

Smirle, of Ottawa, Mr. McQueen, of Wentworth, Mr. Boyle, of Elora, Mr. Jennings, of Uxbridge, Mr. Alexander, of Galt, Mr. Suddaby, of Berlin, and Messrs. Spence and Morrison, of Toronto, joined in the discussion. It was finally resolved that each local association should appoint five delegates to attend the Provincial Convention, one at least of these being an Inspector, and one a High School Teacher, except in those associations where there are no High School masters.

Mr. Harvey was on hand to introduce the subject of Recent School Legislation. The discussion on this took a wide range, and was participated in by Mr. Alexander, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Johnson, and others. The acts of the Department as well as those of the Legislature were brought under review, and very strong opinions were expressed against the present methods of granting permits, and of prolonging the duration of third-class certificates, owing to the abuses that had sprung up in connection with them. Indeed no subject that came before the Section was spoken of with such warmth.

The discussion closed with the adoption of a resolution condemning the present method of granting permits, and of prolonging the duration of certificates about to expire, as liable to abuse; and recommending such change as would secure the granting of these privileges to those only who are worthy of them. The resolution also recommended the introduction of the ballot in the case of elections of Public School trustees as a protection to teachers in the exercise of the franchise, as well as for the general good.

Mr. Boyle read a carefully prepared paper on the Superannuation Fund; and Mr. McAllister presented a report of the Committee on Superannuation appointed by the Section at the last Convention to interview the Minister of Education in regard to the subject. A lively discussion followed in which Mr. Duncan, Mr. Allen, Mr. Harvey, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Smirle, Mr. Phillips, Mr. McLean, and Mr. Chapman joined.

The substance of some resolutions passed

by the Essex County Association, which were presented by Mr. Duncan, formed the basis of a resolution embodying the opinions of the Section. It was to the effect that the length of active service to entitle any teacher to a participation in the fund should be shortened, say to twenty-five years, that the allowance should be increased, and be made proportionate to the annual subscription, and that the widows of teachers should be made some allowance from the fund.

The Section without discussion adopted a resolution introduced by Mr. McAllister on the subject of Rotation of Examiners. It asserted the opinion of the Section that the introduction of this system would add to the improvement of education throughout the country.

Mr. Dickinson, the chairman, was in his seat on the second day, and found his functions as presiding officer so much of a sinecure that he was able to take an active part in the discussions. His presence on this day only, accounts perhaps for the fact that the subject his name was associated with—Means of Supply of Teachers—was not taken up. The meeting had begun to enjoy the pleasure of listening to a carefully prepared paper by Mr. Herner, of Waterloo, on "Uniformity of Text Books," when it was found that the time for it was so short that justice could not be done to either Mr. Herner or his subject. As it is one that not only will keep, but, like wine, will improve with age, he kindly consented to read his paper at the next meeting.

Messrs. McAllister, Doan, and Spence were appointed to act as representatives of the Public School Section on the Legislative Committee. The officers of the Section for the ensuing year are: Chairman, D. Boyle, Elora; Secretary, William Rannie, Newmarket; Executive Committee, A. Smirle, Ottawa; S. McAllister, Toronto; J. Duncan, Windsor; W. B. Harvey, Barrie; J. S. Carson, Strathroy.

COUNTY MODEL SCHOOLS.

AT the recent Convention of the Ontario Teachers' Association, the question of County