

ing discussion followed these addresses, and the concensus of opinion was strongly in favor of Municipal School Boards and the appointment of an Attendance Officer for the municipality. A resolution was passed in favor of such an appointment, and the secretary was instructed to forward a copy to the Council of the Municipality of St. Clements, with the request that at Attendance Officer for the Municipality be

appointed at their next regular meeting.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. Geo. Frost, Kitchener S.D., Selkirk, Man.; vice-president, Mr. H. Fleet, Walkley S.D., Walkleyburg, Man.; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. G. Gunn, Gonor S.D., Lockport, Man.

Yours very truly,
A. WILLOWS,
Inspector of Schools.

LANGFORD-ROSEDALE-NEEPAWA MUNICIPAL TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of our Association was successfully held in the Court House, Neepawa, February 6th, beginning at one-thirty. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Mr. R. J. Drysdale; vice-president, Mr. F. A. Sirrett; secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. E. Barron; executive, Mr. J. Wemyss, Mr. F. Drayson and Mr. J. Clark, while Mr. Frank Hockin was elected delegate to the Provincial convention.

The meeting showed a high-class intelligence in their discussion of resolutions which followed Mr. Seater's ad-

dress. The questions of medical inspection of schools and district nursing, Municipal School Board, consolidation and Thrift Stamps, etc., being thoroughly thrashed out. The chairman of the commission, "re the survey of Langford Municipality in view of consolidation," gave his report much to the satisfaction of all concerned. Every person present was impressed with the advisability of making a lead in reconstruction work and that along educational lines.

W. E. BARRON.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARDS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ✓

By A. B. Fallis

The district school system of administration originated in the eastern states. It was purely a community enterprise, each group of families organizing and supporting its own school as best it could. The district organization usually preceded school legislation, which later sanctioned it as the only practical organization for these pioneer settlements. Later the system was adopted by the Province of Ontario, and as a matter of course by the western provinces. In recent years the question has been raised as to whether this system, which probably was the only one suitable for meeting the needs of the early settlers, is the

one best adopted for meeting the conditions as they exist today. At trustees' convention and educational meetings generally the question has received considerable attention, and the great majority of those who have made a study of the matter are of the opinion that the district is too small a unit for administration and that a larger unit, the township, county, or municipality, is required for effective organization. In the eastern states the township unit of organization has to a large extent supplanted the district unit, while the county system has been adopted in a majority of the southern and western states. In Manitoba the larger unit