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MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOL

Trustees Decide to Ask City Council for an Additional Grant—\$20,000 Needed.

Architect Jeffers Explains Why Costs Have Been Higher Than Expected

That the city council be asked for a further grant of \$20,000, in addition to the \$15,000 already authorized, for the completion of the repair work on the Booth School now being carried out under the superintendence of architect Jeffers, was the decision of the School Board last night at a meeting held in the City Hall.

Present at the meeting were Dr. W. T. Kergin, chairman of the School Board; J. C. McLennan, and L. W. Patmore, members; H. L. Campbell, principal of public schools; J. C. Brady, high schools principal; R. H. Shoekley, manual training instructor; and architect Jeffers.

Dr. Kergin asked Mr. Jeffers what it would cost to finish all this work. Mr. Jeffers said that including the payroll to come in at the end of the week and additional material required on the job he would say about \$9,000.

Dr. Kergin: "The whole thing will cost \$9,000 more than we have paid to date."

L. W. Patmore: "The cost to date has been \$26,272."

Mr. Jeffers: "Of course that includes a lot of new work, and the fire escapes come in the \$9,000."

Mr. Patmore: "What was the reason for the repairs at the Booth school costing at least double the estimates at the start? The original estimate stated the cost would be from \$12,000 to \$15,000."

Mr. Jeffers: "When estimating the work at \$15,000 I did not have in mind that it would probably run to \$25,000. Of course I had nothing to do with the inclusion of my salary or Mr. Cox's. I was figuring on the actual work. The thing that has been added to that has been more work than I originally expected. Additional work shows up when doing the work. There have been several pieces of work which have been taken down like the ventilators. Repairs to the heating plant, in certain instances, have been made which make the plant more efficient. Such things as the painting of the stone coping have also been done. Wages are higher here than where I come from also."

Mr. Patmore: "Have you found a great deal of difference in wages?"

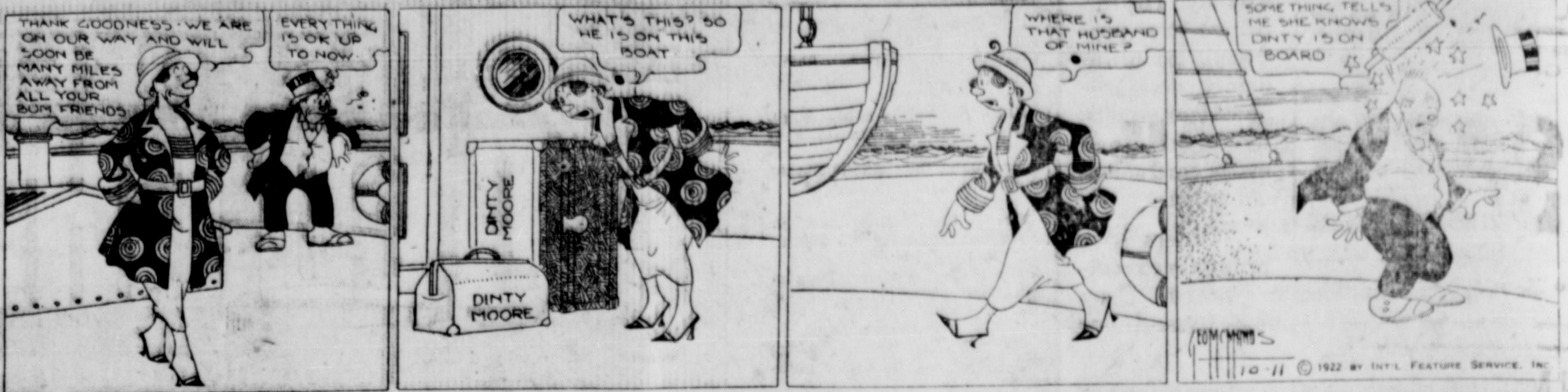
Mr. Jeffers: "Yes, wages are higher here, and you have not got a number of skilled workmen. You are paying \$1.25 an hour to anybody who says he is a bricklayer, and \$1.25 an hour to anybody who says he is a plasterer. That runs the cost of the work up."

Mr. Patmore: "It seems to me that we could do nothing but what we have done. We had the school built and couldn't scrap it."

Mr. Jeffers said that in strengthening the floors and cutting into the concrete wall to put in the beams had cost \$20 a hole.

Dr. Kergin said that he was entirely satisfied that what Mr.

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

Jeffers had done had been done well, but unfortunately a big enough estimate had not been put in at the start.

Mr. Jeffers said that it was unfortunate he did not know about the rate of wages being paid locally.

Apply to Council Mr. Patmore: "I think we have got to make an application to the city council for further monies. All we could do was to ask the council for what the architect required. We must apply to the council for the money as we find it necessary. There has been a lot of condemnation of the School Board, mostly by people who did not favor having the school built in the first instance. The one big mistake the School Board made was to rely upon an architect who did not understand his business. We are not experts and we relied upon the best man in town with the result as everybody knows. It was a salvage proposition and if we had not made the proper repairs we would have lost our school building entirely. Mr. Cox's suggestion would, I have no doubt, have cost us over \$200,000 which meant a new school building.

The school board is not responsible for the increase in the present instance and we are doing the work as economically as we can. We will have to ask the city council for another \$20,000."

Mr. Patmore moved that the School Board ask the city council for \$20,000, in addition to the \$15,000 already authorized. This amount to cover fire escapes and certain new work which should be charged up to the reconstruction or repairs of the Booth school.

The motion was seconded by J. C. McLennan and carried.

Got to Save Building

Mr. Jeffers said that the cost of putting in the fire escapes would probably run a little over \$2,600, and that holes had to be put into the walls. In refer-

ring to the school repair work generally he said "You have got the building there and you have got to save it."

Dr. Kergin asked Mr. Jeffers if it would be possible to get into the school at the end of the month. Mr. Jeffers said that ten rooms were available now if they were washed out.

The question of the termination of Mr. Jeffers' contract which expired on Oct. 21, was discussed.

Mr. McLennan considered that Mr. Jeffers should be employed to finish the work as there was no one here competent to take care of it.

Mr. Patmore said that he was willing to see the job through. It was possible that he could take up a little local work here until the end of the year. If the board wished to reduce his fees and allow him to take care of a little extra work it would be satisfactory to him.

Mr. Patmore felt that Mr. Jeffers should remain until the job was completed.

It was decided that Mr. Patmore and Mr. McLennan meet Mr. Jeffers after the 21st and discuss the question of retaining him on the work further.

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DISABLED VETERANS Editor Daily News. At the unemployment conference held recently in Victoria, it is desired that the Minister of Labor may be supplied at an early convenient date with information relating to all disabled War Veterans in this Province and who have not been re-established in civilian life. This is a matter of special interest in view of the large number of Veterans who since the war have made their homes in our midst and who have not re-established themselves in civilian life to the extent of their ability. All veterans who wish to have their names forwarded to the Minister of Labor for the purpose of re-establishment are asked to leave their names and full particulars with the secretary of the Great War Veterans in this city as early as possible and not later than the 31st day of October so that their names can be forwarded to the minister of labor with as little delay as possible. We trust that Veterans will take advantage of this opportunity. A. MACKENZIE, Secretary G.W.V.A.

In the Letter Box

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