

CHINESE SCHOOL PROBLEM SOLVED

BUILDING RENTED FOR THE PRIMARY CLASSES

Compulsory School Attendance to Be Enforced—Teachers and Leave of Absence.

The Chinese problem, so far as it affects the public school board, has been settled at last by the renting of premises in which the junior Chinese classes will be conducted.

At the meeting of the board last evening a report from the special committee, consisting of Trustees Bishop, Christie and Stanland, was read, recommending that the board rent the building occupied by the Chinese Methodist Mission on Flanagan street for the Chinese pupils in the primary classes. This policy would be following in line with the previous record of the board. It must be understood that no Chinese children would be received unless they were amenable to the rules.

Trustee Stanland said he had spoken to Mr. Dean and understood from him that the premises could be had by the board. He mentioned \$15 a month as rent and this seemed to meet Mr. Dean's view of a fair amount.

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The board adopted the report and later on appointed Mrs. Wheeler as teacher at a salary of \$60 a month. It was decided to leave Rock Bay school a one-teacher school in charge of Mrs. Anderson after Mrs. Wheeler's transfer, for the present.

The new Chinese classes will commence on November 1st. The senior

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