

which beset teachers heretofore, and which frequently cause them to change their sphere of labor. The establishment of our Teachers' Institute, and its present prosperous condition, are mainly due to your assiduous attention and punctuality at the monthly sessions. In addition, your personal popularity with the teachers, whose esteem you have won by urbanity and kindness in the discharge of the difficult duties imposed upon you, in your official capacity as Inspector of Public Schools, may properly be considered the chief cause of this prosperity and unanimity amongst the teachers of this Institute. Through your efforts the teachers have an opportunity at our monthly meetings of comparing and discussing the various plans adopted in teaching, and thus of mentally improving each other.

In presenting you with this gold watch and chain as a slight indication of the esteem in which you are held by the teachers of South Hastings as a body, we sincerely and unitedly wish you a long, useful, and happy life, and while you continue to labor in this the highest and best of all earthly works, we also pray that health may be given you to enable you to persevere in the good work, which you have been instrumental in building for the advancement of education and the elevation of the profession of teaching in this County, to a yet higher standard than it has attained.

The address was beautifully engrossed by S. G. Beatty, Ontario Commercial College, and was signed on behalf of the Teachers, by the Secretary. Mr. Johnston made a touching and eloquent reply, expressing his gratitude for the magnificent present, and assuring the teachers that he would ever hold them in grateful remembrance, and that their gift would always be a bright reminder of their kindness to him. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:—

President.—John Johnston.

Vice President.—Miss Templeton.

Recording Secretary.—C. H. Sangster.

Corresponding Secretary.—S.A. Gardner.

Treasurer.—J. Irwin.

Councillors.—Sidney, W. J. Osborne ; Thurlow, E. Cook ; Hungerford, A. H. Gilbert ; Tyendinaga, W. Emerson ; Belleville, J. W. Redick ; Trenton, W. S. Howell.

—The Council of Public Instruction met pursuant to notice at the Education Office, 2nd November, 1875, at 3 o'clock p.m., and His Grace the Most Rev. J. J. Lynch, D.D., as senior member of the Council, was appointed to take the Chair:

Present:—The Chairman *pro tempore*.
The Chief Superintendent of Education.
The Right Rev. T. B. Fuller, D.D.
The Rev. S. S. Nelles, D.D.
The Rev. Bishop Carman, D. D.
Goldwin Smith, Esq., M.A.
David Mills, Esq., LL.B., M.P.
Daniel Wilson, Esq., LL.D.
Ramsay Wright, Esq., M.A.

The Council adjourned to half-past seven p.m., when the following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved—That in view of the fact that four vacancies in the Council have not been filled, it is inexpedient to proceed to business, and that the Council do now adjourn.

Adjourned.

The Interim Committee met, pursuant to notice, at the Education Office, 13th Nov., 1875, at ten o'clock, a.m. His Grace the Most Reverend J. J. Lynch, D.D., in the Chair.

Present:—The Chairman *pro tempore*.

The Deputy Superintendent of Education.

Ramsay Wright, Esq., M.A.

A number of communications were laid before the Committee, among which were the following:

From the Registrar of University College, Toronto, reporting the election of Prof. R. Wright, M.A., as a member of the Council of Public Instruction, in place of Professor Cherriman, resigned.

From the Scrutineers, reporting the election of Professor Daniel Wilson, LL.D., by the High School Masters, and of David Mills, Esq., M.P., by the Public School Inspectors.

From the Central Committee of Examiners, recommending certain candidates for Second Class Grade A certificates, and the candidates' applications.

From the same, with a recommendation on examinations in History for First Class candidates—"That selected portions of the works of eminent historians, in which im-