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After a very full discussion of the various questions submitted, it was unanimously resolved :

RESOLUTIONS.

First. That the custom which prevails in certain municipalities of breaking up the school year into two distinct terms, forming a summer and a winter school, is very detrimental to the best interests of Education and should be abolished at once, and that the school year should consist of one session opening in September and closing in May or June, with a short vacation at Christmas ;

Second. that the custom of engaging teachers for a single term of the school year, encourages frequent changes of teachers and seriously retards the progress of the pupils and should therefore be abandoned ; that teachers should not be engaged for less than eight months, unless the peculiar circumstances of a district render a shorter engagement necessary ;

Third. That the practice of allowing the school manager to engage the teacher for a district is illegal and undesirable ; teachers should be engaged for the whole municipality by the Board of Commissioners, after due notices of a meeting called for the purpose ;

Fourth. That in order to promote the symmetrical and successful training of the children of the district schools, to assist the teachers in the organization and improvement of the schools and to render the work of inspection more uniform and effective, it is very desirable that a course of studies should be provided for the district schools of the Province ;

Fifth. That the rough draft of a course of studies for district schools presented by the Secretary be completed and, when authorized, forwarded to the different school boards of the Province, with an urgent request that it be adopted, with necessary modifications, as the course of study for the Protestant district schools in the different municipalities ;

Sixth. That the attention of the Department of Public Instruction is hereby directed to the fact that the system of "Boarding-round," still prevails in several of the oldest and wealthiest municipalities of the Eastern Townships,