

Minister of Education acquire the copyright of all text-books? Mr. W. T. Biggs; Essayists, Misses Kuehn and Jones; Music, Mr. Groh; Physical Culture, Mr. P. H. Green; Mathematical Geography, Mr. Marshall.

A resolution was passed expressing dissatisfaction with the proposed shortening of the summer vacation, as it would not be in any way helpful to the cause of education to confine children during the hot weather which constitutes the vacation; also urging upon the Minister of Education to hesitate before granting any petition for that purpose.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on the second Friday and Saturday in September.

The Library Committee presented a report. The library consists of 140 volumes, and is in good condition.

Votes of thanks were tendered to the retiring officers of the Association. Mr. S. S. Herner was then elected a delegate to the Provincial Teachers' Association at Toronto.

Mr. Chapman considered the question, "Should the Provincial Teachers' Association be made Representative?" taking the affirmative side, and bringing several arguments to bear upon it. The Provincial Association should be a kind of Educational Parliament.

NORTH HASTINGS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Stirling, January 31st, 1880. The forenoon session was occupied in the discussion of "School Drill," and "How to Teach Arithmetic to Junior Classes," introduced by Wm. Mackintosh, I.P.S.

The subject was ably and exhaustively handled by Mr. Mackintosh. In a simple, lucid and practical manner he shewed how to teach children to recognize numbers at sight; to compare numbers; to analyze them, and to perform the simple elementary operations of addition and subtraction. An especially noticeable feature was his shewing how to teach the principles of "carrying."

The Association adjourned.

A pleasant feature in connection with the meeting was the recognition of the public services of the teachers by several members of the Stirling School Board, who had made arrangements with a leading hotel-keeper to have the teachers dine together as their guests. The courtesy was duly appreciated and acknowledged by the large gathering that enjoyed their hospitality.

The Association met again at three p.m.

The treasurer's report was read, shewing the large balance of \$81.81 on hand, and in the bank. The auditors, Messrs. Mulloy and Shannon examined the accounts and reported them correct.

Mr. J. Johnston, Inspector P. S., South Hastings, then introduced "How to teach Reading to Second and Third Classes." The subject was ably handled, stress being laid upon the necessity of thorough explanation of the lessons when they are assigned, the importance of teachers being able to set a good model for imitation before their pupils, and the value of committing the gems of thought studied in connection with the reading exercise to memory.

Mr. Mulloy and Mr. Sutherland favoured the Association with readings, which were well rendered and received.

Association adjourned.

WM. MACKINTOSH, *President.*