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FIRST REPORT  
BOOTH SCHOOL

Made to Board by A. A. Cox,  
Vancouver Consulting  
Engineer.

Based on his examination already made of the upper brick walls above the cornices, A. A. Cox, Vancouver consulting architect, made a preliminary report on the condition of the Booth Memorial School at the regular monthly meeting of the school board which was held on Thursday evening. Mr. Cox is continuing his work of investigation and hopes to have a further report to submit to the board in the course of a few days. In the meantime, the board has deferred decision on the question of whether or not the Booth School will be occupied before permanent repairs are made. Mr. Cox stated it was his opinion that, with certain safeguards, the school could be occupied at once, but he would prefer the board to wait further report from him before definitely acting on this. At the meeting there were present Dr. W. T. Kergin, chairman of the school board; L. W. Patmore, J. C. McLennan, Mrs. E. V. Ling, Thomas McMeekin, Mayor Rochester, Mr. Cox, City Engineer F. J. Whitaker, J. W. Potter, Principal J. C. Brady, Superintendent H. L. Campbell and W. D. Vance, secretary.

## Unsatisfactory Condition.

In submitting his preliminary report Mr. Cox said he was doing so as the board was desirous of knowing if there could be an immediate reopening of the classes at the Booth School. There had not been sufficient time to make a full examination, which would be necessary before a final report could be submitted. He had found the school in an unsatisfactory condition but there was no immediate danger. It would be possible to use it very soon and before permanent repairs were made if some temporary precautions were taken. The cornices were in bad shape and since the parapets had been reduced they were out of balance. Some measures would have to be taken to reestablish the equilibrium of the cornices before the building was occupied again, and he would advise that this be done to protect against possible accidents, especially in case of windstorms. The stability of the cornices depended on the anchorage, part of which had been removed. The cornices could be rendered stable with temporary

precautions. The permanent repairs to the school would take some time but could be done by the time the summer vacation was over. Until the permanent work was done there would be repetition of the leaking when rain came.

## Camouflage Mortar.

Mr. Cox said he had removed a brick facing on Thursday and had been surprised to find that there was water on the bricks inside and that the mortar was strengthless. On the outside there was camouflage mortar. There were serious defects in construction and if the condition were allowed to continue until winter there would be further expansion of the brick and serious troubles would result. It would take considerable time to plan the permanent work.

Whether or not the school should be occupied again at once would be a matter to be decided at the discretion of the board itself. If it was decided to do so he would strongly urge that no marching, drilling, dancing or gymnastics be allowed, especially in the assembly hall. His final report would be submitted in the near future.

Questioned by Mr. Patmore, Mr. Cox said that he had found the same condition existing in regard to the bricks wherever he had examined so far. He had not gone into the structure closely yet, however, and had not examined below the main roof. The school was in a serious condition in some parts. He would prefer that it not be used until he had made further examination, for there might easily be accidents, especially in the wind. At the present time the cornices were badly balanced on account of the weight from the top of them having been removed.

## Structurally All Right.

Mr. Cox said that the only difficulties he could see now were the unstable cornices and the fact that if rain came it would leak again. Structurally the building was otherwise all right, he thought. On Thursday there was water dripping through the cornices. This was a peculiar condition, but it was a fact. He would advise strongly that the cornices be balanced up before the school was again occupied. The proposition was peculiar and difficult and his position was a responsible one, so he would not care to make offhand reports. Many more points would be brought out in his next report.

Mr. McMeekin said he would not favor the occupying of the building until the whole thing was put in good shape and permanent repairs had been made. In the

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meantime the school board could find temporary rooms and have the classes established as soon as possible.

Mr. McLennan said they should wait a few days before taking any action, and Mr. Patmore concurred in this. Mrs. Ling suggested that in the meantime the committee could obtain information regarding temporary rooms. It was decided to let the matter stand until Mr. Cox gives his next report which will be in the course of the next day or so.

## In the Letter Box

## SUMMER TIME.

Editor Daily News:

Summertime, the pet term applied to daylight saving, while seemingly of no significance, is the most inexcusable piece of petty tyranny, as well, the most unwarranted infringement on the liberties of the individual that obtains today.

It is understood and admitted that individual sacrifices must be made in the interests of the public welfare, but this inquiry finds no place in that category. Nor can it be defended on any grounds, other than that of special privilege and the usurped right of a class to impose on others conditions they themselves can escape. As an illustration, enter a community where summer time is enforced. Note the joy-riders indulging in pleasure until midnight or later, retire when it suits them because they can arise when they please. These, with their imitators with few exceptions are daylight-savers.

