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THE COUNCIL OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The abolition of the Council of Public Instruction was discussed at some length at the recent meeting of the Ontario Teachers' Association, and the following resolution was at last agreed upon: "That a Committee consisting of Messrs. McMurchy and Dawson of the High Schools, Alexander McAllister and Johnston of the Public School Teachers, and McCallum, McIntosh and Hughes of the Inspectors, be appointed to confer with the Minister of Education with a view to secure the establishment of a representative Board to advise with him on educational matters." Mr. Hughes, Inspector for the city of Toronto, in preparing the above resolution, referred to the causes which led to the dissolution of the Council of Public Instruc-

tion. It was quite evident that there could not be two executives—a Minister of Education and a Council. It was equally evident that the responsibilities of legislation and general management must rest somewhere, and that to hold a Minister responsible for legislation over which he had no control, would be a great injustice. We were never favorable to the abolition of the office of Chief Superintendent. While believing in the full responsibility of all rulers to a constituency of some kind or another, we rather liked the opportunity the Chief Superintendent enjoyed of standing out of the way of popular indignation, while the educational reforms he proposed to be enacted were working their beneficial effects upon the public.