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## THERE WILL BE A BIG DEFICIENCY

### THE SECRETARY'S REPORT ON SCHOOL BOARD FINANCES.

He Estimates That at the End of the Present Fiscal Year There Will Be a Deficiency in the General School Account of \$32,973.02 and Also an Apparent Deficiency of Huge Proportions in the Building Account—Captain May's Comments on the Deficiencies.

There will be, according to Secretary E. D. Fellows, of the board of control, a deficiency of \$32,973.02 in the general school account of the Scranton district at the end of the fiscal year, on July 1 next. The secretary says that he cannot estimate the deficiency in the building account, but shows that \$3,442.67 worth of work beyond the appropriation has been contracted for. Some of the members last evening, in figuring out the total estimated deficiency, added this apparent deficiency in the building account. The following is Secretary Fellows' report as read last night at the board meeting:

In accordance with resolution adopted at the last meeting of the board, the following statement is presented, showing expenditures of the district for the present school year up to date, the requirements for the balance of the year and the estimated condition of the various accounts July 1, 1900:

#### HIGH AND TRAINING SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation, same as last year ..... \$10,577.00  
Expended up to date ..... 2,591.92  
Leaving a balance of ..... \$7,985.08  
Unpaid high school bills on hand ..... \$ 2,067.67  
Light and heat for balance of year ..... 750.00  
Teachers' salaries for five months ..... 11,925.00  
Janitors' salary for five months ..... 675.00

Making an estimated deficit of \$12,881.29 in this account, July 1, 1900, without allowing for any unforeseen incidental expenses. When the above appropriation was made in April, 1899, for which and training school expenses the salary list was \$4,730 per month. Since that date new teachers have been added, and the present salary list amounts to \$7,925, an increase of \$3,195 per month.

In addition to general repair work on the interior of the high school there has been expended \$1,469 for typewriters, \$1,488.50 for new furniture and lockers and \$2,283.33 for text books and supplies.

#### TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation ..... \$155,000.00  
Expended up to date ..... 79,163.82  
Leaving a balance of ..... \$ 75,836.18  
Salaries for the balance of the school year, five months, will require \$78,675, making an estimated deficit of \$1,742.33 in this account.

#### OFFICERS' SALARIES.

Appropriation ..... \$ 7,420.00  
Expended up to date ..... 4,833.95  
Balance ..... \$ 2,586.05  
This account will be overdrawn \$41.85, owing to increase of \$20 per year in the salary of the superintendent of repairs and of increase of \$10 per month in the salaries of clerks in the superintendent's and secretary's offices.

#### JANITORS' SALARIES.

Appropriation ..... \$19,000.00  
There will be approximately a deficit of \$1,760 in this account July 1, 1900.

#### NIGHT SCHOOLS.

Appropriation ..... \$ 5,000.00  
There has been expended for two months of night school \$1,921.15, leaving a balance for the remaining two months

of \$3,078.85, which will probably be sufficient to cover the schools where the attendance had fallen below the minimum number have been closed.

#### REPAIRS, LABOR AND MATERIAL.

Appropriation ..... \$18,000.00  
There has been expended up to date for general repairs, including the removing of buildings, material of various kinds, labor, etc., \$25,298.75. Unpaid bills on hand, \$2,229.92. It is estimated that it will require \$1,300 for labor for the balance of the year. There will, therefore, be an estimated deficit of \$11,638.38 in this account on the first of July next.

#### RENTS.

Appropriation ..... \$ 1,500.00  
There will be a large deficit in this account amounting to about \$2,300, owing to the renting of rooms for Nos. 2 and 9 during the construction of the new buildings, an annex for No. 11 and an additional store room.

#### NEW FURNITURE.

The appropriation for new furniture was \$2,500.00. There will be a balance of about \$900 in this account unless furniture for the new buildings should be purchased and paid for before July 1, 1900. At the price paid for last single desks purchased, it will cost about \$15 per room for pupils' desks for the new buildings.

#### SUPPLIES.

Appropriation ..... \$10,000.00  
Expended up to date ..... 9,183.30  
Balance ..... \$ 816.70  
It is estimated that it will require \$1,650 more for the balance of the school year for school supplies, which will be \$1,832.30 more than the appropriation.

#### COAL AND WOOD.

The appropriation of \$7,000 will probably be sufficient.

#### GAS, WATER AND TELEPHONES.

Appropriation ..... \$ 4,000.00  
Expended up to date ..... 1,811.16  
Balance ..... \$ 2,188.84  
It will require about one thousand dollars to pay bills contracted against this appropriation for the balance of the year, which will leave a balance of \$1,484.84 in this account.

