

Messrs. Masten, Elliot, Howard and Campbell, Mrs. Holden and Miss Macdonald.

Committee on Nomination of Officers and on time and place of next meeting of Association :

Dr. McGregor, Inspectors Magrath and McGregor, Messrs. Butler and Dixon, Rev. Mr. Kerr, Misses Abbott and G. Hunter.

Miss McLean, of Granby, then read a very practical paper, entitled, "A few hints on teaching oral geography," which called forth complimentary remarks from Mr. Masten, Drs. Harper and Kelley.

The Treasurer, Mr. C. A. Humphrey, then submitted his financial report, which showed a balance of about fifty dollars to the credit of the Association.

In this connection, Dr. Harper, of the Quebec High School, expressed the opinion that some small sum should be granted by the government in order to aid in bringing together a collection of school apparatus for the use of the teachers in convention assembled, as teachers generally had no opportunity of seeing these large collections of apparatus. If some such collection could be gathered together it would be of great advantage to the teachers.

The President said he would, as a friend of the Association, be very happy to be the medium through which they might make an application to the provincial treasurer, to place a limited sum at their disposal for that purpose.

Mr. J. P. Noyes, School Commissioner of Waterloo, read a very well written and racy paper entitled, "A Plea for School Commissioners," in which he deprecated the restrictions which the present school law imposed upon School Commissioners, and pleaded for greater freedom of action in the management of the schools entrusted to their care. He pointed out the great inconvenience that arises from the present condition of our school laws, which are scarcely intelligible even to the legal mind, and urged the necessity for a revised edition, written in plain English. He considered that in order to make our school system successful, more responsibility and a larger share in the management of the schools should be laid upon the rate-payers. In order to secure this and to awaken a greater interest in school matters, he urged the adoption of the district system as compared with the municipal system. In the discussion that followed—

Dr. Robins said that two matters were referred to in the paper, the first