

MINUTES OF MEETING
— OF —
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CHARACTER EDUCATION
— HELD IN —
THE CHATEAU LAURIER, OTTAWA,
— ON —
FEBRUARY 17, 18 and 19, 1920

First Sitting, Tuesday Morning, February 17.

The conference opened at 10.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, February 17.

The following members of the Council were present: Principal W. H. Vance, Mrs. R. C. Boyle, and Mr. John Sully, of British Columbia; Mr. J. T. J. Collisson, of Alberta; Dr. J. A. Snell, Miss Jean Browne and Dr. J. T. M. Anderson, of Saskatchewan; Mr. W. J. Bulman, Prof. W. F. Osborne, Mrs. R. F. McWilliams, Dr. D. McIntyre and Mr. William Iverach, of Manitoba; Prof. H. T. J. Coleman and Dr. Helen MacMurchy, of Ontario; Hon. Cyrille Delage and Prof. Carrie M. Derick, of Quebec; Dr. Soioan and Mr. John T. Joy, of Nova Scotia; Inspector Peacock, of New Brunswick; and Rev. Dr. McLellan and Miss Carrie Ellen Holman, of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. H. L. Brittain, of Toronto, was also present, on the invitation of the committee. It was moved by Prof. Derick, seconded by Dr. Anderson, that Mr. W. J. Bulman, of Winnipeg, be temporary chairman.—Carried.

The Chairman asked the Council to determine whether a verbatim report of the proceedings was desired, or only a detailed minute, and on motion of Principal Vance, seconded by Dr. McIntyre, it was decided to have only the minutes kept.

Dr. Snell moved the adoption of the agenda which had been prepared by the Winnipeg committee, and copies of which had been distributed to the members of the Council. The motion was seconded by Prof. Osborne.

Miss Jean Browne moved in amendment that a discussion on health education be included in the agenda. Principal Vance pointed out that the adoption of the agenda would not preclude the consideration of other questions. At his suggestion the amendment was withdrawn and the motion changed so as to eliminate reference to a specific time for the discussion of the various items. With this alteration the motion was adopted.

Prof. Osborne reported that of the 26 members elected to the Council, all had consented to act except the following: Alberta—H. W. Wood, Esq.; no reply received. Saskatchewan—J. A. Maharg, Esq.; no reply received. Ontario—Sir John Eaton, unable to act. Quebec—Hon. Athanase David, Howard Murray, Esq., no reply received. Nova Scotia—Mrs. Sexton, not acting. New Brunswick—Ex-Governor Wood unable to act, Mrs. Jas. F. Robertson declined. Prince Edward Island—Dr. S. E. Robertson unable to act.

It was moved by Principal Vance, seconded by Mrs. R. F. McWilliams, that the filling of these territorial vacancies and the election of the fourteen members at large be left till the afternoon session. The motion was adopted, and the Chairman appointed the following as the nominating committee: Dean Coleman (Ontario), Hon. Cyrille Delage (Quebec), Rev. Dr. McLellan (Prince Edward Island), Mr. F. Peacock (New Brunswick), and Mr. John T. Joy (Nova Scotia).

The Chairman announced that the Rotary Club of Owatta had extended to the delegates an invitation to luncheon in the Chateau Laurier at one o'clock, and after luncheon Prof. Derick, Dr. Anderson and Principal Vance would address the gathering.

Prof. Osborne asked what attitude the Council desired to take regarding the admission of the press. Prof. Derick moved that, while the Council greatly appreciates the interest of the newspapers in its proceedings, representatives of the press be not admitted to the meetings, but that the Secretary furnish them with a short account of each sitting. Principal Vance suggested the appointment of a press committee. Mr. Collisson considered that as a public or semi-public body, the Council ought to admit which the Council desired not to publish. Mr. Joy said it would be a monumental blunder to exclude the press, on whose sympathy and support the Association must largely depend for its success. He feared not the press, but the exclusion of the press. Prof. Derick expressed absolute confidence in the newspapers, but felt that the publication of expressions of immature thought as if they were carefully reasoned