

Trustees' Bulletin

PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION

The programme for the Provincial Convention, to be held in Winnipeg on March 6-7-8, 1917, we hope will be ready to be sent out to all the school districts by January 15th, next.

A good programme is being prepared and we trust that every school district in the Province will endeavor to have a delegate attend, and that when the delegates return home, it will be with a determination to take more interest in school matters than ever before, and do the duties devolving upon them with greater earnestness and for the betterment of conditions in our schools.

The following are some of the speakers who are expected to give addresses at the convention: The Hon. Dr. R. S. Thornton, Minister of Education; President J. B. Reynolds, of Manitoba Agricultural College; Dr. L. D. Harvey, President of the Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Dr. Jas. C. Miller, Director of Technical Education for the Province of Alberta, and others. Time has also been allotted for round table talk on local association problems, and the convention will close with the Provincial Spelling Contest, which will be held in the Walker Theatre on Thursday afternoon, March 8, 1917.

SPELLING CONTEST

The Executive of the Provincial Trustees' Association has arranged for an extension of the "Spelling Bee" conducted in the Winnipeg Schools each year by the Winnipeg Free Press.

One candidate selected from each Inspectoral Division will compete in the next contest. Details will be worked out by the Public School Inspectors in conjunction with the local municipal trustees' association. Each school

should prepare to enter its candidate in the contest to select the champion speller for the municipality in which it is situated. The winners of these local contests will compete for the honour of representing the division in the final at Winnipeg. The teachers are urged to take an active interest in this matter and to do what they can to make it a success.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARDS

By W. A. McINTYRE

I have been requested to republish a short article printed a number of years ago, when this matter was under discussion in the province. Though I could add much to the argument, and probably might wish to eliminate one or two sentences, it is thought better to print the article just as it was:

"Now I am fairly convinced that we shall never have schools after the new order until our system of administration is altered. The greatest barrier

in the way of progress is the continued existence of the small rural school board. It could well give way to a board selected from the whole municipality. There is no reason whatever why the unit, for the purposes of education, should be any smaller than the unit for other purposes. The good results that would follow the introduction of a municipal board are so many, that it is surprising that some municipality does not take advantage of the provi-