

of reading books to a much greater extent than the Royal Readers." In the discussion that followed, Messrs. Powell, Smith, Freer, Campbell and Denholm took a prominent part. On motion of Messrs. Powell and Ritchie a vote was taken by ballot and the report of the Committee was adopted—the vote standing as follows:—Canadian, 43, Royal, 12, blank 5.—It was then suggested by Mr. Freer that the vote be made unanimous, which suggestion was carried out. During the afternoon Prof. Marshall acted as a substitute for Mr. Bengough in relieving the tedium of business routine, and sang in his own happy and effective style three songs entitled, "Darby and Joan," "Jack's Yarn" and "Nelson's Watchword," the latter by a strange coincidence, harmonizing with the key-note struck in Miss Powell's essay, and followed by Miss McLean's reading. C. J. Cameron illustrated his mode of Map Drawing, which was well received. "The Teacher out of School" was the subject of an address by Mr. Powell, who gave advice to young teachers upon their deportment when off duty—valuable advice gained by his own experience. The report of delegates to the Provincial Convention then followed, and after a hearty vote of thanks to Prof. Marshall, the meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem. A. M. JONSSON, Secretary, *pro tem.*

OXFORD.—The twelfth session of the Teachers' Institute was held at Woodstock, and the attendance of teachers of both sexes from every part of the country was large, proving that there is a very wide interest taken in these associations, and that the work done by them is regarded as important by the profession. The morning of Thursday was taken up by a most interesting class conducted by Mr. Dennis, of the Model School, Woodstock, illustrative of the best method of teaching the tablets; and by Mr. Deacon of the Ingersoll Model School, upon "Some Points in School Management." Mr. Edgington, of Mount Elgin, also gave a dissertation upon "Right Angles." In the afternoon, Mr. Dennis in a similar manner took up "Multiples and Measures." Miss Gardner, of the Ingersoll Model School, read a lively and clever essay and Mr. Deacon dealt in an entertaining way with the subject of "School Hygiene," one of very great importance to teachers and pupils everywhere. In the evening it was the intention of the Institute to hold a musical and literary entertainment but this was not carried out, and owing to the unfavorable state of the weather nothing more than a somewhat informal meeting of a few of the teachers took place, where some matters connected with the profession were talked over. The morning session on Friday was enlivened by a discussion upon the relative merits of the Gage and Campbell series of school readers. Mr. Campbell on behalf of the Royal Readers, and Mr. McKay, representing the Canadian Readers, both addressed the Convention. The result of the consideration of this question was a vote expressive of the preference of the Convention for the Gage series. Mr. Deacon dealt with the question of "Writing" and, after dinner, Mr. Richardson, of Blandford, took up the question of "Literature." Early in the afternoon the Convention adjourned to enable the teachers to attend the meeting of trustees in the town hall. The following are the officers of the Institute for the coming year: President, F. W. Marchant, Ingersoll; Vice do., V. Stock, Tavistock; Secretary-treasurer, Miss Gardner, Ingersoll; Management Committee, Messrs. Cole, Oliver, Richardson, Robinson and Burke. *Trustees' Meeting.*—A meeting of the representatives of the various Boards of Trustees throughout the county had been called by Inspector Carlyle for the same day, Friday. When the meeting assembled at the town hall there were about thirty trustees present. Mr. Carlyle opened the meeting, explaining that it had been called by himself by circular. The circulars asked for one trustee from each section to be appointed to meet as a conference to decide upon one series of school readers, and attached to the circular was a form to be filled up binding the boards to the decision of the delegates sent. After some preliminary talk, Mr. Carlyle was appointed chairman and Mr. Cairnes secretary of the meeting, and the certificates of those present were handed in. Several trustees who had not been sent as delegates, or who received no regular notice of the meeting, were present. The general feeling as expressed by those present who had anything to say was that so small a meeting could not represent the schools of the county—numbering in round numbers 120, and it was resolved to adjourn until one o'clock. In the afternoon the number of delegates was increased to between forty and fifty, a number of sections being represented by their teachers. It was resolved to allow the representatives of the rival Readers thirty minutes each to address the conference. Mr. Campbell, the senior member of the firm of Jas. Campbell & Son, first spoke for the Royal Readers of the firms of Nelson and Campbell & Son, while W. J. Gage & Co. were represented by J. McKay, a University student, for some time a teacher of West Zorra, of which township he is a native. When they got through, the question arose whether or not any action should be taken at such a meeting. Wm. Grey, Esq., a member of the Woodstock High School Board, asked to be heard, a request which was courteously granted. He took the ground that it would be absurd for such a meeting to decide upon any series. Those present represented only one-third of the schools of the county. Woodstock, with a school population over six hundred, had not had the opportunity of sending a delegate. Besides this, very few had examined

both series to compare their respective merits. Several trustees warmly agreed with Mr. Grey, and it was moved that the conference adjourn for a month in order to have a full representation and to enable all present to compare the rival series. Several teachers present urged that a decision be come to at once, as some of the schools were awaiting the day's action to know what series of readers to adopt. The Inspector favored one series for the county, and the arrival at a decision at this meeting as to which it should be. During the discussion it transpired that few if any of the trustees present had seen more than one series, or were prepared to vote intelligently from a comparison of their merits. Upon a vote being taken twenty trustees favored adjournment, a majority being against it. A motion in favor of recommending Gage's "Canadian Readers" as the series of the county was then put. Thirty-four delegates voted for it, a few against it, and the others abstained from voting. The meeting then adjourned.

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