

OAK LAKE CONVENTION

Oak Lake, July 13, 1917.

The semi-annual meeting of the Oak Lake-Woodworth-Sifton Trustees' Association was held at St. David's church on the 10th instant. There was a good turn-out of trustees representative of every part of the two municipalities. The meeting expressed its regret at the absence of Dr. H. A. Wright, the president, owing to his removal to Winnipeg, and paid a glowing tribute to the services he had rendered the association and the community. Dr. Wright is the founder of the association and has been its president from its inception nine years ago to the present time. It is felt that his loss will be hard to meet.

In the afternoon excellent speeches on rural problems and on matters vital to the proper upbringing of the children of the community were given by P. J. Merrick and Mayor Thompson, of Oak Lake, Mr. Garbitt of Lenore, and by Gordon Todd, the vice-president of the association. Some discussion was given to the benefits that would accrue from a number of speakers making a tour of the different schools on Empire Day and delivering addresses to the children on the duties and responsibilities of their citizenship. Problems of the rural trustee were discussed and

some good advice given on these by Inspector Beveridge.

The meeting was honored in having present with them Mr. Wm. Iverach, the president of the provincial association, and Mr. Ira Stratton, the official trustee. The evening session, at which there was a large attendance, was devoted entirely to the splendid and inspiring addresses of these gentlemen, intercepted with items of music and song provided by the good people of St. David's church. Mr. Iverach, who is an old resident of this district, touched a strong chord when he reminded the audience that he had been present at the building of the church and at the inauguration of its first Sunday School, and pointed out the progress that had been made since that day not only in the means of travelling—the motor car having entirely superseded the wagon and rig—but in every department of farm life, and asked whether similar progress had been made in the church and the school. Sources of revenue and other problems of taxation and finance were dealt with, and our duty to the foreign-born and to our own children was very forcibly pointed out by Mr. Stratton.

ROLAND CONVENTION

Roland.

The Trustees' Association of Roland municipality was fortunate in securing Hon. Dr. Thornton, Minister of Education, and Mr. R. Fletcher, his deputy minister, to attend a meeting of the citizens of the municipality on Thursday evening, July 5th. The meeting was held in Zion Methodist church and in charge of the president of the association, A. S. Argue. Mr. Fletcher addressed the gathering first and spoke on the development of education and the methods used at different times to administer educational affairs. His remarks led up to a consideration of the

question of Municipal School Boards, and the argument was advanced that a larger unit of organization can be administered more efficiently and with less expense than a like area under our present system.

The Hon. Dr. Thornton addressed the meeting on the general problems of education in the Province of Manitoba. The Minister of Education stated that the department aimed to perfect a system that would meet the needs of the boys and girls of Manitoba and best fit them for the work they have to do. That in considering the number of questions and problems that arise for settle-