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COUNTY OF OXFORD.

*Woodstock, 9th February.*

Moved by GEORGE ALEXANDER, Esq., Local Superintendent, seconded by J. M'KEE, Esq., Local Superintendent, and

"Resolved,—That this meeting approves of the proposal of the Chief Superintendent to establish Township in preference to County School Libraries; and would recommend that in any regulations to be adopted for that purpose, the wants and conveniences of all such School Sections as are willing to co-operate should be attended to."

COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

*Simcoe, 10th February.*

Moved by STEPHEN J. FULLER, Esq., seconded by M. H. FOLEY, Esq., and

"Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this Convention, the establishment of Township, Town, and Village Libraries would be greatly conducive to the diffusion of general knowledge, and would be preferable to County or School Section Libraries."

COUNTY OF BRANT.

*Brantford, 11th February.*

Moved by the Rev. W. RYERSON, seconded by W. MOYLE, Esq., and

"Resolved,—That it is the opinion of this meeting that County Libraries with Township Branch Libraries will be most likely to meet the present wants of the County of Brant."

UNITED COUNTIES OF YORK AND PEEL.

*Toronto, 16th February.*

Moved by Rev. R. DICK, Toronto, seconded by Mr. J. WARD, of Etobicoke, and

"Resolved,—That in the judgment of this Convention, a Library should be established in each Township, and distributed among the School Sections, so as to secure a systematic circulation of the whole; that each section may in due time have access to any book in the Township Library."

IV. MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

*London, 8th February.*—Moved by the Rev. W. F. CLARKE, Local Superintendent, seconded by the Rev. E. SHEPPARD, and

"Resolved—That this Convention expresses its satisfaction with the provisions of the School Act, and the Regulations of the Provincial Council of Public Instruction, as it respects the moral and religious instruction of our children and youth."

Moved by Mr. JOHN CAMPBELL, seconded by HAMILTON HUNTER, Esq., and

"Resolved—That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Chief Superintendent of Schools should recommend such alterations in the School Act, as will secure the appointment of Local School Superintendents whose literary qualifications render them suitable for the office. That the way to accomplish this object is to provide that the Superintendent may have a sufficiently extensive jurisdiction to occupy all his time and attention; that an adequate salary be attached to the office; and that some standard of literary qualifications be adopted to render parties eligible for appointment."

*Woodstock, 9th February.*—Moved by the Rev. Mr. BALL, seconded by the Rev. Mr. WALLACE, and

"Resolved—That this meeting, having marked with deep regret that a powerful movement has been made in certain quarters to perpetuate and extend the evils of sectarian education, and having marked with deep interest and heartfelt approbation the noble stand against this evil taken by the Chief Superintendent of Schools, and feeling that any concession made on this subject is a precedent fraught with incalculable evils, tending ultimately to destroy our national system of education, needlessly and cruelly separating the children of the community, and fostering those bitter sectarian animosities which have ever produced so much unmixed evil, would desire heartily to support the Chief Superintendent in any steps he

may take to abolish all sectarian distinctions in the Common School Law."

Moved by Mr. C. GOODWIN, seconded by MR. J. IZARD, and

"Resolved—That this meeting highly approves of the list of books selected by the Rev. Chief Superintendent for the use of Public School Libraries in Canada, and desires hereby to express its admiration of the extraordinary labor he has devoted to the selection of so large and almost perfect a list, and also his gratitude for this and all his other able and long-continued efforts to advance the educational interests of the country."

*Simcoe, 10th February.*—Moved by the Rev. FRANCIS EVANS, seconded by the Rev. GEORGE BELL, and

"Resolved—That it is the opinion of this Convention that the appointment of one Inspector of Schools in each County, instead of several Local Superintendents as at present, will highly conduce to the improvement of education—such Inspector to be selected and appointed by the Government."

Moved by Col. WILSON, seconded by the Rev. F. EVANS, and

"Resolved—That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, for his able exposition of the School Law, for his valuable assistance at this meeting, and for his unwearied and successful efforts in advancing the educational interests of this Province."

*Merrittsville, 25th January.*—Moved by Mr. THOS. BURGAR, seconded by Mr. ANDREW VAN ALSTINE, and

"Resolved—That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Chief Superintendent for the full and satisfactory explanations of questions this day submitted, and for his untiring zeal in behalf of the education and prosperity of the present and rising generation."

*Guelph, 28th January.*—Moved by Dr. CLARK, Warden of the County, seconded by JOHN HARLAND, Esq., and

"Resolved—That the high obligations felt by this Convention to Dr. Ryerson for the information communicated, and for the interest manifested by him in the educational prosperity of the country, are hereby expressed, and the thanks of this meeting tendered to him."

*Port Sarnia, 2d February.*—Moved by Captain HYDE, R.N., seconded by the Rev. G. J. R. SALTER, A.B., Local Superintendent, and

"Resolved—That a vote of thanks be given to the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, for the lucid and important statements with which he has this day favored the Convention."

*Sandwich, 4th February.*—Moved by Col. PRINCE, M.P.P., seconded by W. D. BABY, Esq., Sheriff of the County, and

"Resolved—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education, for the lucid and able exposition which he has delivered to this meeting, on the subject of education and schools in Upper Canada, and for the able exercise of the duties of his high office in the cause of education."

*Toronto, 16th February.*—Moved by Mr. A. WARD, Reeve of Etobicoke, seconded by Mr. McMULLEN, and

"Resolved—That the thanks of this Convention be given to the Chief Superintendent of Education for the great industry and zeal which he has shown in the promotion of the educational interests of the Province, and in securing the establishment of the present Common School System."

[Votes of thanks were also passed, *viva voce*, at the other County School Conventions.]

SCHOOL LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF OHIO.—The *Ohio Journal of Education* for January states that "the New School Bill has been under discussion in the Senate; and has passed through the Committee of the Whole, and been referred back to the Standing Committee. The discussions have been marked with ability, spirit, and fairness. The indications are, that the features of the Bill relating to a State Superintendent, to the amount of School funds and to District Libraries, will be