

GATHERING OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

CLOSING SESSIONS WERE HELD YESTERDAY

A Number of Interesting Papers—The Election of Officers—Last Night's Meeting.

"Our reveals now are ended."

The session of the High school section held yesterday morning was a very profitable meeting.

The "Foot Note to Botany" proved most intensely interesting. Mr. Henry exhibited large wall charts which each teacher could easily make for himself.

Mr. Clarke's paper on "English Subjects in the High School" was wide in its scope. He began by a strong plea that subjects of study which make for general culture should have the pre-eminence.

The speaker next took up the English subjects in succession, beginning with History. He protested strongly against mechanical treatment and advised that instead of devoting time to the memorization of details, the subject should be taken up in a broader and deeper manner.

Mr. Clarke then took up Literature, and emphasized most highly the great importance of this study. He spoke of its value as a powerful factor in mental and moral development.

In the senior section, after Miss Fraser's paper on English, the ever-interesting and fertile subject of Geography was introduced by Mr. Leith.

Mr. Leith began by outlining the new method of teaching geography, which aims first to present the world as a whole.

In order to give an example of his method, the speaker instanced Asia. He would begin by a comparison of this continent with others in size, position, etc., and work from a map showing the great land mass, outlining all details.

One or two questions were asked in regard to particular methods, to which Mr. Leith responded.

The closing session of the convention met in the assembly room of South Park school. The meeting opened with the reading of the minutes.

After the committee on nominations for officers had withdrawn, the first order of the afternoon session was presented by J. T. Wilson, his subject being "The Octal System."

The octal system, as its name implies, is one in which the unit of numerical progression is eight, in contradistinction to that at present in use, where the unit of progression is ten.

After showing the failings of the octal system, and its utter inadaptability to the practical uses of a commercial people, the speaker showed the advantage of a system based on a radix of eight.

The chief and great advantage of the octal system is the easy divisibility of its unit into halves, and quarters and eighths, thus following nature.

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Mr. Canfield began his interesting and original address by drawing the outline of the River Seine, and the delta of the ancient town of the borderers.

The lecturer remarked that our neighbors across the line seemed to think that the architectural arrangements of their own invention.

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First Vice-President—R. J. Clark, Nelson. Second Vice-President—Thos. Leith, Vancouver.

Third Vice-President—P. S. Wood, Kamloops. Treasurer—E. B. Paul, Victoria.

Executive Committee—Ellen Rogers, New Westminster; A. Smith, Revelstoke; E. W. Suttie, Vernon; A. Sullivan, Nelson; D. Tait, Rossland.

Resolutions were next in order. The only one which caused discussion was proposed by Miss Agnes Cameron.

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WILL HANG FOR MURDER OF BOY

FURTHER RETURNS OF VOTING IN MANITOBA

Two Lives Lost in the Floods—The Proposed Transfer of Methodist Ministers.

Montreal, April 3.—Theroid Hansen was tonight found guilty in the court of King's Bench of the murder last November of Eric Marotte, a nine-year-old boy, and was sentenced to be hanged on Friday, June 13th.

Trading in Dominion Steel common stock was very lively on the London Stock Exchange to-day.

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THE SIMILKAMEEN.

A Bright Outlook—Coal Properties Attracting Much Attention.

Chas. McIntosh, who returned from the Similkameen district a few evenings ago, reports that the outlook at Princeton is better now than ever in its history.

This property, Mr. McIntosh pointed out, had splendid coal croppings, and was advantageously situated about the centre of the coal basin, between the Similkameen and Tulameen rivers.

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The following later transfers were made: Rev. Walter L. Sheridan, from Hamilton to British Columbia; Rev. R. McIntyre, Manitoba to British Columbia.

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MORE CANADIAN WHO WERE WOUND DURING FIGHT WITH BOERS IN TR.

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Ottawa, April 7.—The toll of Canadian casualties among the Boers in the South African War has been recently ascertained by the War Office.

Lord Roberts praises the general as follows: "General Buller's tactics were brilliant. I have telegraphed my hearty congratulations to him."

Dr. Borden has received the Medal of Honor from the British Government for his services in the Boer War.

The fourth contingent of the Canadian Mounted Rifles has sailed for South Africa.

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