

Habkirk, will be a powerful factor in increasing production.

Later in the afternoon we listened with pleasure to Mr. Bewel, of Rosser, representing the Provincial Association. His remarks were, to say the least, instructive and encouraging.

A few of the main features of the afternoon meeting which were encouraging, was the live interest taken in discussion, the volume of business put through in the allotted time, and the progressive indications, best brought out by looking at some of the resolutions which were passed at this meet-

ing: one the desire for more up-to-date medical inspection of schools, and one requesting the department to make a survey of the province in view of future consolidation.

We were fortunate also in not overlooking a night meeting, which all who attended pronounced very educational as well as interesting, and showing the power the extension work of the colleges will be when in full operation. We were favored on this occasion by Dr. McLean, President of the Manitoba University, whose ability none can gainsay.

### ODONAH AND MINTO

The annual meeting of the Municipal Trustees' Association of Minto and Odonah was held in Minnedosa on Feb. 24th, at 2.30 p.m. The day, though not cold, was very stormy, which no doubt prevented a number from a distance attending. However, there was a large gathering of Trustees, representing a number of the school districts, in attendance, who listened to matters of great interest concerning problems which confront almost every school, be they town, consolidated or rural.

The chair was taken by the president of the association, Mr. M. A. Johnson, who called upon Mr. Ross, Bethany S.D., to give his report as delegate to the last Provincial Association conference held in Winnipeg last March, after a trustee of long experience in connection with educational matters, and whose advice is much sought in this line, addressed the audience.

The speaker dealt with the rural nurse problem in a very capable manner, having himself listened to Dr. Frazer, the provincial health supervisor, address the Social Welfare Congress, held in Winnipeg lately, on the same subject, and showed the great advantage to be gained to our school districts, towns and province by the appointing of same, and considered it

would be more beneficial to our children than the present form of inspection now carried out by our rural health officer. He also considered the hot lunch problem a decided improvement. It proving in his own district to be entirely satisfactory, and considered it one means whereby children who were not taught table etiquette at home would have the advantage of the same under the supervision of the teacher.

Mr. Beatty, Moore Park consolidated school, then addressed the meeting, following the same lines as the former speaker. He considered that not only should the children have the benefit of the rural nurse, but that some steps should be taken by the province to provide medical and surgical treatment for all children who were in need of same, and gave figures from districts where the rural nurses were now working showing the large percentage of children who were examined and found defective in many ways from various causes.

The addresses of these two speakers brought out lengthy discussion, many points being cleared by the Inspector, Mr. A. B. Fallis, after which the following resolutions were carried:—

1. That this convention approves of the appointment of a Rural Nurse for