

country. He also read statistics showing that the number of first and second-class certificates was on the increase, while the number of third-class certificates was decreasing.

* Mr. Miller, of St. Thomas, introduced "Recent School Legislation."

The discussion on this subject was continued by Messrs. Allen (Grey), McHenry, Hughe., Chapman, Lindsay, Dearness, Dickenson, Tamblyn, Mackintosh, McPherson, Taylor, and Maxwell.

Mr. McAllister moved, seconded by Mr. McHenry, That while the members of this Association highly estimate the efforts made to secure improvement in the training of teachers by means of County Model Schools, and the encouragement given to the establishment of County Associations, they cannot but feel called upon to condemn, as retrogressive steps, the withdrawal from School Boards of the power to levy rates for school accommodation, and the discretionary power given to some School Boards to curtail the summer holidays.—*Carried.*

Moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Dr. Tassie, That this Association appoint a Committee on Legislation to report to the Minister of Education annually, or oftener, the views of the teaching profession on those questions which are, or ought to be, brought before the Provincial Legislature; said Committee to consist of nine members, three to be nominated by each section of the Association.

This motion was discussed by Messrs. Dearness, Strang, Mackintosh, Jennings, and MacMurchy.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Dearness, seconded by Mr. McAllister, That the Board of Directors be instructed to appoint a Standing Committee on Legislation affecting Education, to report to the Minister the opinions of this Association, and to watch such Legislation and advise on it, in accordance with the expressed opinions of the local Associations, while it is occupying the attention of the House.