

## RESOLUTIONS AT THE COUNTY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.\*

### I. IN REGARD TO THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

*At St. Catharines, County of Lincoln, Jan. 16.*

Moved by the Rev. A. Dixon, A. B., seconded by Mr. Frost, and

*Resolved*.—That this County meeting, in view of the anomalous position in which the Trustees of the Grammar Schools of the County stand, in their inability to raise funds for their efficient working, suggests that they should be placed in the same position as the Common School Boards, with respect to the raising of funds; and that the said Grammar Schools be the Schools of the cities, towns, townships or incorporated villages within the limits of which they are situated, and the Trustees appointed by the Municipal Councils thereof; and that the Grammar School fund be apportioned to each Municipality upon the same condition as the Legislative Common School Grant.

*At Simcoe, County of Norfolk, Jan. 20.*

Moved by Rev. W. Slaght, seconded by Dr. Clarke, and

*Resolved*.—That this meeting in view of the anomalous position in which the Trustees of the Grammar Schools in the County stand, in their inability to raise or procure funds for their efficient working, suggests that the present law be amended, so as to make it compulsory upon the County Councils to raise and pay over annually a sum of money sufficient to enable the Trustees to make their Schools efficient, the annual grant to be based upon estimates, to be prepared and submitted by them to the County Council.

*At Guelph, County of Wellington, Jan. 23.*

Moved by W. S. G. Knowles, Esq., seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and

*Resolved*.—That on action being taken by the Legislature to put the Grammar Schools on a better footing, this meeting suggests the propriety of allowing the appointment of Grammar School Trustees to remain as at present, but in apportioning the aid to the different Grammar Schools, it should be made conditional that the County Councils should raise an equal sum for the same purpose, and that pupils from the county be admitted free.

*At Berlin, County of Waterloo, Jan. 24.*

Moved by Rev. E. R. Stimson, seconded, by H. S. Hudson, Esq., and

*Resolved*.—That in the opinion of this meeting the election of Grammar School Trustees should remain as at present, and that it shall be the duty of the County Council to levy and assess an amount equal to that apportioned by the Government for the support of the Grammar Schools of the County; and that in consideration thereof the children of the County shall be admitted free to tuition.

*At Stratford, County of Perth, Jan. 25,*

Moved by the Rev. Thos. Macpherson, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, and

*Resolved*.—That in view of the anomalous position of the Trustees of Grammar Schools in respect to the mode of raising funds for the support of such schools, it is desirable that they be placed in the same position as Common School Trustees in regard to their power to raise funds within the municipality in which the school is situated; that the county be required to raise an amount equal to the Legislative grant, and that these schools may be free to all pupils qualified to enter them, when the Common Schools are free.—This resolution, was amended on the suggestion of Mr. Roberts, by recommending that the town or other municipalities where the Grammar schools are situated, and which were required by the above resolution to supply any deficiency in the Grammar school funds, should have an equality of representation at the Board. The resolution, as amended, was carried unanimously.

*At Goderich, United Counties of Huron and Bruce, Jan. 26.*

Moved by Mr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Cooper, and

*Resolved*.—That the Grammar School be the school of the county, and that a recommendation of the Chief Superintendent, now made on the subject is approved by this meeting.

*At Sarnia, County of Lambton, Jan. 28.*

Moved by the Rev. G. J. R. Salter, M. A., seconded by James Flintoff, Esq., and

*Resolved*.—That it is the opinion of this Convention that it would be advisable that an act should be passed compelling the raising by the County Council of a sum of money equal to that granted by the Government for the support of Grammar Schools.—That said Grammar Schools should be

free to every child in the County; the building required for carrying on such school should be provided by the town in which such school is situated; and further, that one-half of the trustees should be appointed by the County Council, the other half by the Town Municipality.

*At Sandwich, County of Essex, Jan. 30.*

Moved by Mr. A. Bartlett, seconded by George Shipley, Esq., and

*Resolved*.—That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Grammar School Act should be so amended as to authorize the County Council to raise a sum of money for Grammar School purposes, equal to the Government Grant for the Grammar Schools of the County, and that the Town or Village in which the School is located, provide the necessary buildings; the Council of the said Town or Village shall have the appointment of three Trustees, and that the Schools so established be entirely free to the whole County.

*At Chatham, County of Kent, Jan. 31.*

Moved by Stephen White, Esq., seconded by John McMichael, Esq.,

*Resolved*.—That this meeting would gladly see such alterations made in the constitution of Grammar Schools as would render tuition therein free to all pupils sufficiently advanced to be admitted; one-half of the Trustees being appointed by the Town Council, and the other half by the County Council; and the buildings and other conveniences for such Schools being provided by the Towns in which they may be respectively situated, a sum of money equal to the Government Grant being raised by the County Council for the payment of teachers' salaries.

*At London, County of Middlesex, Feb. 2.*

Moved by His Honor Judge Hughes, seconded by John S. McColl, Esq., and

*Resolved*.—That in the opinion of this Convention, the establishment of Grammar Schools upon a free basis is desirable for the benefit of the youth of the country, and that the County Municipalities should raise a sum equal to the Government grant for the support of such schools.—Carried unanimously.

*At Woodstock, County of Oxford, Feb. 3.*

Moved by the Rev. John Bredin, seconded by Dr. Turquand and

*Resolved*.—That this meeting, in view of the anomalous position in which the Trustees of the Grammar Schools of the county stand, in their inability to raise funds for their efficient working, suggests that they should be placed in the same position as the Common School Boards with respect to the levying of funds; and that the said Grammar Schools should be the schools of the cities, towns, townships or incorporated villages within the limits of which they are respectively situated; the trustees appointed by the municipal councils thereof; and the Grammar School fund apportioned upon the same condition as the Legislative Common School Grant.

It was moved in amendment by William Wilson, Esq., seconded by John Douglas, Esq., and

*Resolved*.—That this meeting is in favor of a change in the management of our Grammar School system: that the Grammar Schools should be free, and that for their efficient management three trustees should be appointed by the County Council, while the appointment of the remainder might with propriety be left to the municipality in which a Grammar School is or might be situated; the said municipality to raise an amount equal to the Government appropriation for the support of the same, and also to provide suitable buildings.

On the amendment being put it was carried by a large majority.

*At Hamilton, County of Wentworth, Feb. 6.*

Moved by Dr. Billings, seconded by Jesse Hurlburt, L.L.D., and

*Resolved*.—That in the opinion of this meeting the Grammar School of any municipality should be placed under the control of Trustees appointed by the Common Council of the Municipality; such Trustees to have the same powers as the Trustees of the Common Schools. Also, that the Grammar School Fund should be apportioned upon the same conditions as the Legislative School Grant.

After some discussion the resolution was withdrawn, and a resolution to the effect that cities should be erected into Counties for Grammar School purposes, moved by the Rev. R. Burnet, seconded by J. Lister, Esq., was unanimously agreed to.

*At Milton, County of Halton, Feb. 7.*

Moved by Rev. James Nesbit, seconded by Rev. Mr. McLean, and

*Resolved*.—That in the opinion of this meeting, County Grammar Schools should be supported on the same principle as Common Schools so far as requiring County Councils to appropriate a like amount in support of such

\* The proceedings at Owen Sound and Belleville were not reported to the Educational Department, although the County Clerks were requested to do so.