



Stratton St Margaret

School Board. – The usual Meeting of the School Board for this Parish was held on Tuesday last, when Mr T. Arkell occupied the chair. All the other members were present, viz, Messrs Taylor, Hoddinott, Usher, and Morse, with the Clerk Mr J Cox; and Attendance Officer Mr Jackson. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Clerk reported that no applications had been received for the post of Assistant Mistress in the Lower Stratton School, although he had advertised in the local and scholastic papers. The matter was deferred to the next Board meeting. Mr Usher reported that the Committee had examined the requisitions for the Upper Stratton Girls' and Infants' School, which they recommended to be passed. It was decided on the motion of Mr Hoddinott, seconded by Mr Morse that the Clerk order the goods as per requisition. The Clerk submitted a letter from Miss Giles, Head Mistress of Girls' School, stating that unless the Board accepted her request to appoint an Assistant Mistress and not a Pupil Teacher as suggested by the board, she must resign from her position. A discussion ensued on this matter, when it was remarked that this was dictating to the Board, and on the motion of Mr Hoddinott, seconded by Mr Taylor, it was unanimously decided to accept the registration. The Clerk was instructed on the motion of Mr Morse, seconded by Mr Usher, to advertise for a Head Mistress at a salary of £80 per annum. The clerk read a lengthy circular respecting repayment of loans (other than by instalment), when it appeared that the Public Works Committee could only accept the repayment of the whole of the loans on the following terms: - (1) That the applicants serve the Lending Department three months' notice, (2) That they agree to repay at such times and in such instalments as may be required by the Lending Department. (3) That for every £100 outstanding on the loan account that they repay such sum as may be certified to be equivalent of the price at which £100 of Local Loans Stock can be purchased. The Board decided not to further entertain the question of repayment and re-investment. The Clerk submitted the report on the Evening Continuation School Art Classes by Mr Corbett, County Technical Education Committee, which was considered satisfactory. Requisitions for material required in the Upper Stratton Boys' School and Lower Stratton Infants' School were referred to a Committee for the consideration and reports. It was decided to close schools under the Board for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 20th, 1895, and returning on Monday, 6th January 1896. The signing of cheques to the value of £493 1s 2d, concluded the business of the Board.

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