

of Trustees are better adapted to the wants of the country than the present system of School Section Trustees.

*Welland*, January 16.—Moved by the Rev. Charles Walker, seconded by Rev. George Bell, and

*Resolved*,—That instead of the present system of School Sections, a Board of School Trustees be annually elected by the people, to take the entire charge of the schools in the Township for which they are elected.

*At Cayuga*, January 17.—Moved by Thomas Slaven, Esq., seconded by T. Hodder, Esq., and

*Resolved*,—That, after having heard the opinion of the Chief Superintendent, as expressed before this meeting, as to the changing of the School Board of Trustees, it is the opinion of this meeting that the present School Section arrangement in Townships has worked well, and it is therefore their opinion that it should not be abolished.

*Amendment*,—Moved by William Grant, Esq., seconded by Thomas Mussen, Esq.—That it is the opinion of this Convention, that if any change is made in the present mode of managing schools by Sectional Trustees, such mode shall be left to any Township to say whether it will adopt the new method of Township Board or not. *Lost*.

*At Simcoe*, January 18.—Moved by Rev. Mr. Cragie, seconded by Rev. Mr. Willoughby, and

*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable that the schools of the Township should be placed under the control of one Board of Trustees.

Moved by Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Wallace, and

*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this meeting that a special Board of School Trustees should be elected by the people to adjust the school matters of its Township. That it is not advisable to make the Township Councils this Township Board, and also that the position and attitude of this Township Board of School Trustees to its Council, should be similar in every respect to that of Boards of School Trustees in Incorporated Villages, Towns, and Cities to their several Town or City Municipal Councils.

*Amendment*,—Moved by Mr. H. J. Kilmaster, seconded by Mr. O. Austin,

That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Township Council should be the Board of Trustees for the respective Townships. *Lost*.

*At Brantford*, January 19.—Moved by Mr. Hay, seconded by Mr. Wood, and

*Resolved*,—That the proposed change of School Section into Township Boards be not approved of.

*At Hamilton*, January 20.—Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Inksetter, and, (by a large majority)

*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this meeting the substitution of Township Boards for the present system of School Section Boards would promote the efficiency of the Common School system, and be advantageous to the Educational interests of the Country.

*At Newmarket*, January 22.—Moved by Mr. R. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Hawkins,

That this meeting approves of the proposed change in the School Law of electing Township Trustees instead of Section Trustees. And that the Township Board be elected by the people, and that the number of Trustees be six, and also that the Board be separate from the Township Council. *Lost* by a small majority.

*At Barrie*, January 23.—Moved by N. King Esq., seconded by D. Soules, Esq., and

*Resolved*,—That this meeting is of opinion that a great public benefit would be conferred, if instead of Boards of Trustees for each School Section, one Board of six persons were appointed for each Township, two of whom should retire each year. That by such a change the machinery of Education would be greatly simplified, parents would be allowed a larger discretion for the selection of a school for their children, and the situation of teachers would be at once rendered more permanent and desirable. That in the opinion of this meeting however, it is not to be desired that such Township Board should be identical with the Township Council.

*Amendment*,—Moved by the Rev. Dean Northgraves, seconded by T. Dury, Esq.,

That this meeting deems it inexpedient to establish Township Boards of Trustees in lieu of local Boards. *Lost*.

*At Owensound*, January 24.—Moved by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Greer, and

*Resolved*,—That the proposed abolition of School Sections and the establishment of Township Boards of School Trustees, said Boards to be elected by the people on the same day that the Municipal Councillors are elected, meets with the hearty concurrence of this meeting.

*At Walkerton*, January 25.—Moved by James Henderson, Esq., seconded by William Pringle, Esq., and

*Resolved*,—That this meeting having heard the explanations of the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, respecting the proposed changes of the present

school law so far as having Township Boards of Trustees instead of the present Section Boards, express their approval of the proposed change.

*At Goderich*, January 27.—Moved by Mr. H. D. Cameron, seconded by Mr. P. McDonald, and (by a large majority,)

*Resolved*,—That the Educational interests of our country would be promoted by appointing one Board of Trustees for each Township.

Moved by Mr. P. McShea, seconded by Mr. P. McDonald, and (unanimously,)

*Resolved*,—That the Township Boards should consist of Trustees elected by the rate-payers of the Township, and that it be distinct from the Township Council.

*At Stratford*, January 29.—Moved by Rev. T. McPherson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Patterson, and

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable to have one Board of Trustees for each Township, as there is one Board of Trustees for each city, town and incorporated village.

Moved by Rev. Mr. McPherson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Durrant, and

*Resolved*,—That the Township Boards of Trustees be elected by the rate-payers distinct from the Township Council Boards.

*At Sarnia*, January 30.—Moved by Rev. Mr. Gibson, seconded by Rev. Mr. McDermid, and

*Resolved*,—That the formation of Township Boards is much to be desired.

*Amendment*,—Moved by Mr. David Hossie, seconded by Mr. Robert Johnstone.

That it is inexpedient to abolish the existing system of rural school sections, but that Section No 32 of the Common School Act be amended by making provisions for the establishment of Township Boards at any time by a majority of the qualified municipal electors; such desire to be manifested by a general vote or by petition, public notice having been given as to the intention of the municipality to pass such by-law. *Lost*.

Moved by Mr. R. S. Chalmers, seconded by Mr. Robert Fleck, and

*Resolved*,—That the School Trustees be elected separately from the Municipal Council and as a separate body.

*At Chatham*, February 1.—Moved by A. S. Holmes, Esq., seconded by Arthur Anderson, Esq., and

*Resolved*,—That it is desirable that there should be one Board of School Trustees for an entire Township, elected by the rate-payers, and separate from the Township Council.

*Amendment*,—Moved by E. B. Harrison, Esq., seconded by John Duck, Esq.

That in event of a Board of Trustees being elected for each Township that the Municipal Council do constitute the Board. *Lost*.

*At London*, February 2.—Moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Wm. Russell, and

*Resolved*,—That this meeting approves of abolishing the School Sections as now constituted, and forming Township Boards.

Moved by Mr. A. Crawford, seconded by Mr. W. Field, and

*Resolved*,—That the Trustees be a distinct Board, separate from the Township Council.

*At St. Thomas*, February 3.—Moved by the Rev. E. Sheppard, seconded by Thomas Green, Esq., and

*Resolved*,—That we are not prepared to accede to the views of the Chief Superintendent as expressed in the second paragraph of his circular letter under the head,—"Objects of the Convention," and relating to Township Boards.

*At Woodstock*, February 5.—Moved by Mr. Landon, seconded by Mr. Dockery, and

*Resolved*,—That this meeting, while it highly appreciates the great ability of the Chief Superintendent of Education, and while it sees much to approve and even to admire, in his able administration of that office, by which he has raised our educational institutions, and especially our common schools, to a position of usefulness and respectability which may well justify our national pride and challenge the respect of the world,—cannot, nevertheless, approve of the proposition to abolish our rural school corporations, and to place the management of all the schools into the hands of Township Boards,—for the following, among other reasons:

1. Our Common schools, under the present system of management, are believed to be really and rapidly advancing in character and usefulness, and it would be unwise to risk any interruption to that advancement by a mere experiment, or to introduce any considerable change without something like a reasonable certainty that no evil consequences would result therefrom.

2. If the disputes about the boundaries of school sections, in a few remaining instances where they still exist, should thereby be composed, the meeting has reason to fear that the Township system would give rise to other questions of disagreement even more perplexing and difficult to manage.