

ventions is of great importance to the interest of education and the improvement of the teachers, and since their present holiday regulation necessitated the holding of local conventions during the sitting of the Provincial, and also for the health of teachers and pupils; therefore the authorities be respectfully requested to grant the last two weeks in July and the first two in August, as the summer vacation for common schools; and that all teachers availing themselves of these two weeks additional vacation be obliged to spend one week at least in each year in attending either the Local or Provincial Association during said vacation." The fourth clause was adopted without amendment.

Mr. McCabe submitted the following Report of Committee on the best method of recording the progress and standing of each pupil attending school (No. 3 annual circular) :

The Special Committee to which was referred the consideration of a uniform method of recording accurately the daily work of the school, so as to test its progress at regular intervals and shew clearly the standing of each pupil in attainments and conduct, beg to report:—1st, That the late Pres., Dr. Wilson, kindly visited U. C. College with your committee at the close of our last annual meeting, and conjointly with Dr. Barrett, explained fully the system pursued in that excellent Institution. 2d, Your committee has also had under consideration various other methods used in some of the best schools both in Canada and the United States. 3d, On the whole your committee begs to recommend two distinct plans, one for classes below the standing of the Fourth Book and the other being a modification of the plan followed in Upper Canada College, for classes in our Common Schools above the third National Reader and for the classes in our Grammar Schools. 4th, The first method is as follows:—to distribute daily to each pupil present at the opening of the school, one of the small tickets for punctuality published by the department of Education for Upper Canada, and at the close of the school for the day a similar ticket for perfect recitation, conduct, and diligence during school hours. Record might be made of these tickets monthly or otherwise, which would form a good basis for the distribution of prizes in those schools in which that system exists. It is also suggested in this connection, that a short abstract, shewing the standing of each pupil in these particulars, might be furnished monthly or otherwise to parents or guardians. 5th, The second method