

libraries, and in the event of such a school corporation starting a public library in this way, the Government will give one dollar for every dollar expended by the Board of Management for the purchase of books. This was done with the idea of encouraging school libraries.

In putting the adoption of this resolution, as in the case of the former report, I want our delegates from the Local Councils to feel that they are taking a real responsibility on themselves. These subjects are very important. In fact, we pledge ourselves—every delegate pledges herself to go back to her own Council and try to do her best to carry out the recommendations in these reports. Don't let the adoption of this report be a mere empty resolution. I know there are members here who could give us further information on the subject, but there is not time, and therefore, let us take these reports, and let us go home pledged to work for the recommendations which they contain. I may also mention that in regard to these lists of prohibited publications, that I have had letters from Western Councils, asking if it is really true that there is anything objectionable in these publications, because members of their families take them in.

Her Excellency here submitted the motion that this Report on the Spread of Impure Literature be adopted. Carried unanimously.

EXTRACT FROM MEMORANDUM ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
DRAWN UP FOR HER EXCELLENCY BY HON.  
G. W. ROSS, MINISTER OF EDUCATION,  
FOR ONTARIO.

Public libraries can be established in the Province of Ontario under three conditions:—

(1) Any number of persons not fewer than ten may become incorporated under Section 17 of the Public Libraries' Act, for the purpose of establishing a Public Library. At least 100 persons must subscribe themselves as members, of whom 50 must be over 21 years of age. The members shall appoint a Board of Management (Sub-Section 4, of Section 17), and the Board shall provide suitable accommodation for the use of the Library. By an amendment of last Session, the Government will pay \$1 for every \$1 expended on newspapers or magazines, but so as not to exceed \$200.

Any school corporation or any municipal corporation can contribute for the maintenance of such a library.

(There are already established in the province about 250 of this class of library, some of them in the smaller towns and villages, others in the rural districts. The circulation from these libraries last year amounted to over 600,000 volumes.)

(2) Under part II. of the Libraries' Act (Section 10) the Municipal Council of a city, town or incorporated village may appoint a