

ers who do not contribute to the fund to pay an annual fee of not less than two dollars, which should go to the purposes of the fund. Training in the Normal School to be accounted as part of the term of service. Provision to be made for the widows of superannuated teachers. Those teachers who receive less than three hundred dollars per year to have the privilege of making an annual contribution large enough to entitle them to a pension on a salary up to that amount.

The Committee pointed out to the Minister that the main features of this scheme resembled those of the Civil Service, the Grand Trunk, and the Quebec schemes. A discussion then took place on matters of detail, in the course of which he expressed a favourable opinion of what the deputation laid before him, particularly as he saw that the amount to be taken from the revenue would be about equal to that contributed by the teachers. After receiving a promise from him that he would continue to give the subject his earnest consideration, the deputation withdrew.

INTERVIEW OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION WITH MR. CROOKS.

THIS Committee held a preliminary meeting in the office of Mr. Hughes, Inspector of Toronto Public Schools, on Saturday, 5th February, at which a digest was made of all the answers to the Secretary's circular. It was agreed to drop the consideration of the Upper Canada College question, and that of the relations between the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools, as they were being dealt with by a special Committee of the High School section.

With a solitary exception, opinions were unanimous about the evil that resulted from giving power to Municipal Corporations to control school expenditure on capital account. The superannuation fund was considered, by most of the correspondents, to be in an unsatisfactory state. Participation in the fund after twenty-five years' service was

urged strongly. Larger contributions were recommended, so as to secure a better allowance. On other points, opinions varied considerably. In regard to Model Schools, longer sessions were urged, and a larger grant from both the Government and Municipalities.

On Monday, 7th February, the Committee, consisting of Messrs. Hughes, Dearnness, and Fotheringham, Public School Inspectors; Mr. Oliver, High School Master; and Messrs. McAllister, Doan, and Spence, Public School Masters, met Mr. Crooks by appointment, at his office, in the Education Department. Mr. Hughes introduced the consideration of the limitation made to the power of School Corporations by the 29th clause of the Act of 1879, in regard to expenditure. He pointed out how this had worked disastrously in cities and towns, and shewed that Toronto, in particular, as Mr. Crooks himself was aware, had suffered. If no other remedy could be adopted to prevent this clause working so much evil, he suggested that the Government should give power to School Boards to expend the Government grant on capital account. Mr. Crooks admitted that the clause referred to had operated in a way that he had never contemplated, and he felt the necessity of modifying it to prevent the evils Mr. Hughes had spoken of. He hoped to introduce a clause in his new Bill that would effectively take from Municipal Corporations the power to prevent the supply of proper school accommodation. He thought that as the matter of superannuation had been so fully dealt with by Mr. McAllister's committee, it would be unnecessary to enter upon it now. He indicated, however, what he thought might be done in the way of legislation at a future session; and asked the Committee to take the most effective means of having the matter discussed by those concerned throughout the country, so that next session he would be in possession of the matured views of the teachers as a guide to any legislation he might propose. Mr. Dearnness brought under his notice the subject of Model Schools, and urged the necessity of increased support. Mr. Crooks admitted that something would have to be