

## PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS' SECTION.

TUESDAY, August 14th, 1883.

The Section met in the Reading-room, at 11.30 a.m.

Present—J. Dearness (Chairman), Messrs. Barnes, Brebner, McKinnon, Little, Girardot, Campbell, and Maxwell.

Mr. Little, representative of the Section on the Legislative Committee, reported that the committee had waited on the Hon. the Minister of Education, respecting certain changes in the school law, and that he had advised that, as there was to be a consolidation of the various School Acts, discussion should be postponed until the presentation of the Bill to the Legislature, at which time a written statement of opinions should be sent to him. The Minister having been taken ill, nothing further was done.

After a general conversation, in which several suggestions were offered, it was resolved, That a committee should be named by the Chairman to bring in a report on amendments to the present school law.

The Chairman named Messrs. McKinnon, Brebner, and Little as a committee.

WEDNESDAY, August 15th, 1883.

The Section met at 9 a.m.

Present—J. Dearness (Chairman), Messrs. Carson, Brebner, McIntosh, Brown, Reazin, Agnew, Barnes, Scarlett, Johnson, Michell, Maxwell, Knight, Campbell, Girardot, McNaughton, Grier, Carlyle, Hughes, Moses, McFaul, Ross, Clapp, Little, Smith, Rev. J. Gordon, and Dr. Kelly.

Mr. McKinnon introduced the subject, "The most effective application of government aid to public instruction, and the basis of distribution of the School Fund."

After some discussion, it was resolved, That in the opinion of this Section, the legislative and municipal grants to Public Schools should be largely increased.

Moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Campbell, That, in the opinion of this Section, the legislative and municipal grants should not only be largely increased, but also should be apportioned upon the basis of local effort, as shown by the rate in the dollar levied for teachers' salaries and other ordinary expenses.—*Lost*.

Moved by Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Michell, That, in the opinion of this Section, the legislative grant should be doubled, and that one-half of it should be apportioned as at present on average