

stated to having the nominations on the same day as the municipal elections, was that it would be the means of introducing politics into school matters; but he was not afraid of the politics that might be introduced incidentally into school matters. The great danger is that the good Christian, strong-minded men did not come out and identify themselves enough in active politics. He proposed to reduce the grant to teachers' institutes to \$25 each per year; but to make up for that it was proposed that at least once in each year a conductor of institutes should attend and discuss educational subjects and deliver a lecture without cost to the association. He hoped to be able to abolish intermediate examinations for they had outlived their usefulness. It was deemed desirable to erect some standard to represent graduation from a high school and to provide a distinct end for the high school course, just as the B.A. indicates the end of the university course, and he would endeavour to co-operate with the university so that graduation from the high school would be the same as matriculation at the university. Mr. Ross then took up the text-book question. He said they had decided to have but one set of readers. These were now in course of preparation and would be ready for the opening of the schools in 1885. They now had six grammars, but he was told by teachers that there was not a good one in the lot. It was proposed that there should be one grammar for the public school course, and another grammar for the high school course. The same plan would be adopted for geographies. Mr. Ross then referred briefly to holidays which would in future be arranged so as to suit the varying conditions of the different parts of the province.

The superannuation question then received animated discussion, and finally a resolution by Mr. Lees, seconded by Mr. Herron, was adopted. The resolution stated that in the opinion of the association the principle of superannuation is wrong and should be abolished by the government as soon as any scheme can be devised to do justice to those who have contributed.

The question of returning to county boards was discussed, and a resolution by Rev. Mr. Pomeroy recommending a return to that plan was adopted.

On the question of voting by ballot for trustees Dr. Norris of Omamee said there was certainly great apathy under the present system, but he had seen great apathy in municipal matters. Voting by ballot would be very useful and he certainly had no objection. It would be a great benefit and convenience to have school nominations on the same day the people were all there to discuss school and municipal matters.

At the Saturday session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. O'Boyle; 1st vice-president, Mr. Sheppard; 2nd vice-president, Miss Rowe; treasurer, Miss Peplow; librarian, Mr. Hallett; secretary, Mr. Head; committee, Messrs. Burgess, Lees, Sherwood, O'Brien, Knight and the Misses Wray and McSweyn.

Cordial votes of thanks were passed to the retiring president, Mr. Hallett, and other officers of the past year, and the convention was closed. The proceedings were more than ordinarily interesting.—*Lindsay Post*.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

THE annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held, at Cobourg, on Tuesday evening, May 7. J. J. McLaren, Esq., M.A., LL.B., Q.C., occupied the chair, and delivered an earnest practical address, in which he expressed his pleasure at meeting so many of his associates of former days, and stated his views at great length on higher education.

Mr. H. Hough, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved.

A lengthened conversation ensued respecting the subject of the president's address, in which a considerable number of the alumni took part, but as the conversation was largely of an informal character, and was merely the exchange of views, no resolutions were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. D. G. Sutherland, M.A., LL.B.; Vice Presidents, Rev. Dr. Meecham and H. S. McMullen, Esq.; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Hough, M.A.; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hayden, M.A.; Council, all graduates residing in Cobourg.

Ballots were cast for the representative of the Alumni on the Senate of the University, and Rev. F. H. Wallace, B.D., M.A., and Professor Bell were appointed scrutineers, who reported that the Rev. A. Burns, D.D., LL.D., was duly elected.

ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

The Annual convocation of the University of Victoria College was held in the Town hall.

Rev. Dr. Nelles, principal of the University, presided, and among those present with him on the platform were Hon. G. W. Ross, M.P.P., Rev. Dr. Carman, superintendent-elect of the Methodist Church; Rev. Dr. Meecham (Japan), Rev. Dr. Burwash, Rev. Prof. Workman, Rev. Prof. Rayner, Prof. Bell, Dr. D. G. Sutherland (St. Thomas), Dr. Haanel, Dr. Purslow, Rev. R. Jones, Mr. Wm. Beatty (Parry Sound), Rev. Prof. Shaw, Montreal; Rev. Dr.