

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at two o'clock.

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Mr. Hughes presented the report of the Committee on Legislation.

*To the President and Members of the Ontario Society for the Advancement of Education:—*

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on Legislation appointed at the last Annual Meeting of the Association, beg leave to present the following report:—

1. After obtaining the opinions of the teachers throughout the Province with regard to important educational questions, your Committee had several interviews with Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education, at which those matters which were to be submitted by him to the Legislature were carefully considered.

2. Prominent among these was the question of the Superannuation of Teachers. Your Committee found the Minister of Education was exceedingly desirous to secure the Fund for this purpose on a basis that would give greater satisfaction both to the country and to teachers themselves. He felt that it would be better that no change should be made, however, until the teachers throughout the Province had an opportunity of expressing their views concerning the proposed amendments, and at his request your Committee issued a circular, outlining the leading principles of these amendments, for the consideration of the Local Associations. Many of these have reported their views, and your Committee recommend that these reports be tabulated and forwarded to the Minister of Education by their successors. They would further recommend, that this Association representing as it does the several sections of the profession, and the various parts of the Province, should also thoroughly discuss the clauses of the circular referred to. Copies of the circular have been provided to facilitate the discussion.

3. Your Committee strongly urged the withdrawal of the amendment of 1879 restricting the powers of School Boards in providing school accommodation, and a clause was drafted giving Boards the right of appeal to the Minister of Education, if their estimates were not granted, and authorizing him to compel the section or municipality to raise the necessary funds, if on inquiry he found the school accommodation to be insufficient. This clause, your Committee regret to