

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President made some remarks in reference to his Annual Address, and on the expression of feeling it elicited from the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, especially on matters connected with the actions of the Council of Public Instruction.

Professor Wilson was requested to address the Association, but declined to take up the time without previous preparation. The Professor acted as Chairman for a short time, while it was

Moved by A. McMurchy, seconded by Mr. J. Hughes,

That the most cordial thanks of the Association be and are hereby tendered to Professor Goldwin Smith for his timely and practical Address.—Carried.

Mr. James Hughes moved, seconded by E. Scarlett,

That Clause No. 8 of the Constitution (relating to the election of officers) be amended by inserting the words "by ballot" after the words "elected annually."—Carried unanimously.

A. McMurchy gave notice of amendment to Constitution.

J. Thorburn, M.A., read an Essay on certificates to Public School Teachers, "How and by whom Granted."

A spirited discussion ensued, in which the following members took part, viz., Messrs. A. Macallum, W. A. Douglas, J. L. Deacon, John Miller, E. Scarlett, G. D. Platt, D. Johnston, and S. McAllister.

E. T. Crowle, M.A., moved, seconded by Thos. Kirkland, M.A.,

That this Convention deems it desirable that in order to secure a third class certificate a candidate should obtain 80 per cent. of the marks for each paper, and 50 per cent. of the aggregate number.—Lost.

Moved as an amendment by Mr. W. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. E. Scarlett,

That in the opinion of this Association the Council of Public Instruction should issue a regulation definitely giving Local Boards of Examiners the power to exact a minimum of not higher than 50 per cent. of the aggregate number of marks in each of the subjects of Arithmetic and Grammar.—Carried.

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. A. Macallum,

That a hearty vote of thanks be given to J. Thorburn, M.A., for his admirable paper on certificates to Public School Teachers.

The subject of School Taxation was introduced by Mr. D. J. McKinnon, Inspector of Public Schools (Peel).

The following members took part in the discussion, viz., Messrs. H. J. Strang, W. W. Tamblin, R. McQueen, J. W. Connor, W. B. Harvey, A. Miller, and D. Boyle.