Note those who work the work, (not confined to wage-earners alone) those who appeal against the hardships summer-time imposes, who must owing to circumstances arise early—compelled by reason of this imposition to arise an hour earlier than is necessary, thereby denying them the right to conduct their personal affairs as they choose, in matters pertaining exclusively to themselves. Again, note the child legislated out of bed and compelled to report at the school room at 8 a.m. Surely none are so blind as to fail to see the class character of the operation of this law.

## Method of Changing.

We are told that in most cities a plebiscite is taken before the

time is changed, this meaning a majority enforcing its will on a minority, a democratic principle and a matter for any community to decide. An answer might suggest that this method of legislating, although clothed in the garb of democracy, and for some time hailed with acclaim, is in actual fact a legalized extension of mob law, and unless its use was clearly and definitely circumscribed would have the effect of breaking down all safeguards thrown around the liberties of both individuals and minorities. If by a law in the hands of a majority, conditions can be set up whereby the home can be invaded and the time for arising dictated (in order that a section of the population may amuse itself) it can for the same reasons hang the members up by the thumbs, or indulge in any other excesses and justify its actions on identically the same grounds. Then and in that case, the personal liberties of the individual no longer exist.

## Blindly Follow.

Members of mobs do not act or think independently but blindly follow the dictates of a coterie of leaders, who control by appeals to passion and emotions. Direct legislation, except that it may be a legitimate institution, is put into effect on similar lines, and is often more tyrannical than a despotism because of lack of responsible organization behind its laws. A case in point being certain enforcement clauses in the B. C. Prohibition Act.

In Vancouver where this measure was defeated in 1921 and strenuous efforts made to impose it in 1922, resulted in a vote of less than 6000 in its favor, in a population of about 120,000. Yet we are informed this means a majority enforcing its will on a minority and a democratic principle. It has the appearance of such and when such conditions are permitted to continue proof is furnished of the failure of democracy, and the hypocrisy of those who preach it.

## Influence of Minorities.

The number of supporters of summer-time in proportion to the population, is no doubt, as great there as elsewhere, and it shows clearly the influence exercised by minorities on public bodies in controlling the affairs of a community.

It is understood that Great Britain and France have employed this innovation, but opposition has developed as experience has been gained, and in France particularly where it was regarded a short time ago as a boon, is today violently opposed, as many Frenchmen have learned that the yoke of oppression has been placed upon their necks and are fighting to throw it off.

When the Dominion Government adopted daylight-saving as a "war measure" it was enforced throughout the country, when it was defeated it had no legal status anywhere. If the provinces have authority to proclaim it a law, it is no doubt derived from the B. N. A. Act. Still it would seem necessary that organized bodies be given power to adopt it by a provincial statute.

## Abate Mania.

In order to abate this mania a certain hour should be established when all adults would be compelled to arise and the curfew might be used for the purpose. The saver compels many who prepare the morning meal to get out of bed at 4:30, who arise now at 5:30, consequently he cannot object if the hour is set up at 4:30.

If this rule could be enforced it would mean "equality before the law" and not a piece of rank class legislation and the ardor of organized influence in insisting on saving light would at once become dampened. They soon would also learn that if he arose at this time he could not joy-ride until midnight, and his light saving ideas would undergo a radical change.

D. J. SULLIVAN,

Anyox, B. C.

## PLAYS OLD TUNE.

Editor Daily News:

I wish to thank A. Gaffer for his kindly and frank statement of the high ideals of the prohibitionists. I could not have done it as well however I tried.

To interfere, to graft, to blackmail, to persecute the individual who tries to develop the country, to prohibit the worker, to punish the man who honorably tries to do something. However, I am gambling on the ultimate honesty and decency of our people and there-

fore our government.

The average citizen is negatively honest. He is clean in his thoughts and actions. He does not injure or wish to injure anyone. He would rather help. But the average citizen is really inactive. It is only the unclean, the dishonest, the person with filthy mind who uses it for the purpose of persecuting those who honorably sell service.

## Always Aggressive.

The criminal is always aggressive. He will work harder to get something for nothing and get less than if he would do something useful. I contend that the majority of our people are clean-minded and intelligent. That they do not need the regulations of the criminal mind to show them the straight and narrow path. I also claim that most prohibitive laws are the result of the desire of the criminal to make use of that queer phase of human nature which makes anything forbidden desirable. That prohibitive laws prostitute our laws and our people. The old Mosaic law of "an eye for an eye," or punish the man who injures his neighbor, is the only one we need. Therefore punish the prohibitionist.

The best governed country is the least governed.  
BOOMER K. FREEMAN.

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