

COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

Meeting at Simcoe on the 10th of February.

Moved by Col. WILSON, seconded by WILLIAM WALLACE, Esq., and

"*Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Meeting, it is extremely desirable that Trustees of Township Common Schools, should be endowed with the same powers as are at present exercised by the Trustees in Towns and Villages."

II. RESOLUTIONS IN FAVOUR OF A PROVINCIAL SYSTEM OF FREE SCHOOLS, SUPPORTED BY COUNTY OR TOWNSHIP RATES, &c.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

St. Catharines, 24th of January.

"*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this Meeting it would be an improvement in the Common School Law, if the County Councils, and Township Councils were empowered by law to determine whether the Common Schools in such County, or in such Township (as the case may be) should be *Free Schools*."

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

Merrittsville, 25th of January.

"*Resolved*,—That the County or Township Municipal Councils be empowered to pass a by-law making all the Schools in their Municipalities *Free*."

UNITED COUNTIES OF WENTWORTH AND HALTON.

Hamilton, 27th of January.

Moved by Alderman McILROY, seconded by Councillor SPENCER, and

"*Resolved*,—That the question of Free Schools be left for decision to the County and Township Municipalities."

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Sandwich, 4th of February.

Moved by CHARLES BABY, Esq., seconded by JOHN McEWAN, Esq., and

"*Resolved*,—That the Legislature would promote the welfare of the people, by extending the powers of the various Municipal Corporations, enabling them to adopt measures for the establishment of *Free Schools*, either by a general tax, or by local rate."

COUNTY OF KENT.

Chatham, 7th of February.

"*Resolved*,—That this meeting would prefer to see the system of *Free Schools* at once established by legislative enactment; but since the Country is not properly prepared for such a step, this meeting is of opinion that the question should be left to be settled by County or Township Councils."

UNITED COUNTIES OF MIDDLESEX AND ELGIN.

London, 8th of February.

Moved by the Rev. EDMUND SHEPPARD, Local Superintendent, seconded by the Rev. JAMES SKINNER, Local Superintendent, and

"*Resolved*,—That in the view of this Convention, our Public Schools should be supported by a general Provincial tax."

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Woodstock, 9th of February.

Moved by the Rev. W. H. LONDON, Local Superintendent, seconded by C. GOODWIN, Esq., and

"*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this meeting, to empower the Trustees of the various School Sections to adopt the Free School system without consulting the people at the annual meetings, would be some improvement upon the present system (still a very slight one); as we cannot suppose that many Trustees could be found who would be willing to sacrifice their peace and comfort, by adopting a course even at the call of duty, which would embitter against them the feelings of many of their neighbours; and to authorize the various Municipalities to introduce that system into their respective limits, would be a still greater improvement; never-

theless this meeting is deeply impressed with the conviction that nothing short of a Parliamentary provision for Free Schools for the whole country will meet the wants and wishes of the most intelligent of the people of the Province."

COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

Simcoe, 10th of February.

Moved by the Rev. GEO. BELL, Local Superintendent, seconded by Colonel WILSON, and

"*Resolved*,—That in the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient that the Legislature of this Province should provide by law for a universal system of education, extending from the elementary branches to the highest departments of training for both sexes; the deficiency of public funds for the support of such system to be made up by general assessment on property, as the only true mode of providing for public instruction."

III. RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

UNITED COUNTIES OF WENTWORTH AND HALTON.

Hamilton, 27th of January.

Moved by PATRICK THORNTON, Esq., Local Superintendent, seconded by Mr. BOTHWELL, and

"*Resolved*,—That the Local Superintendents of the United Counties form themselves into a committee of correspondence, to ascertain the wishes of School Section Trustees on the establishment of School Libraries."

UNITED COUNTIES OF WELLINGTON, WATERLOO, AND GREY.

Guelph, 28th January.

The Convention considered that the system of Township Libraries was preferable to that of County or School Section Libraries."

COUNTY OF PERTH.

Stratford, 29th January.

The opinion expressed by the Convention was similar to the foregoing.

UNITED COUNTIES OF HURON AND BRUCE.

Goderich, 31st January.

A motion was unanimously adopted in favor of Township Libraries."

COUNTY OF LAMBTON.

Port Sarnia, 2d February.

Moved by Captain HYDE, R.N., seconded by H. GLASS, Esq., and

"*Resolved*,—That the plan for Township Libraries, as suggested by the Chief Superintendent of Education, be approved of by this Convention."

COUNTY OF ESSEX.

Sandwich, 4th February.

Moved by Col. PRINCE, M.P.P., seconded by Dr. VERVAIS, Local Superintendent, and

"*Resolved*,—That it appears to this meeting that Township Libraries would be preferable to either Section or County Libraries."

COUNTY OF KENT.

Chatham 7th February.

Moved by A. McKELLAR, Esq., seconded by Dr. CROSS, Local Superintendent, and

"*Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of this meeting that the establishment of Township Libraries would be more conducive to the general diffusion of knowledge than to have only one in each County; and this meeting hopes that the several Municipalities will avail themselves of the application about to be made to them by the Chief Superintendent, to raise the necessary funds to meet the legislative apportionment for that important purpose."

UNITED COUNTIES OF MIDDLESEX AND ELGIN.

London, 8th February.

Moved by J. W. KERR, Esq., seconded by J. PUTNAM, Esq., and

"*Resolved*,—That the establishment of Township Libraries