

Greatly to the regret of the Convention, the President of the Convention, Superintendent Carpenter, was unable to be present. The first Vice-President, Superintendent W. E. Hay of Medicine Hat, presided in a manner satisfactory to all.

Some of the notable features of the Convention were the following: A frank discussion in the secondary section of the Departmental examinations. Here those who set the promotion examination papers, representatives of the Department and the High School teachers, exchanged views in the hope of bettering the system. Without doubt this will help to give all the groups a better understanding of the whole problem. As a result, the Association passed a resolution recommending to the Department the advisability of raising the minimum to forty per cent. for the individual subjects, and to sixty per cent. for the general average.

The Association went on record as being in favour of the organisation of a Provincial Teachers' Alliance. In order that the fullest information may be in the hands of the teachers, no attempt will be made to complete organisation at the present time. A committee composed of G. Fred McNally, Normal School, Camrose; William Aberhart, King Edward School, Calgary; J. E. Hodgson, High School, Lethbridge; J. A. McGregor, Inspector of Schools, Lethbridge; Miss M. B. Tier, Central School, Calgary; Miss K. Chegwin, MacDougal School, Edmonton. G. W. Gorman, Inspector of Schools, Medicine Hat, was appointed to make a full investigation of the Alliance, and similar organisations at present in existence, to carry on an active propaganda during the year and outline a programme at the Convention a year hence.

Similar action was taken in the matter of teachers' pensions. A strong committee, under the leadership of Inspector Fife of Edmonton, will gather material on the subject, and present in a report a suggested pension scheme for the province.

On Thursday at noon, the Canadian Clubs of the city of Calgary entertained the members of the Association at luncheon. The ladies listened to Mrs. McClung while the men assembled in the dining-room of the Palliser Hotel to hear Principal Hutton of University College discuss, "Some of the minor differences between the British and the Germans". Both addresses were very fine and thoroughly enjoyed by the visitors.

Speaking generally of the effect of such meetings as the one just closed in Calgary, one feels that too much is attempted. The programmes are always crowded, and it is difficult to carry away all that one would wish to remain permanent. One wonders if more could not be accomplished if long reports of special committees were printed and placed in the hands of the members before the session in which they appear on the programme in order that more complete discussions might take place.