

DETERMINED TO STOP TRUANCY

School Board Takes Decided Stand on Vexed Problem; Basketball for Girls.

The regular monthly meeting of the school board was held in the City Hall last evening. It was decided at this meeting to purchase a basketball for the girls of the King Edward School so they may engage in the popular game. The school board, generally, recognized the important part that athletics for girls as well as boys and thus endorsed their feelings.

Small repairs are to be made to the Domestic Science School and the plaster at the Borden Street School is to be put in better shape. A committee consisting of Trustees J. C. McLennan and F. Shaw and Superintendent Macdonald were delegated to look into the condition of affairs at the Hays Block schoolroom that has been closed for two weeks on account of the bad sewer there.

Must Go to School.

The most important matter that was discussed at the meeting was, however, the prevalence of truancy in the city schools. Angus M. Macdonald, city superintendent, was at the meeting and reported that the truants among the boys were reaching too large numbers and that, in his opinion, drastic measures would have to be taken to stop this state of affairs. After much discussion on the matter it was resolved that the School Board recommend to the Police Commission that the law be enforced to the fullest against truants. Mr. Macdonald was instructed to report all cases drawn to his attention to the police and the police are to stop children on the streets during school hours and, if necessary, take them in custody. It was decided that an example would be made of someone and proceedings would be instituted against parents countenancing the offence.

The regular monthly routine business was also dispensed with at the meeting.

ANOTHER NEW SERIAL AT EMPRESS THEATRE

The Carter Case' Opens Tonight — "Human Desire" at the Westholme.

A new serial starts tonight at the Empress Theatre entitled "The Carter Case." It is said to be a big feature and one that will be full of all sorts of thrills and general interest. At the same time the Houdini Master Mystery series, the climax being the big one that no one will miss.

Anita Stewart is at the Westholme in "Human Desire," a story in six parts, with many dramatic effects and carrying that human interest appeal that movie fans so much desire.

There is also a Burton Holmes travelogue "Through China" and the New Westholme Orchestra gives special music, the overture "Zampa" being on the program.

Arrivals from Alice Arm state that there is now a foot of snow at the beach there. The temperature has been down as low as zero and there has been good skating for some time. The skating does not usually come till after Christmas at that point.

J. Buchan came in from Smith's last night.

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