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Trustees' Bulletin

CORNWALLIS, ELTON AND WHITEHEAD TRUSTEES' ASSOCIATION.

The third annual convention of the Cornwallis, Elton and Whitehead Trustees' Association was held in the City Hall, Brandon, on February 6th. The attendance was good, showing that the interest in school matters is yearly increasing. A feature of the meeting was the spelling bee, contestants from nine municipalities taking part.

J. W. Seater, of Rivers, representing the Provincial Trustees' Association, in an excellent address, urged strongly establishment of municipal school boards, which he claimed to be the solution of a whole lot of the petty troubles in rural districts. Principal B. J. Hales, of the Normal school, took as his subject in a brief speech, "The School as a Community Centre." One of the main points in this address was that the best teachers are fast leaving Manitoba. He suggested several remedies for this, one of which was making the school the real community centre.

A. J. Hatcher, secretary-treasurer of the association and inspector of this

district, also drew the attention of those present to the fact of the shortage of teachers and the way many were leaving the province. The chief attraction, he said, was the west, where pay and inducements are better. One of the main things that has to be faced in the future is, he said, that the school trustees will have to be prepared to pay their teachers more.

Following this was an open discussion, one of the main themes of which was that of teachers' pensions. Miss Kelso delivered an address on "The Value of the Hot Lunch."

The election of officers was as follows: President, H. H. Simpson; Vice-President, J. M. Allen; Secretary-Treasurer, A. J. Hatcher; Executive Committee: J. Cox, D. T. McGregor, J. D. Baker, W. J. Bunseith, F. Smith, E. Grierson and D. McMillan.

A resolution was passed that a change be made in the statute which would permit the wives of ratepayers being eligible for school trustees.

MINUTES OF MACDONALD TRUSTEE ANNUAL MEETING

The Macdonald Trustee Association annual meeting was held in Sanford consolidated school on Saturday, January 26th, 1918, and notwithstanding the extreme cold the attendance was good, especially in the afternoon. A larger number of women were present than usual.

The president, Rev. A. Moffat, took the chair at 11 a.m., when the minutes of the last meeting were read and commented on and finally confirmed.

A financial statement was also made by the treasurer and duly received, and was followed by reports by dele-

gates, and although very incomplete, showed that some of our schools had made good progress.

Sanford consolidated school reported that they had eight pupils writing at last examination in grades eight, nine and ten, and all passed, some with honors. This year they have 17 enrolled in grades eight, nine, ten and eleven.

Oak Bluff, reported by Mr. Schriber, which is a smaller consolidated school, but doing excellent work. They have at present no higher grades than eight and nine, and have a splendid,