

Birtle, Russell and Binsearth, thus making it possible to get the services of an expert instructor. He closed with a tribute to the fine community spirit which made such a consolidation and such a school possible.

William Iverach, of Isabella, Chairman of the School Trustees' association, was the last speaker. He gave an earnest and practical talk, concluding with a strong plea for higher agricultural education, which, he declared, had its assured value in dollars and cents to every member of the community.

The school building, which, because of its lone position on the prairie, removed from other buildings of the town, presents an unusually impressive appearance, is of solid brick construction, buff color, and is practically fire-proof. It is two stories and full basement and hall floors are of smooth finished concrete, and all stairways are of the same material. The whole building is finished with a high wainscotting of lin-crusta, the halls being in light buff and the class and public rooms being in a mottled green tile effect, which is most uncommonly attractive and quite unique in school rooms, at least in Manitoba. On the main floor there are four commodious rooms in addition to the principal's office and public reception rooms. The top floor has two more classrooms and a magnificent auditorium with full stage. The auditorium is so designed that when required it can be converted into two additional classrooms by the simple building of a partition. The brick construction of the walls was so arranged as to allow for the full complement of windows for classrooms, but already it is pretty well understood in Foxwarren that the big auditorium is to remain in its present useful beauty, and that if more classrooms are needed in the future than the six now finished, an additional story will be added. The foundation and wall plans make full provision for such an addition. Adjoining the auditorium and giving separate entrance to the stage from the main hallway is a trustee's office and reception room which can also be used for a dressing

room when the auditorium is used for public meetings, concerts or dramatic performances. Across the hallway is a spacious library with separate private office. The stage has two enclosed stairways and has a modern curved front with cleverly arranged footlights. It is already complete with dainty curtains and boasts a brand new piano bought by the pupils of the school and to be paid for by themselves with money to be raised by entertainments and other activities. The basement has a playroom the full length of the building and thirty feet in width, which is soon to be equipped with all usual gymnasium apparatus. It is to be the banquet hall of Foxwarren for many years to come. Across the hall from the playroom are large rooms for manual training and domestic science. The latter is already equipped with a fine eight-hole range in addition to coal oil stoves, and has a full complement of tables and cupboards. It will be used at once for the preparation and serving of hot lunches to the pupils, and it is expected that the regular domestic science instruction will be commenced within a short time. The furnace room houses the big twin steam boilers, the Delco electric lighting plant and the gasoline engine which operates the water pump and ventilating fans. The ventilating system is of the most modern type, taking air through a large shaft from the outside and passing it through a series of steam-heated beds which send it to the rooms at a temperature about equal to that of the rooms. Heating and ventilation are entirely separate, the former being supplied by regulation steam radiators throughout the building.

The lavatories are commodious and of the most modern type, and resemble more the kind to be seen in the largest business buildings in Winnipeg than anything to be found in public buildings or schools. Sewage goes to a big septic tank some distance from the school, and an ample water supply is got from a well which opens into the boiler and pump room. In addition to