

—Early in May the election of members of the Senate of Toronto University takes place. There are in all fifteen members chosen by Convocation, besides the Chancellor, who will be elected this year for the first time under the new constitution. Three of these fifteen members retire each year, and all are eligible for re-election. Convocation is composed of graduates of the University, but Bachelors of Art must be of three years' before becoming members. The election is conducted by means of voting papers distributed some weeks before the date assigned for the election. The retiring members for the present year are the Hon. Edward Blake, M.A., L. Macfarlane, M.B., and T. W. Taylor, M.A. It is generally believed that Mr. Blake will be the all but unanimous choice of his fellow graduates for the Chancellorship, which is almost a sinecure office, and therefore requires the attendance of the incumbent only on rare occasions. The ordinary presiding officer at the Senate meetings is the Vice Chancellor, the present occupant of the position being Mr. Justice Moss. As the Senate has full control over the curriculum of the University, it is not too much to expect of graduates everywhere who have the interest of their *Alma Mater* at heart that they will endeavor to select representatives who know what the country needs at the present time, and who are willing to put themselves to some trouble in order to secure whatever may appear to be a desideratum.

—The County Judge of the County of Norfolk has given judgment in a school case which possesses both interest and importance. The Municipal Council of the township of Walsingham has passed a By-law attaching Long Point on Lake Erie to one of the existing school sections of the township. The Long Point Company refused to pay their school tax, and the section entered an action to recover the amount. It was admitted by the counsel that the part of Long Point nearest to Port Rowan, the site of the school, is distant four miles, communication being by water, and that the part furthest off is 25 miles. The By-law was declared by the Judge to be both *ultra vires* of the Council, and contrary to the intention and reasonable interpretation of the School Acts. The By-law was held to be beyond competence of the

Council to pass because, although the School Law confers upon township councils the right to form into school sections portions of the township where no schools have been established, and to unite two or more sections into one at the request of a majority of the assessed freeholders and householders, it nowhere authorizes a Council to annex a section of the township where is one. It was further held that the manifest intention of the School law is to bring the means of obtaining an education within the reach of all, and that the Act itself contains provisions guarding against the creation of insurmountable physical obstacles to the attendance of the children of the section at school. This intention was completely frustrated by the by-law in question, the great distance between the Point and the mainland being of itself sufficient to preclude attendance at Port Rowan school. A verdict was, therefore, entered for the defendants with costs.

—A convention of teachers was held at Elora, on Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th. There were about 150 teachers present from all parts of the country. On Friday evening addresses were delivered in the drill shed by Hon. Adam Crooks and Prof. Goldwin Smith. The following are the principal resolutions passed at the convention. In general, these resolutions were unanimously carried:

1. Moved and seconded that, in the opinion of this Convention, County and City Boards of Examiners be not allowed to renew third-class certificates, or to grant permits or interim certificates under any condition whatever, and that third-class certificates be made Provincial for three years, also that an elementary knowledge of book-keeping and human physiology be required, and that British or Canadian History be substituted for general history.—Carried.

2. Moved and seconded that, in the opinion of this meeting, Botany, Natural History, Agricultural Chemistry, Domestic Economy, Civil Government, Book keeping and Christian Morals, as taught from a textbook, be made optional subjects. Unanimously carried.

3. Moved and seconded that, instead of having quarterly examinations as heretofore, we have two examinations during the year, time not specified. Carried.

4. Moved and seconded that, in the