

of all new text books authorized by him, or about to be so authorized."

On motion the consideration of the report was taken up *seriatim*.

The clause relating to changing the time of meeting was rejected.

The clause also relating to the exclusion of wholesale traders was negatived.

A committee was struck on motion of R. O. Smith seconded by F. Metcalf, consisting of Irving, Hutchison, Dyas, Rothwell and Bryce, to wait upon the Minister of Education with a view to carry into effect the suggestion contained in the last clause of the report.

The clause was agreed to and the report as amended adopted.

On motion of R. O. Smith seconded by C. W. Papat, a committee consisting of Day, Rothwell, Nelles, Taylor and Wallace were appointed to wait on the managers of the *Mail* and the *Globe* regarding prices charged to the trade on the morning editions, also the *Globe's* difference of prices to the city and other dealers; also the grievance of the same paper supplying teachers and others at less rate by the year than to the trade.

#### EVENING SESSION.

N. T. Wilson chairman of the Committee on Postage reported as follows:—"Your committee find that some years ago the Canadian Government entered into an arrangement with the United States, whereby all mail matter received from the other side is delivered free of charge in Canada. That while this arrangement is an excellent one so far as the community in general is concerned, yet an important branch of our business is severely and unjustly injured by it while the Canadian rate of postage on periodicals remains unchanged. The American booksellers can mail periodicals to subscribers in Canada at the rate of one cent per pound. Canadian booksellers cannot mail the same periodicals to the same subscribers under one cent per 4 oz. or fraction thereof, which averages five cents per pound. It actually costs Canadian booksellers 15 per cent. to deliver American periodicals to their customers, while American booksellers have the privilege of supplying the same customers at a cost of 3 per cent. Your committee believe that the trade in Canada is suffering a serious loss of business through this unfair competition, and recommend that the immediate attention of the Postmaster-General be called to the matter with the view of placing us on equal terms with outside competitors."

The report was adopted, and a committee appointed to wait upon the Postmaster-General to urge upon him the necessity of removing the grievance complained of. The committee consisted of the following gentlemen:—Wilson, Bryce, Irving, Durie, Hope, Uglow and the President.

J. G. McCrae and E. A. Taylor brought before the Association the question of the sales of Sunday papers in the border towns, also the fact that papers of an objectionable nature were coming through the mails, when it was resolved on motion of W. Bryce, seconded by N. T. Wilson, "that the secretary draw the attention of the chief magistrate when informed of the circumstances in any city or town where U. S. Sunday papers are being sold, requesting him to have same discontinued."

The committee appointed to wait upon the Postmaster-General were instructed to bring under the notice of the Government the pernicious influence exercised upon the public mind by the introduction and sale of such American papers as the *Illustrated Sporting World* and *Police News*.

B. H. Rothwell reported from the Committee appointed to wait on the Managers of the *Globe* and the *Mail*, that in both cases admission was made that newsdealers had good reasons of complaint and that they the managers would bring the matter before their respective boards for action.

On motion of the secretary seconded by A. S. Irving, it was resolved that Brantford be named as the first meeting place for a District Association to comprise that city and neighbouring towns and that B. H. Rothwell and H. Dobson, (Simcoe), be named as convenors.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Toronto press also to the proprietor of the Queen's for the use of their parlours.

The officers elected for 1886-87 are as follows:

PRESIDENT.—H. Fred Sharp, St. Mary's, re-elected.	
1ST. VICE PRES.—A. S. Irving, Toronto.	
2ND. VICE PRES.—E. A. Taylor, London.	
SECRY-TREASURES.—J. J. Dyas, Toronto re-elected.	
T. J. Day, Guelph.	} EXECUTIVE COM.
B. H. Rothwell, Brantford.	
Chris Dickson, Clinton.	
Henry Hutchison, Toronto.	
J. G. McCrea, Sarnia.	

\* We give this as reported in the *Mail*, but it cannot be the true interpretation of the speaker's idea, for in what we may call central King Street the decided majority of the leading dealers are active members. This is particularly noticeable in the fact that the two oldest houses, Rowsell & Hutchison, and James Bain & Son, are represented prominently in members of the firms, being respectively President and Vice-President.

## BOOK NOTES.

J. S. OGILVIE & Co., New York, publish a new work by the very popular authoress, The Duchess, at 50 cents, cloth, entitled "Lady Walworth's Diamonds," a characteristic name for this writer, and bears out her reputation as a fascinating story-teller. In the same style—"A House Party," by Ouida; in the old groove, with similar startling situations and good character-drawing for which this writer is famous. Their *Popular Reading*, No. 35, contains six complete stories by such authors as Wilkie Collins, T. S. Arthur, and F. W. Robinson. It also contains a coloured frontispiece, "Our Uncle John from the Country," somewhat after the style of "Joe Jefferson."

Also "Mohawks," the latest production from the pen of Miss Bradon (cloth, 75 cents). This authoress seems, notwithstanding the many rivals in her particular line of sensational story, to have lost little if any of her old-time popularity.