

lowing Delegates addressed the Association:—Mr. Campbell, from the Beverly Teachers' Association; Mr. Watson, from York Township; Mr. Buchanan, from the Board of School Trustees, Preston; and several others.

The Report of the Finance Committee was then presented by Mr. McCabe. [See Report at end of Minutes.]

The following resolution was then submitted, and adopted:—*Resolved*,—"That in consequence of the small number of pupils attending the Common Schools in the rural sections during the month of July, the Summer Vacation in Common Schools be four weeks, ending at the same time as the Grammar School Vacation."

Reports of the Delegates, Messrs. Campbell, Watson, and Buchanan, were received, and laid over for future consideration.

The following resolution was then submitted by Mr. Dixon, relative to the third topic announced in the circular for discussion, viz. "The expediency of the power of granting Certificates of qualification as Teachers by County Boards, or the transference of this power to a Central Board of Examiners, giving Provincial Certificates."

*Resolved*,—"That it is expedient and necessary, for the advancement of Education amongst us, to discontinue County and Circuit Boards of Public Instruction, as now constituted; and appoint Superintendents, who have been at least first class Common School Teachers, or Grammar School Teachers, to be nominated by the County Council, and appointed by the Council of Public Instruction, for each County of Upper Canada. Three or five of such Superintendents, forming a Board of Examiners, to grant Certificates to Teachers, in their respective Circuits, limiting such Certificates to County or Township, according to their judgment, or making them valid for the whole Circuit; and to require each Board to elect, either annually or otherwise, one of its members to act in their behalf, in a Central Board of Examiners, formed of such Elective Superintendents, having power to grant Provincial Certificates to such Teachers as they find qualified, and who have already satisfied the Local Boards of their ability to teach, and been recommended by them to this Central Board."

Moved in amendment by the Rev. Mr. Porter, and seconded by Mr. Richard Lewis, "That in the opinion of this Meeting a Provincial Board of Examiners should be appointed by the Department of Education, which shall include no individual whose own pupils shall be subject to such examination; and that such Board of Examiners shall be alone authorized to grant Certificates to Candidate Teachers, wherever taught or trained."

Moved by Mr. McCallum, "That Mr. Dixon's motion be amended, by adding the words—And that the Masters of the Normal School belong to such Central Board." Carried.

The original motion, as thus amended by Mr. McCallum, was then carried.