#### PRINTING AND ADVERTISING.

The appropriation for printing and advertising is \$1,000, of which it is estimated \$800 will be expended.

#### TEXT BOOKS.

The appropriation for text books other than high school text books for the current year was \$11,000.00. Expended ..... 10,516.92  
Present balance ..... \$ 483.08  
Unpaid bills on hand, \$1,245.35, which will cause a deficit of \$1,052.27. In addition to these text books bills on hand, there is one of \$20 for thirteen sets of Chambers' Encyclopedias which is being withheld until Lippincott & Co. shall have furnished certain gazetteers, as agreed by said firm.

#### INSURANCE.

The appropriation for this purpose was \$500, which will probably fall short of the sum required by about \$100.

#### DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL.

Appropriation ..... \$500.00  
There will probably be a small balance of \$50 July 1 in this account.

#### LEGAL EXPENSES.

The appropriation was \$1,500, of which there remains unexpended \$125.00, and this will probably be the balance at the end of the present school year, as bills for legal expenses are generally presented and paid in December of each year.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

There was no appropriation for this purpose; \$250.00 have been paid out for street improvements and this will probably be the deficit at the end of the year.

#### INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation ..... \$1,000.00

There has been drawn against this appropriation the sum of \$24,650 up to date. It is estimated that there will be a balance of \$400 in this account at the end of the year.

#### STEAM HEAT FOR NO. 33 AND BOARD ROOMS.

Appropriation ..... \$418.00  
There will be a deficit in this account of \$42 owing to an increase in the rate at No. 33 after the appropriation.

#### TAX REFUNDING.

It is estimated that there will be a balance of \$200 in this account.

#### KINDERGARTENS.

No regular appropriation was made for kindergartens at the beginning of the year, but the sum of \$3,000 was afterwards set apart for the purpose of maintaining four kindergarten schools. The \$2,900 is, therefore, an overdraft.

#### INTEREST ON LOANS.

The sum of \$97.50 has been paid on payment borrowed last summer for the payment of current expenses before the receipt of the annual taxes. But interest on the sinking fund in the hands of the treasurer will more than balance this item.

#### SALARY OF CITY CONTROLLER.

The sum of \$100 per month is now paid to the city controller for his services as auditing officer of the district, which salary will aggregate \$500.00 by July 1, 1900. This was not provided for in the annual appropriations.

#### SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Appropriation ..... \$75,000.00  
Warrants drawn to date ..... 48,598.77  
Leaving an apparent balance of ..... \$26,401.23  
But the sum of \$5,340.50 for No. 3 lots, which was ordered paid in June last and presented to the treasurer for payment in July, is being deducted, leaving a cash balance on hand of \$17,710.73. This will probably be increased by payments from delinquent tax collectors by \$1,500, making available for building purposes \$19,210.73 for the balance of the year. It is impossible to form any accurate or even approximate estimate of the condition of this account July 1, 1900. The board is under contract for the erection of several buildings and for payments on sites in several different localities. Payments on the buildings are made as the work progresses. Parties from whom lots were purchased have made no application for payments.

The appropriation for building purposes was made in April last, at which time it was estimated that a considerable amount would remain in the above account at the end of the year. The following were added after the estimate was made:

Site for No. 2 ..... \$ 2,200.00  
Additional lot at No. 25 ..... \$ 2,300.00  
No. 3 lots, payment of balance ..... 9,340.50  
No. 11, lot at No. 32 ..... 1,771.00  
Walk and pavement at No. 3 ..... 263.23  
Iron fence at No. 3 ..... 297.90  
No. 35 heating plant ..... 717.77  
Annex to No. 3 ..... 475.00

Total ..... \$54,442.67  
Of this, \$17,945.28 has been paid, and the remainder of \$36,497.39 is under contract. From the foregoing figures, it appears that the estimated expenditures for the current year in the general school account will exceed the appropriations made by \$12,573.62.

The following statement from the treasurer's office shows the condition of the cash account:

Condition of the several school accounts at the close of business on Saturday, February 24, 1900:

Balance in general school account ..... \$72,515.54  
Balance in school building account ..... 15,624.75  
Balance in the street and sinking fund account ..... 69,820.23

Also \$45,000 in bonds in the sinking fund. The treasurer estimates that about \$12,500 will be received from delinquent tax collectors during the balance of the year, basing this upon receipts of past year.

The state appropriation for the current year has been received and was the same as last year, \$72,573.83.

