

The matter of High School Text Books was then introduced by Mr. Strang, of Goderich. A discussion followed, in which Messrs. MacMurchy, McBride, Houston, Birchard, McGregor, Scott, Hagarty, Embree, Pomeroy, and Woods took part.

Moved by Mr. Spotton, seconded by Mr. MacMurchy,—That it is desirable that the practice of the University Senate in prescribing texts several years in advance should be followed by the Department in regard to texts to be used for teachers' examinations so far as these are not already dependent upon the university list. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Strang,—That, in the opinion of the High School Masters of Ontario the declaration regarding the use of authorized text books in High Schools, now required to be signed by principals and trustees, is unnecessary. Carried.

Moved by I. J. Birchard, seconded by P. C. McGregor,—That whilst we recognize the necessity of prescribing a list of books, authorized for use in Forms I. and II. of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, in the opinion of this Section the choice of the books to be used in the higher work—viz., for Junior Matriculation, with Honours, and for Senior Matriculation (Pass and Honours)—should be left to the choice of the principal and masters concerned. Carried.

A paper on "The University Curriculum" was next read by Mr. J. Henderson, M.A., Principal of St. Catharines Coll. Inst.

The Report of the Committee appointed last year to consider the University Curriculum was read by Mr. Henderson. This was followed by discussion, in which Messrs. Strang, Embree, Merchant, Hagarty, Woods, Dickson, Houston and Squair took part. The adoption of the Report was moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Spotton.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Squair, seconded by Mr. Dickson,—That the Report be read, clause by clause. The amendment was carried. The several clauses were read, and the following were adopted:

I. *Classics*.—(1) That the proportion of marks given at matriculation be divided as follows: One-third for prose, one-third for sight translation and grammar, one-third for translation of prescribed work.

(2) That an easy pass paper in Greek grammar be set both in matriculation and at the first year for those taking Greek. At present Greek grammar is sadly neglected from the fact that students are not required to pass in it.

(3) That easy sentences in Greek prose be exacted from all candidates based on the work read.