

EAST VICTORIA.—The seventh semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in the High School, Omecoo, on the 13th and 14th ult. The attendance on the first day was large. Mr. J. Shaw, M.A., president, opened the proceedings with an address bearing upon the teacher's practical work and his fitness for the profession, dwelling particularly on the benefits to be derived from studies in language, literature, and science. Mr. W. E. Tilley, M.A., H. M. Lindsay High School, moved a vote of thanks to the president for his excellent address, and requested him to allow it to be published in a local newspaper. Mr. J. H. Knight, I.P.S., seconded the motion, which was passed with applause. In the afternoon Mr. Seymour, of Lindsay High School, took up "Geography," and treated the subject in a manner that won the approbation of the members. He showed in an interesting manner how it may be taught to very young scholars, beginning with local places and extending till it comprised a full knowledge of the subject as the pupils became more advanced in class. Mr. M. Harrington illustrated his plan of teaching per centage to a class; some of the members present acting the part of pupils. These two subjects were then discussed in order by Messrs. Armour, Hickson, Knight, I.P.S., Balfour, Ingram, Sherwood, McMurchy, R. Junkin, Tilley, M.A., Carruthers, J. Junkin, and the president. In the absence of Mr. J. Reazin, I.P.S., West Victoria, who could not attend, Mr. J. H. Knight, I.P.S., led the discussion on the Superannuated Teachers' Fund, as submitted in the circular of the Legislative Council (published in April number of CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL). In taking up the clauses *seriatim*, Mr. Tilley proposed, and Mr. Armour seconded, that the fund be retained, the name being immaterial. Mr. McMurchy moved, and Mr. Ingram seconded an amendment to the effect that it be discontinued. On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried and further discussion stopped. The president remarked that the proceeding was unworthy of the association, as their opinion would not abolish the fund, but their action would make them ridiculous in the eyes of other associations. The following were appointed a committee of nomination:—Messrs. Knight, Junkin, Sherwood, Head, and Irwin. In the evening a meeting was held in the Bradburn Hall, presided over by Dr. Norris, Reeve of the county. An address on the "Duties of Trustees" was given by Mr. J. H. Knight, I.P.S. He handled his subject with much ability, showing some of the difficulties and responsibilities of the office. He advised the policy of re-engaging a good teacher at his present salary rather than run the risk of getting an indifferent one for a few dollars a year less; and he strongly deprecated a growing spirit of false economy, which must have a baneful effect on future education. In the course of his address he gave some excellent practical hints, which showed his thorough knowledge of school work. Mr. J. Shaw, M.A., president of the Association, read an admirable essay on "Prosody." He was followed by Mr. J. L. Robertson, of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, who gave a short address on "Teaching in Ireland, Past and Present;" after which, on the motion of Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Graham, a cordial vote of thanks was given to the chairman. On the proposition of Dr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Graham, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speakers, and the meeting was closed. After assembling on the second day at 9 a.m., the "Question Drawer" was answered by Messrs. Knight, Armour, McMurchy, Seymour, J. L. Robertson, and Lee. The nomination committee gave in their report, which, after some slight alteration, was adopted as follows:—President, Mr. Armour; First Vice, Mr. W. E. Tilley; 2nd, Mr. Harrington; Secretary, Mr. J. H. Knight; Treasurer, Mr. Irwin; Librarian, Mr. McMurchy; Committee of Management, Miss Holtorf, Messrs. J. Junkin, J. Shaw, and G. A. Sherwood. Some dissatisfaction having been expressed at the shutting down of the Superannuation Fund discussion the previous day, Mr. McMurchy moved that it be reconsidered, seconded by Mr. Irwin, and carried. The following resolutions were then passed:— "Whereas the Teachers' Association for East Victoria had expressed the opinion that the Teachers' Superannuation Fund should be discontinued, at the same time we are of opinion, if the said fund should be retained, that—1st. The payments should be optional on all teachers and inspectors. 2nd. That the sum to be paid should be in all cases \$4 each per annum. 3rd. If public school teachers are compelled to contribute to the fund, the same obligation should rest on the teachers of High and Separate schools, also on High and Public school inspectors. 4th. It should be optional with teachers to retire at the age of 55, or after 21 years' service." Mr. G. A. Sherwood then read a very interesting and instructive essay on the "Literary Requirements of the Present Age," and after transacting some routine business the Convention adjourned.

LINCOLN.—This Association met at the Central School, St. Catharines, on Friday and Saturday May 20 and 21. Mr. J. M. Buchan, M.A., H.S. Inspector, conducted a Teacher's Institute on the subjects of English Grammar, English Literature and History. On Friday evening Mr. Buchan delivered his lecture on "Poetry and Politics." Mr. Eckert, of London East, took up the subject of Writing. Mr. Geo. W. Ross, M.P.P., happening to be present, delivered a humorous but instructive address on the teacher's Ten Commandments, and also a short one on School Management. J. B. Somerset, Esq., P.S. Inspector for Lincoln, read a paper on Practical Aids to Teachers' Work. The proposed changes in the

Superannuation Fund were taken up, but after considerable discussion it was found impossible to arrive at any definite conclusion, and the matter was dropped.

SPECIAL MEETING.—A special meeting of the Waterloo County Teachers' Association was held in the Central School, Berlin, on Saturday, May 21st, to discuss the circular respecting the Superannuated Teachers' Fund, sent out by the Legislative Committee of Provincial Teachers' Association. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by the President, Mr. S. S. Horner, and opened by Mr. Alexander leading in prayer. Moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Suddaby, that the circular be taken up clause by clause. Carried. Moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Linton, that the first clause be passed. Moved in amendment by Mr. Groh, with Mr. B. Hal. Brown as seconder, that in the opinion of this association, the Superannuation Fund, as at present existing, should be abolished on equitable conditions, and that no Teachers' Retiring Fund be instituted. After a lengthy and animated discussion, in which Messrs. Linton, Crookshank, Groh, Alexander, Steuernagle, Brown, Suddaby, Chapman, and Mueller took part, the amendment was carried by a vote of nearly two to one. Moved by Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Suddaby, that we adjourn, to meet at our next regular session in September.—Carried.

