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Meeting of the Teachers' Association of the District of Bedford.

We are happy to say that the Teachers' *réunion* held on the 21st ult. at Durham Flats, was fully attended; and that the anticipations which the friends of the association had formed were fully realized on the occasion.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M., the President of the Association in the chair, and Mr. R. W. Lang acting as Secretary. Dr. Parmelee, Messrs. Marsh and Johnston were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, and the debate was opened with the following subject: *Ought there to be a systematic course of study in our Common Schools?*

This question having been ably disposed of, the next taken up was, *Whether the course of study in our Common Schools ought to be farther extended, so as to embrace other branches than those taught?*

Dr. Parmelee suggested that Sacred History and the History of Canada could be advantageously included in the course pursued in our Common Schools.

Mr. Lang would desire to see the course extended so as to make it a complete preparatory training; but if the state of education in the country did not permit this, he would, at least, endeavor to supply the wants of the masses who receive instruction in the Common Schools, by adding other branches of study. Many other members having taken part in the debate during which much valuable information was elicited—the attention of the meeting was called to the very important subject of text-books; and after a very animated conversation, it was resolved that *Loxell's Geography*, and *Sungster's Arithmetic* were works in every way fitted to supply a want that all teachers had felt, and as they enjoyed the approval of the Council of Public Instruction for Lower Canada, should be generally adopted in our schools.

Interesting remarks on *Penmanship* were listened to, and Mr. Harrington gave some illustrations on the black-board showing his system of teaching. The meeting then adjourned for luncheon.

Upon reassembling, the report of the committee appointed in the morning was read and adopted; and the following office-bearers declared duly elected for the ensuing year: Mr. J. A. McLaughlin, President; Mr. R. W. Lang, Vice-President; Mr. James Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee of management: Mr. Hewett and Miss Mary A. Hutchinson.

An essay by Miss M. A. Hutchinson having been read, the following question was propounded: *Is there any practicable method of instituting such a competition between schools as shall stimulate them to aim at a higher standard of excellence?* It was suggested by a speaker, as a means of obtaining this very desirable end, that schools challenge one another to friendly trials of skill in certain branches to be designated beforehand, and it was thought much good would result from a competition of this kind.

A system of rewards should be adopted as incentives to scholarship and good conduct, was the next subject that presented an opportunity for a free interchange of views; and it was quite evident from many excellent and practical remarks uttered in the debate that its importance was fully appreciated by the speakers.

After the reading of an essay written by Miss Tabor, the following was submitted and debated at some length: *That in preparing pupils for matriculation especial reference, in our High Schools, should be had to the University of McGill College as a national Institution.* Dr. Gibson thought that a distinction in favor of any particular institution was unnecessary and had the appearance of setting aside the just claims of numerous colleges; he would therefore move in amendment that all the words after "be had" be struck out, and "to Canadian Institutions" substituted.

Mr. Lang approved of the wording as it stood, as he believed that, were this resolution carried out, it would give us a uniform curriculum, and if scholars were fitted for McGill University there was nothing to prevent their matriculation anywhere.

The question next inquired into was, *What should we make the basis of study?* When this was disposed of, it was moved by Mr. Lang, seconded by Dr. Parmelee and

Resolved,—That the next meetings of this Association be held at Waterloo, on the 13th and 14th of February next.

And after the customary votes of thanks had been passed the meeting adjourned.

Teachers' Diplomas.

In another column will be found an official notice of the nomination of several new Boards of Examiners, appointed in conformity with a Rule framed by the Council of Public Instruction; and we hope to announce shortly the appointment of the two remaining Boards for the Districts of Bedford and Bonaventure.

As all Boards will in future hold their regular quarterly meetings on the first Tuesdays in February, May, August and November, the coming examinations will take place on the last mentioned day; but the new Boards have it in their power to meet at an earlier date should it be deemed necessary so to do, provided due notice of such intended meeting be given in one of the newspapers published in the district.

Our readers have doubtless observed that the jurisdiction of the new Boards is very limited, while that of the old Boards has been greatly abridged and a concurrent jurisdiction created in certain cases. To obviate the necessity of constant and tedious reference to the code of rules and regulations, we have prepared and now publish a table showing at a glance the different counties in which the diplomas issued by each Board in Lower Canada, are valid for each class of institutions, *i. e.*, *Academies, Model and Elementary schools*. With the aid of this Table the validity of any diploma, with reference to a given county, may be easily determined. We earnestly desire to call the attention of every young person intending to pursue the career of a teacher to the fact that all diplomas granted by Boards of Examiners since May 4th, 1858, as well as