

Journal, that of grading salaries in rural schools. In no other way will the best teachers be retained in rural districts. Poor teachers and poor environment will make any school unpopular with pupils. When trustees retain the good teachers conditions are always satisfactory.

Dr. Fraser, of the Health Board, outlined the work being done with the aid of nurses to improve physical conditions in the schools. He received a very fine reception from the trustees.

Reeve Henderson, of Kildonan, spoke on the Municipal School Board, and made way for the discussion on this subject at a future gathering of the convention.

The Rev. J. L. Brown, ex-president of the association, gave a fine address on the possibilities and achievements

of local associations. This, after all, is where the great work must be done. The annual gathering is but a cleaning house.

The resolutions adopted will be found in another column.

One of the interesting features of the convention was the model rural school equipment. The following joined in making the exhibit: T. Eaton Company, Moyer Company, Richardson Bros., the Public Works Department. A great many of the visitors spent a long time in viewing this exhibit.

The spelling match was another feature of the convention that proved of exceeding interest. This has been so fully reported in the daily press that it is unnecessary to comment upon it here. The contestants are to be congratulated upon their efficiency.

SOMERSET TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of meeting of the Municipal Trustees' Association, held in the school house, Somerset, on February 23, 1917:

The chair was occupied by Father Rousseau, of Marieapolis, who secured the good attention of all for a short time, speaking in English and French.

Very interesting and instructive addresses were given by Inspector Goulet and Mr. Seator to a well-filled room representing the various parts of the municipality. Inspector Woods occupied the time that was left in his usual felicitous way.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Seator:

Whereas, in the year 1872, Sections 11 and 29, in each and every township of Manitoba were set aside as an endowment for education;

And, whereas, the Dominion government has always retained the control of the sale and management of these lands, and of the fundematuring from the sale thereof;

And, whereas, the moneys paid in on account of lands sold now amounst to between three and one-half and four million dollars;

And, whereas, the Dominion government pays to the province of Manitoba an annual interest on this sum;

And, whereas, the original endowment was originally created in the interest of education in the province, and, therefore, should be administered in such a manner as to bring as large an annual revenue as possible;

Therefore, that this association, representing the school trustees of the province of Manitoba, place itself on record as favoring the administration of this fund by the government of the province of Manitoba, believing that the said government can handle the endowment with greater advantage to education in the province, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the government of the province of Manitoba and to the federal government at Ottawa.

The above resolution was placed on file for further consideration.

The officers selected for the ensuing year were: President, Father Rousseau, Marieapolis; vice-president, R. W. McMorran, Somerset; secretary-treasurer, Joseph Rocan, M. D., Somerset. Executive, Ward 1, M. Therien; Ward 2, J. Fifi; Ward 3, Mr. Blain; Ward 4, William Arnold; Ward 5, J. Salvassin; Ward 6, Vic Pinien.