After the secretary had read the above report, Chairman Evans, of the finance committee, arose to explain for the benefit, as he said, of the press, why these deficiencies would exist, and that they were all necessary items. He said that \$4,000 expended for music had not been appropriated; that the item of \$1,300 for lighting the night

schools had not been appropriated for, and that \$2,000 for the rent of extra annexes was an item which could not be foreseen.

Then there was \$6,000 for extra teachers in the High School, and \$1,525 for desks in that building. The items of \$600 for fumigating schools; of \$526 for paying the city controller, and of \$163 for extra plumbing at No. 35 were not, of course, considered when the appropriation was made. Mr. May followed Mr. Evans and among other things said:

"I am not hoping to change the past, but I want to go on record as opposing this large deficiency of over \$40,000. I think I have been consistent this past year in opposing the creation of any deficiency with the single exception of the money for the payment of the city controller. I claim here before the members of this board that there was no necessity for the appearance of any deficiency at the end of the year."

"If the expenses of a big corporation come one dollar over the appropriation for that year that dollar is not allowed. I claim that if a corporation handling \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 can get along by doing this that a corporation handling \$350,000 can do the same. My argument in opposing these extra expenditures has always been that if we thought we needed extra money we should have made the levy large enough, and I hope that the levy will be made large enough next year."

Mr. Gibbons then replied briefly to Captain May and said:

"It's easy, as he says, for a corporation spending \$20,000,000 to keep their expenses down to that limit, for there's one man at the head of it. That's the way the capitalists would like it here, but he's got to remember there's twenty-one of us each with a little voice in the matter."

### INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

#### Make-up of the D., L. & W. Board for Today—New Station for Binghamton.

Following is the make-up of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today:

Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 1900.  
WILDCATS—SOUTH.

- 1 a. m.—H. Bisbing, with F. E. Secor's men.
- 3 a. m.—B. Bennett.
- 4:30 a. m.—J. Mosier, with C. Bartholomew's men.
- 6 a. m.—Jas. McCann.
- 8 a. m.—O. Case, with H. T. Fellows' men.
- 10 a. m.—F. D. Secor.
- 11:30 a. m.—J. Burkhardt.
- 1 p. m.—Jas. Fitzpatrick, with S. Pinner's men.
- 3 p. m.—John Gahagan.
- 4 p. m.—J. J. Nichols, with J. Swartz's men.
- 5 p. m.—W. H. Nichols, with J. Swartz's men.

#### SUMMITS.

- 6 a. m.—north—G. Frounfelker.
- 10 a. m.—south—McLane, with Warrick's men.
- 11 a. m.—north—H. Bush.

#### PULLER.

- 10 a. m.—Peckins.

#### FISHERS.

- 8 a. m.—south—Houses.
- 11:30 a. m.—south—M. Moran.
- 7 p. m.—south—M. Murphy.
- 10 p. m.—south—C. Cawley.

#### PASSENGER ENGINE.

- 6:30 p. m.—M. Magovern.

#### WILD CATS, NORTH.

- 7 a. m.—2 engines—J. J. Nichols.
- 9 a. m.—2 engines—C. Kingsley.
- 11 a. m.—2 engines—J. O'Hara.
- 5 p. m.—2 engines—R. Fitzpatrick.
- 5 p. m.—2 engines—R. Casiner.
- 5 p. m.—2 engines—J. Bush.

#### Wilkes-Barre Capital in Texas.

J. C. Atkins and J. L. Lenahan were in Philadelphia Friday and Saturday, where they concluded arrangements for the purchase of a controlling interest in a large cotton spinning mill at Denison, Texas. The purchase was made on behalf of a syndicate composed of the largest stockholders in the Wyoming Valley lace mills, this city.

The Denison mill is a large and modern one and was built to operate 50,000 spindles, of which 15,000 are already placed. It will spin cotton yarn such as is used in the manufacture of lace curtains and will supply the Union street mill for this purpose.—Wilkes-Barre Times.

#### This and That.

President Truesdale has recommended that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company erect a new and commodious passenger station at Binghamton and the abolition of two bad grade crossings.

Notice has been given out that Mr. James VanBuskirk has been appointed freight agent for the New York, Susquehanna and Western and Wilkes-Barre and Eastern railroads at this point, to succeed Mr. R. H. Kintner. Mr. VanBuskirk has been connected with the roads above mentioned for about eight years and is a young man of sterling business qualities. The position is a good one and covers all the company's business here and at the shops.—Stroudsburg Times.

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**For Women—Fine lace**, lisle hosiery, with double soles and high spliced heels, in black, royal blue and cardinal, 50 cents.

**For Children—A closing sale** of odds and ends in ribbed woolen stockings, of a heavy make, suitable for hard wear; sizes from 6 to 9, value 20¢ pair; choose at 10 cents.

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