

blished here. To him, in a very great degree, are we indebted for the present useful state of our Harbour. He was also, for many years, actively connected with the School Corporation of Kincardine as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees, the labours of which office he performed with the same untiring zeal and energy which always characterized his discharge of every duty; and, no doubt, to his indefatigable exertions we owe the present very efficient state of our schools.—*Review.*

## VIII. Council of Public Instruction.

### REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HELD ON THE SECOND AND THIRD FEBRUARY, 1875.

No. 383.] COUNCIL ROOM, EDUCATION OFFICE,  
TORONTO, February 2nd, 1875.

The Council met, pursuant to notice, at three o'clock p.m., the Very Reverend H. J. Grasett, B.D., in the chair.

*Present.*—The Chairman.

The Chief Superintendent of Education.

The Reverend J. Jennings, D.D.

His Grace the Most Reverend J. J. Lynch, D.D.

Hammel M. Deroche, Esquire, M.A., M.P.P.

James MacLennan, Esquire, M.A., Q.C., M.P.

The Reverend J. Ambery, M.A.

The Reverend S. S. Nelles, D.D.

The Reverend A. Carman, D.D.

Daniel Wilson, Esquire, LL.D.

Samuel C. Wood, Esquire, M.P.P.

Goldwin Smith, Esquire, M.A.

1. The following communications were laid before the Council:—

2089. From the Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass, Kingston, on his absence.

14548. From Mr. Charles Camidge, of Niagara, referring to previous correspondence.

14431. From the Inspector of Public Schools, Toronto, on the introduction of books on drawing.

14911. From Messrs. James Adam & Co., Toronto, submitting a Historical Chart.

15454. From Mr. John Lovell, Montreal, on the revision of the General Geography.

108. From the Rev. Professor Young, in answer to a communication respecting the revision of the English Grammars.

211. From Miss Kate Hagarty, Toronto, respecting her appointment in the Model School.

15523. From Messrs. J. Campbell & Son, Toronto, respecting the revision of their Geography.

829. From the same, submitting a number of Text Books for approval.

1796. From the same, with specimens of binding for the First Book, for approval.

625. From Mr. John Lovell, applying for permission to print the authorized Readers and the Spelling Book.

283. From the same, on the Elementary Arithmetic and History of Canada.

1850. From the same, on the revision of his Geographies.

1950. From the Rev. J. W. Shearer, submitting his "Combination Speller," and testimonials.

2009. From Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co., submitting books for approval.

1122. From the High School Inspectors, respecting an allowance for travelling expenses.

1861. From the Principal of the Normal School, on the course of study.

Also, applications from nine teachers for pensions.

2. The Report (2018) of the Committee on Regulations and Text Books was read, and on motion of the Chairman (Professor Wilson), seconded by the Chief Superintendent, was adopted, the rule requiring a day's notice being suspended.

3. The Chief Superintendent gave the following notices of motion:—

1. That the Books for free High and Public School Libraries, and for Prizes in the High and Public Schools shall be supplied by the Education Department to Municipal and School Corporations at cost.

2. That Mr. John Lovell be permitted to print the series of five Readers and the Spelling Book or Companion to the Readers, upon the same conditions as other publishers.

3. That the application of the Inspectors of High Schools be recom-

mended to the favourable consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and that a sum of not less than two hundred dollars be granted to each of the Inspectors for travelling expenses.

4. Dr. Wilson gave the following Notice of Motion:—

"That a special Committee be named by the Council to take into consideration the working of the Book Depository, in reference to the supply of the best class of books for prizes and school libraries; and also in reference to the general interests of the Province with regard to the free circulation of literature through the ordinary trade channels, with power to call for all requisite information from the officers of the Education Department.

5. Professor Smith gave the following Notices of Motion:

1. That the Council desire that the School Books sanctioned by them should be pervaded, wherever morality is concerned, by the sentiment of a christian community; but they do not consider themselves authorized, or deem it within the line of their duty, to circulate any statements of religious doctrine or anything in the nature of theological discussion. That this be an instruction to the Text Book Committee.

2. That the Committee on Text Books be authorized, when any change of Text Books shall have been approved by the Council, to give notice through *The Journal of Education* of the proposed change.

6. Mr. MacLennan gave the following Notice of Motion:

That the names and prices of books submitted by booksellers or others to the Council, and approved, be published in the next number of *The Journal of Education*, with the dates at which the same books were received at the Department and laid before the Council for examination.

7. *Ordered*, That with respect to the communication of Mr. Camidge, the Council, having regard to what has already been done in the matter therein referred to, do not deem it necessary to take further action.

8. *Ordered*, That a communication be sent to Mr. Shearer, thanking him for his letter and the book that he has submitted; but that he be informed that the Council do not regard it as within the line of their duty to examine and pronounce an opinion upon any inventions of the kind.

9. *Ordered*, That the specimens of binding submitted by Messrs. Campbell for the first book be not approved, the Council preferring the style formerly sanctioned.

10. The other letters on Text Books were referred to the Committee.

11. The following applications for pensions from the Superannuation Fund were considered and approved.

709. Mr. Timothy D. Coglon, of Kingston, 29 years' service.

15325. Mrs. Elizabeth Greerson, of Port Hope, 27 years' "

14749. Mr. Levi T. Hyde, of Haldimand, 17 years' service.

conditional on an annual medical certificate being produced.

15467. Mr. Michael McAuliffe, of Maidstone, 23 years' service.

14356. Mrs. Isabella McQueen, of Winnipeg, 16 "

conditional on an annual medical certificate being produced.

830. Mr. Jacob Tyndall, of Ottawa, 20 years' service.

11736. Mr. Chas. F. Russell, of Napanee, 19 years' service.

conditional on an annual medical certificate being produced.

14543. Mr. Robt. H. Wickham, of Camden East, 33 years' service.

1909. Mr. William Watson, of Weston, 24 years' service.

12. It was then resolved that the rule requiring a day's notice be suspended, and that the Council do now proceed with the consideration of the motions of which notice has been given this day.

And the first four motions having been considered, it was

13. *Ordered*, That a special Committee be named by the Council to take into consideration the working of the Book Depository in reference to the supply of the best class of books for prizes and school libraries, and also in reference to the general interests of the Province with regard to the free circulation of literature through the ordinary trade channels; with power to call for all requisite information from the officers of the Education Department; and pending such investigation, that the Department continue to act on the principle hitherto in use, with regard to prices of books.

That such Committee consist of the Chief Superintendent, Mr. Goldwin Smith, Professor Ambery, Mr. Deroche, Mr. Wood, Mr. MacLennan, and the mover, Professor Wilson.

14. *Ordered*, That Mr. John Lovell be permitted to print the series of five Readers, and the Spelling Book or Companion to the Readers, upon the same conditions as other publishers.

15. *Ordered*, That the application of the Inspectors of High Schools be recommended to the favourable consideration of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; and that a sum of not less than two hundred dollars be granted to each of the Inspectors for travelling expenses.

16. *Adjourned* to Wednesday, 3rd February, at three o'clock p.m.

(Signed) H. J. GRASETT,  
Chairman.