

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SECTION.

August 11th, 1875.

First Session was held this morning at 9 o'clock. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. R. McQueen, of Beverley, on motion, was requested to fill the position, and Mr. Dickenson as Secretary.

The meeting was opened in the usual form by the Chairman.

Minutes read and approved.

The first question for discussion was "The present programme of Studies for Public Schools," introduced by Mr. J. Campbell.

The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Irwin, Dickenson, Beattie, Johnson, Boyle, Moran, Rennie, Coates and McLean.

Moved by Mr. John Campbell, seconded by Mr. Robert Coates,

That in the opinion of this Section of the Association, the Council of Public Instruction would act in the interest of education in this Province by curtailing the subjects taught in the Public Schools, and also improving and modifying the Limit Table, so as to become practical in all classes or grades of schools in cities, towns, and rural districts.

Moved in amendment by H. Dickenson, seconded by Mr. Boyle,

That we think the Council of Public Instruction should prescribe the subject of study and the amount of work to be done in each, but that a little discretion be allowed teachers, especially of rural schools, as regards the subjects to be taken up, also in the amount of time to be devoted to each subject in each session, according to the varying circumstances of the schools.

Moved by Mr. McAllister, seconded by Mr. Moran,

That the subjects of Chemistry and Christian Morals be left out of the Fourth Class Programme, and the time be given to Book-keeping, Grammar and Spelling. That the subjects of Civil Government and Agriculture be left out of the Fifth Class Programme, and the time be given to Spelling, Composition and Grammar.

The discussion on the above resolutions lasted two and a half hours, and culminated in the appointment of Messrs. McAllister, Dickenson, Campbell, Johnston, Moran, Boyle and Irwin as a Committee to consider the programme, and report needed changes at to-morrow's session.