

of successful work in the school-room should be extended to the higher classes of certificates, so as to make it possible for a teacher, through success in teaching, to raise his certificate from one grade to another in that class to which it belongs.

A discussion followed, which was engaged in by Messrs. R. Alexander, Jno. Campbell, A. Barber, S. C. Chadwick, Jas. Munro, A. C. Graham, H. Gray and others.

Mr. A. Barber moved, in amendment to Mr. Alexander's resolution, seconded by Mr. H. Gray, That, in the opinion of the Public School Section, the Professional and Non-Professional Certificates of teachers should be entirely separate, that, while certificates in the non-professional work should be given only upon the results of literary and scientific examinations as to all the grades, the professional should be made to depend largely on professional experience; so that a teacher might become a First Class teacher of the second grade, etc., through the entire grades.

After a short discussion the amendment was voted on and lost, and the motion put and carried.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. James Munro, Ottawa; Secretary, F. C. Powell, Kincardine; Directors, Messrs. F. Wood, Bradford; T. O. Steele, Barrie; Inspector Dearness, London; J. S. Deacon, Ingersoll; R. Coates, Burlington; Legislative Committee, Messrs. R. W. Doan, W. J. Hendry, Toronto, and W. Rannie, Newmarket.

Moved by Mr. S. McAllister, seconded by Mr. S. C. Chadwick, That, in the opinion of the Public School Section, while it may be desirable to limit the validity of Third Class Certificates to counties, it would be detrimental to the best interests of Public School education to adopt the backward step of relegating the Non-Professional Examination to County Boards.

After a short discussion Mr. R. W. Doan moved, seconded by Mr. A. C. Graham, That the matter of Third Class Certificates referred to in Mr. S. McAllister's resolution be postponed.—*Carried.*

Dr. Forrest explained and illustrated the use of his word-builder.

Moved by Mr. T. O. Steele, seconded by Mr. C. Rannage, That the thanks of the Section be tendered Dr. Forrest, of Bradford, for illustrations of the use of his word-builder.—*Carried.*

The Section then adjourned.

F. C. POWELL,
Secretary.

JAMES DUNCAN,
Chairman.