S. S. HENNER, Pres.

[CHAS. A. WINTER, Sec.-Treas.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS, 1891.

SUMMARY.

| COUNTY. | Place of Meeting. | DATE. |
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| South Hastings | Belloville | 2nd and 3rd June. |
| North York | Newmarket | 3rd and 4th June. |
| North Huron | Seaford | 2nd and 3rd June. |
| Proscott | Vankleek Hill | 9th and 10th June. |
| South Essex | Kingsville | 9th and 10th June. |
| West Bruce | Kincardine | 9th and 10th June. |
| South Wellington | Guelph | 3rd and 4th June. |

SOUTH HASTINGS.—This Association will be held in the Central School, Belloville, on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd of June next, beginning at 9 a.m., each day. **PROGRAMME.**—Thursday, 2nd.—9 to 10 a.m., Election of Officers and Delegates to the Provincial Teachers' Association. 10 to 10.3 a.m., Monstration, G. W. Sinc. 10.30 to 11.15 a.m., Stocks, O. S. Hicks. 11.15 to 12 a.m., Writing, G. M. Yerox. 1.30 to 2.30 p.m., Reading First and Second Books, G. S. Wilson. 2.30 to 3.30 p.m., Grammar, 3rd and Junior 4th Classes, J. W. Dufos. 3.30 to 4.20 p.m., Mental Arithmetic, E. H. Anderson. 4.20 to 5 p.m., Fractions, G. M. Yerox. **Friday, 3rd.**—9.10 a.m., Elementary Arithmetic, J. Wheeler. 10 to 11 a.m., School Management, G. H. Parker. 11 to 12 a.m., Grammar for Senior 4th and 5th Classes, Prof. H. M. Hicks. 1.30 to 3.00 a.m., Book-Keeping, J. W. Johnson, Principal Ontario Commercial College. 3 to 4 a.m., Discussion on the proposed changes in the Law relating to Superannuation Fund, by Convention, introduced by Mr. Irwin. Every teacher is earnestly requested to attend punctually each day. A lecture on Thursday evening in the Town Hall. The discussions will be interspersed with readings, music and singing.

S. A. GARDNER, Secretary.

J. JOHNSTON, President.

NORTH YORK.—The next meeting of this Association will be held in the Model School, Prospect Street, Newmarket, on Friday and Saturday, 3rd and 4th June, commencing at 10 a.m. Programme for session as follows: Reading, open to friendly criticism, D. Hull; Selection, Fifth Book, page 55, and Spelling, Third Book, Miss Thompson; Object Lessons, Mr. Fotheringham; Sub-Mood, Mr. H. Irwin, Literature, 1881; XVII, Sec. VI, Canon,—"At once there rose"—"We'll drive them back as tame," Mr. J. E. Dickson, B.A.; Reading Assoc. Selection, Fifth Book 463, also 510. S. Holland, leader; Reading by Class in Second Book, Miss McMurchy. Mr. J. Hughes, P.S.I., Toronto, has kindly consented to be present, to deliver a lecture on Friday evening—subject, "School Room Humor"—and methods of teaching subjects in P.S. work, on Saturday. By order of Ex. Committee.

S. E. JAWITT, Sec.-Treasurer.

D. FOTHERINGHAM, President.

PROSCOTT.—There will be a meeting of this Association at Vankleek Hill on the 9th and 10th of June next. Programme for Thursday, 1st Session, 9 to 12 a.m.—1. President's Address; 2. Election of officers; 3. Arithmetic, 4th class problems—J. W. McCutcheon. How to teach Reduction, W. S. Johnston. 2nd Session 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.—4. Geography, F. Bisset; 5. The Noun, John Hayes; 6. French Addresses, Messrs. Belanger and Kyle; 7. Practical Chemistry, T. Otway Page, B.A. Public Lecture, 7.30 p.m.—8. Poetry and Politics, J. M. Buchan, M.A., L.H.S. Programme for Friday, 1st Session, 9 to 12 a.m.—1. A discussion on proposed Amendments to the School Law; 2. English Grammar, J. M. Buchan, M.A. 2nd Session, 1.30 to 4 p.m.—3. Public School Programme, W. J. Summerby, I.P.S.; 4. Algebra, W. F. Morphy; 5. Spelling, H. Gray. The School Law positively states that all Teachers shall be present.

HENRY GRAY, Secretary.

WELLINGTON.—The semi-annual meeting of the First Division of the Teachers' Association of the County of Wellington and City of Guelph will be held at the Central School on the 3rd and 4th June. Papers will be read as follows: **Friday.**—1. Punishment, Mr. Hyatt; 2. Arithmetic, Mr. Patterson; 3. Factoring, Mr. Davidson; 4. Junior Reading, Mr. Clark; 5. Moral Influence of the School Room, Rev. R. Torrance; 6. Third Class Grammar, Mr. Young; 7. Composition in Public Schools, Mr. Roberts. **Saturday.**—1. Hints to Teachers, Mr. McLaren; 2. Penmanship, Mr. Collins; 3. Senior Reading, Miss Mills; 4. Experiences of an Inspector, Mr. Craig; 5. Public School Programme, Mr. Petrie. Critics have been appointed for each subject. Should time permit, the Association will discuss the following subjects: "Superannuation," "Model Schools," and others which may be suggested. On the evening of Friday, 3rd