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## MINUTES

Of the Second Annual Convention of Teachers for the County of Northumberland, held at Colborne, C. W.

MONDAY, August 5, 1861.

### MORNING SESSION.

Vice President, Mr. J. Turner, in the Chair.

In consequence of the demise of J. R. Clark, M. P. P., who was to give the opening lecture at this convention, it was resolved that we do adjourn till 1 o'clock, P. M.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

President J. M. Grover, Esq., in the Chair. Mr. G. Young, Cobourg, was appointed Secretary during the absence of J. B. Dixon, Esq., Colborne.

The President, having referred to the providential mercies of God—not one of our number being called from time, except the esteemed gentleman who was to deliver the opening address—declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

Mr. G. Young commenced by exhibiting his method of teaching the elements of Arithmetic. Mr. D. John then followed on the same subject. Mr. J. Bell, Seymour, took up the subject of Algebra.

### EVENING SESSION.

President in the Chair.

Mr. C. Underhill lectured on "The Laws of Nature." Thanks, with a request for its publication, was tendered to the lecturer.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6.

### MORNING SESSION.

Mr. G. Young in the Chair. Mr. W. J. Bell, Seymour, assisted by Mr. G. Young on Grammar; Mr. J. Macoun, Colborne, on History, entertained the audience.

### EVENING SESSION.

President in the Chair. Mr. C. E. Ewing lectured on "The Elements of Euclid." Mr. G. Young read an essay on "The Government of the State." Its sentiments by the teachers for publication.

### EVENING SESSION.

President in the Chair. Rev. I. B. Aylworth, M. D., Colborne, delivered a lecture, orally: Subject—"Teachers; their Calling and Qualifications."

The thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Rev. lecturer.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 7.

### MORNING SESSION.

Mr. G. Young in the Chair. The attention of the Convention was occupied by Mr. Bell on Geography; Mr. McMillan on Grammar, and Mr. J. Stratton on Arithmetic.

Mr. J. H. Gorman in the Chair. The Executive Committee submitted: "That, to defray the expense of printing, each male teacher pay 75 cents, and each female teacher 25 cents."

The resolution was adopted. Mr. Macoun continued the subject of History.

J. B. Dixon, Esq., moved, and E. Scarlett, Esq., seconded, that Mr. G. Young be Secretary during the sittings of this Convention.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

J. B. Dixon, Esq., on Euclid, and Mr. B. Brisbin on Algebra, entertained the audience. A lively discussion on school government followed.

### EVENING SESSION.

President in the Chair. Rev. P. Duncan lectured on Geology. The thanks of the Convention, with a request for the lecture for publication, was tendered to the Rev. lecturer.

THURSDAY, Aug. 8.

### MORNING SESSION.

Mr. Bell in the Chair. Mr. N. H. Peterson on Geography; Mr. Gorman on Grammar; Mr. G. Young on Arithmetic, and Mr. Macoun on History, entertained the audience.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. C. E. Ewing in the Chair. Messrs. Bell and Macoun discussed the subject of Algebra.

A very animated discussion, which lasted for three hours—fifteen minutes being allowed each speaker—was carried on by the teachers on "Government."

### EVENING SESSION.

President in the Chair. E. Scarlett, Esq., County Superintendent, delivered an able lecture: Subject—"Some Practical Remarks to Teachers on their Calling."

Thanks, with a request for its publication, was tendered to the lecturer.

FRIDAY, August 9,

Mr. Robinson in the Chair. Mr. N. H. Peterson on Mathematical Geography; Mr. G. Young on the Theory of the Tides; how the velocity of Light was discovered, and the subject of Logarithms; and Mr. E. R. Young on General History, occupied the attention of the audience very much to the satisfaction of all present.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. R. Easton in the Chair. The Executive Committee presented resolutions affecting our Constitution, which were adopted.

A code of By-laws was also submitted and adopted.

Vice President, J. P. Powers, Esq., M. D., Colborne, in the Chair.

It was resolved that the forenoon session, in future, be devoted to the subjects on the programme; the afternoon to discussions on general subjects and essays.

The following programme for next Convention was then adopted, the lecturers for each subject having volunteered

1st, *Algebra*—Messrs. Spafford, Macoun, Tucker, Brisbin, and Scarlett.—*Loomis's Large work.*

2d, *Grammar*—Messrs. R. Easton, Kines, Bell, Dixon, and McMillan.—First ten pages of *Pollock's Course of Text-Books, Arithmetic*—Messrs. Easton, Macoun, Peterson, Spafford, and Chapman.—*Sangster's.*

4th, *History*—Messrs. Spafford, E. R. Young, Macoun, Brisbin, and McMillan.—*English.*

5th, *Euclid*—Messrs. Dixon, Ewing, Scarlett, Easton, and Chapman.

Other members of the Convention prepared to assist in the discussion of the above subjects are requested to report themselves to the Executive Committee.