

These will be specified in the forthcoming report. The success of the present convention, the central location selected for the next convention, the character of the local officers and the general environment of the Capital of the Dominion, all point to a grand success for the convention of 1900.

#### EMPIRE DAY.

The following resolution was recommended by the Committee on Resolutions, of the Dominion Educational Association at Halifax in August last, and unanimously adopted:—

*“Resolved,—That the Association recommends that the school day immediately preceding the 24th of May, be set apart as ‘Empire Day,’ and that the Departments of Education in the Provinces and Territories be respectfully requested to arrange for such exercises in their respective schools as will tend to the increase of a sound patriotic feeling.”*

This resolution was the outcome of one prepared by the Hon. Dr. George W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, and the former President of the Association. In the absence of Dr. Ross it was read, and supported by the President, the Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia. We cannot do better here than quote the Minister's presentation of the resolution.

“One of the questions which I intended to bring before the Association was the selection of some day during the school year, to be specially devoted to the cultivation of feelings of loyalty and attachment to our country and to the institutions under which we live.

In the month of May, I corresponded with the Superintendents of the different Provinces, asking for suggestions in regard to the title of such a day and the time which would best suit the convenience of the schools. I am glad to be able to say that my enquiries evinced the most cordial approval of the proposal, and all that remains now is for the Association to fix the time for observing such a day and select a title.

Among the titles suggested were the following:—“Flag Day,” “Britannia Day,” “Patriotic Day,” and “Empire Day.” None of these titles, except the last, seemed to me to be acceptable. I need not discuss them in detail. In regard to the first, I might say, however, that it is the title of a patriotic day in the United States, and although not on that ground objectionable, it is wanting in aptitude to our mode of thought and those notions of patriotism and loyalty which I think we should cultivate. Passing over the others without comment, I desire to indicate my strong preference for “Empire Day” as the title by which a patriotic day for the schools of Canada should be known.

1. “Empire Day” suggests that larger British sentiment which I think now prevails throughout the Empire, and to which Canada has for many years contributed not a little. The proudest sentiment which the old Roman could express was “Civis Romanus sum.” The greatest sentiment as well as the most stirring which we can put into the minds and hearts of our children, in my opinion, is “Civis Britannicus sum;” and to give that sentiment its fullest force, we should broaden it so as to include the whole British Empire.