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TEACHERS' DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The meeting of the teachers of Inspectoral District No. 5 was held in Hantsport on Dec. 22 and 23. By universal consent it was regarded as one of the most interesting and helpful ever held. The first meeting was called to order with Inspector Roscoe in the chair. All the meetings excepting the Wednesday evening public meeting were held in the principal's room of the school house.

After the enrollment of members of the Institute a short address of welcome was delivered by Principal Lockhart of the Hantsport school; and he was followed by a kind speech of encouragement to the teachers and an especial welcome to Prof. McDonald of the Normal School and Supervisor McKay of Halifax.

A nominating committee having Principal Robinson of Berwick as chairman was appointed and the Institute was ready for a discussion of the program.

A carefully prepared paper by Principal Robinson of Hantsport and read by Miss Marchant was heard with pleasure and thoroughly discussed.

Mr. Stark next read a paper on the Superannuation of Teachers. He rejected the scheme submitted at the Provincial Convention and claimed that the first step in improving the teaching profession must be an increase of salary.

The afternoon session was opened by one of the most excellent features of the association a lesson illustrative of work in the primary room given by Miss Saunders of the Hantsport school.

The subject of mathematical Drawing was thoroughly entered into by Prof. McDonald and Mr. Woodworth who showed the methods of teaching and value of this subject.

A discussion on the use and abuse of Public school examinations was opened by Principal Smith of Windsor and replied to by Principal Lockhart of Hantsport. They were followed by Principal Oakes, Patterson, McLeod, Robinson and some others.

The evening session was public and largely attended, Miss Margeson presided. The proceedings opened with a mixed quartette (Miss Walley, Miss Marsters, Messrs Whitman and Lockhart.) Prof. McDonald then read an extremely able paper on "What can be done to improve our Common Schools." He was followed by Supervisor McKay with a pointed clear cut incisive paper on "Is the common school satisfactory? If not why not?" He was led to the conclusion that the greatest defect to be remedied was in the quality of the teachers. When they were thoroughly trained in their profession other evils would right themselves.

A male quartette composed of Messrs Harris, Whitman, Lockhart and Newcomb rendered "Away to the Woods" with much appreciation by the audience.

Miss Jamison of the Wolfville school next read a short piece evincing the qualities of an excellent elocutionist.

Rev. Mr. Wright spoke eloquently for a short time on the general subject of education. He was followed by Dr. Keirstead of Acadia University, who spoke shortly as it was growing late. Time would only permit a very cutting of what gave promise of a being a very able address. All regretted the

want of time that rendered it impossible to hear the distinguished speaker. Addresses by the Hantsport clergyman closed the meeting.

The Thursday morning session began with Inspector Roscoe in the chair. Miss Burton taught a very difficult but very excellent lesson to her Hantsport class on the "Pine" The report of the nominating committee was then brought in as follows: Vice-president Principal McLeod, secy-treas. Principal J. A. Smith, Ex. Com. Principals E. Robinson and W. R. Ford and Messrs Hebb and Starratt. On motion by Principal Lockhart Canning was chosen as the next place of meeting.

Miss Chipman of Berwick next read a paper on the teaching of Botany. The subject of elementary science in the Common School was then thoroughly discussed by many of the leading teachers who all praised Miss Chipman's paper.

The postponed subject of superannuation of teachers was next introduced by Principal Robinson of Berwick who made an eloquent plea on behalf of some scheme to promote superannuation as a means of elevating the teaching profession. He was followed in an animated debate by Messrs Strickland, McDonald, Lockhart, McKay, McLeod and others.

The afternoon session was opened by a vote of thanks tendered to all who had aided in making the Institute the success it undoubtedly had been. Miss Power taught a lesson on English language. The well taught lesson was followed by a short discussion.

After a few parting words by Inspector Roscoe the teachers parted by singing the National Anthem.

CARE OF THE COMPLEXION

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1. The greatest amount of loss sustained from swine diseases in this state is among hogs fed upon the swill collected from hotels, boarding houses and other large institutions.

2. The cause of death in certain outbreaks of disease among swill-fed hogs is the direct poisoning of the animals by the excess of free alkali (washing soda) in the swill. These alkalis come from the powdered soaps used in washing dishes.

3. It appears that small quantities of the powdered soaps do not produce immediate bad results. It is presumable that they can be used in quantities sufficient for the needs of cleanliness with perfect safety, but owing to the danger involved in their use it is safer not to give the water containing them to animals.

4. In addition to the unwholesomeness of garbage and kitchen slops for animal food, and in addition to the losses sustained from the immediate effect of such kinds of food, hogs fed upon it are very liable to contract specific infectious diseases such as hog cholera, swine plague and tubercula is.

5. The enormous amount of loss among garbage fed hogs, which in this state alone aggregates thousands of dollars annually, suggests the desirability of urging the discontinuing of the practice of collecting swill for such purposes. Certainly if the refuse material is to be used for feeding swine it should be collected and fed while fresh and sweet.

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