

Henry Hopper Miles, Esq., LL.D. and D.C.L., Secretary of the Education Office, and Recording Clerk of the Council of Public Instruction, in the room of Dr Giard, resigned.

Thirty-first Meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with the Jacques Cartier Normal School.

Held 25th January 1867.

Presents :—Abbés Verreau and Routhier, M. J. E. Paradis, President ; M. Emard, Vice-President ; J. O. Cassegrain, Secretary ; U. E. Archambault, H. J. Chagnon, H. Bellerose, Members of Committee, Messrs. G. Gervais, J. E. Roy, J. Guérin, M. Guérin, S. A. Longtin, M. J. E. Chagnon, H. Pesant, C. Ferland, A. Chênevert, P. Quesnel, G. J. Dorvais and the pupil-teachers of the Jacques-Cartier Normal School.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following subject was then discussed : *What text-book of geography can be used with most advantage in our Schools ?*

Messrs. Archambault, Emard, Bellerose, Roy, Pesant, Guérin, Chênevert, Dorvais, Longtin and J. Guérin took part in the discussion, the President also making a few remarks and calling on Mr. Verreau to sum up the arguments.

The Principal, addressing the meeting, said that according to the opinion of the teachers present, *La Géographie des Frères* was that which was more generally in use ; it did not however answer the purpose of our schools ; a Geography suited to the wants of the country was not as yet in existence. He spoke of the science of Geography, of its permanent and universal usefulness, glancing at the works of Rittar, Pestalozzi and Braun, distinguished men who had taught geography. He analyzed their respective methods ; pointed out the advantages and defects of each, showed how the study of this science might be made both progressive and attractive, and concluded his remarks by advising teachers to make their pupils keep pace with the latest discoveries by explaining to them the physical conditions, habits of the inhabitants &c., noting also any statistical details published from time to time in the newspapers.

It was then moved by Mr. Emard, seconded by Mr. Cassegrain,

That the Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following works :

From Mr. Juneau, Inspector of Schools, *Traité élémentaire de calcul mental*. From Professor Lacasse, *Tenue de Livres*. From Professor Toussaint, *Traité élémentaire d'Arithmétique*.

Moved by Mr. F. X. Chagnon, seconded by Mr. Bellerose, and adapted unanimously,

That the Meeting be adjourned to the last Friday in May next.

Thirty-second Meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with the Jacques Cartier Normal School.

Held 31st. May 1867.

PRESENT : Principal E. Verreau, Inspectors Valade and Caron ; Messrs. J. E. Paradis, President ; M. Emard, Vice-President ; J. O. Cassegrain, Secretary ; D. Boudrias, Treasurer ; U. E. Archambault, J. B. Prion, H. Bellerose, Members of the Committee ; F. X. Mousseau, H. Dostaler, N. Gervais, V. Armand, M. Guérin, J. E. Roy, C. Gélinais, J. O. Contu, J. Armand, S. Boutin, A. Malette, H. Pesant, A. Dalpé, J. Destroismaisons, C. Ferland, P. Anger, A. Lanctôt, S. Aubuchon and the pupil-teachers of the Jacques Cartier Normal School.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows :

Mr. M. Emard, President ; M. H. Bellerose, Vice-President ; J. O. Cassegrain, Secretary ; D. Boudrias, Treasurer ; U. E. Archambault, Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Archambault, seconded by Mr. Cassegrain, Messrs. J. B. Prion, M. Guérin, F. X. Mousseau, N. Gervais, A. Malette, J. E. Roy, A. Dalpé and J. Destroismaisons were unanimously elected members of the Committee.

Inspector Valade read a paper on *Science*.

The following question was put for debate : *What is the best series of reading books in the French language in use in our schools ?*

Mr. Verreau, Messrs. Valade, Caron, Boudrias, Archambault, Gélinais, J. Armand and Mousseau took part in the discussion.

Moved by Mr. Malette, seconded by M. Destroismaisons,

That the Abbé Verreau be requested to grant the members of the Association leave of absence during the Conference in August next.—Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Dalpé, seconded by Mr. Destroismaisons,

That a committee of six members of the Association be appointed with the object of presenting an address to the Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau on his arrival from Europe ; and that said Committee be composed of the Principal of Jacques-Cartier Normal School, the President of the Association, and of Messrs. Paradis, Bellerose and Cassegrain.—Adopted.

Moved by M. Cassegrain, seconded by Mr. Archambault,

That a vote of thanks be tendered to M. l'Abbé Verreau, and to Messrs. Valade and Caron for the interest they have manifested towards this Association, and for the valuable advice given to the Teachers.—Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Gervais, seconded by Mr. Roy :

That thanks be voted to the proprietors of *La Minerve* and *L'Ordre* for having inserted the advertisements of the Association gratis.—Adopted.

It was then proposed by Mr. Boudrias, seconded by Mr. Bellerose and

Resolved,—That this meeting be adjourned and that notice of its reassembling be given in the papers.

Messrs. Boudrias, Paradis, Prion, Bellerose and Cassegrain undertook to lecture at the next Convention, when the following subject will be proposed for debate : *How should a teacher deport himself, towards his pupils, their parents, and the school authorities ?*

Thirty-first Meeting of the Teachers' Association in connection with the Laval Normal School.

Held 2nd. May 1867.

FIRST SITTING, 9 A. M.

Present: Rev. François-Narcisse Fortier, Asst. Principal ; M. l'abbé Langlais ; Inspectors Messrs. P. M. Bardy, F. E. Juneau, Geo. Tanguay, Petrus Hubert, F. X. Toussaint, E. Carrier, N. Lacasse, Norbert Thibault, J. B. Cloutier, D. McSweeney, L. T. Dion, C. J. L. Lafrance, Jos. Létourneau, A. Esnouf, Chs. Dion, Ls. Lefebvre, P. A. Roy, Jacob Gagné, Frs. Simard, Ls. Blanchet, T. Morisset, Et. Gauvin, Frs. Parent, J. B. Dugal, Eug. Boulet, S. Fortin, V. A. Bérubé, V. Dick, L. Dick, J. B. Deguise, C. Labrecque, E. St. Hilaire, S. Larroche, U. Desroches, Bruno Belletier, P. Drolet, D. Potvin, H. Rousseau, Geo. Trambly, Ls. Paquet, Jos. Potvin, C. Côté, S. Côté, and the pupil-teachers of the Laval Normal School.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and adopted, the following question was discussed : *In view of the methods followed in most schools, should teachers study Pedagogy ?*

The debate had been carried on for some time by Inspectors P. Hubbard, Geo. Tanguay, F. E. Juneau and several members, when it was interrupted by the arrival of Mgr. J. Langevin, Bishop of Rimouski, whereupon Mr. F. X. Toussaint moved, seconded by Mr. Chas. Dion, and it was

Resolved,—That this association has witnessed with great pleasure the elevation of Mgr. J. Langevin to the episcopal chair of St. Germain de Rimouski ; and that members avail themselves of