to take any immediate action and moved for the adjournment, which was carried.

Dr. Hopkins, after the meeting, stated to the press that he had asked Mr. Lee whether he had said to the children that the Germans would be victorious and that they would live to see that Germany was in the right and the trustee stated that the reply had been very unsatisfactory.