

The points emphasized were that overgrading tends to retain children too long in Public Schools, to retard the healthful development of ambitious children, and render the work of teachers too general and mechanical. Where it is practicable, a teacher should sub-divide the class in sections of nearly identical attainment, give short and frequent drills and promote in her own room frequently, while at least half-yearly promotions should be made from one grade to another.

A Committee was appointed to report to-morrow morning on the grading of schools.

Mr. Dearness reported for a Committee appointed last year to present the views of this Section in connection with the holding of the Non-Professional and Entrance Examinations simultaneously, "That it laid the difficulties and inconveniences of that arrangement before the Honourable the Minister of Education, who informed them in effect that the time table of the Examinations would be amended to remove the objections. On the receipt of the Department Calendar in the first week of January it had the honour again to bring the subject before the attention of the Minister, but apparently without securing the result."

A discussion took place on the question of charging fees at Entrance Examination, and the conclusion reached that circumstances so vary in different counties, and even in the same inspectorate, that it would be unwise to adopt a general rule for the whole Province.

AUGUST 16th, 1888.

The Public School Inspectors' Section assembled at 9 a.m. Present: Messrs. J. Dearness, J. Johnston, J. McBrien, A. Campbell, D. Fotheringham, J. S. Deacon, W. Macintosh, D. J. McKinnon, W. H. Ballard, W. E. Tilley, N. W. Campbell, C. A. Barnes and D. P. Clapp.

Mr. McBrien was, in the absence of the President, called to the chair,

The following resolution was presented and carried:—

That the report of the Committee appointed to urge upon the Minister of Education the wisdom of holding the Entrance and Non-Professional Examinations at different times be received: The Section learns with pleasure that the Minister agreed with the views expressed by the Committee, regrets that owing, no doubt, to circumstances of temporary force, the Examinations were held this year simultaneously.

The Section reiterates its opinion that they should be held at different times. This view is held for the following, among other reasons:—1. When held simultaneously it is, in many places, extremely difficult to get suitable and adequate

accommodation for Entrance and Non-Professional Examinations. It could be held in now in other important year extra Sub-Committee.

It was the practice of the Examination Commission to perplex the examination in all subjects of optional set of optional Secretaries its respective should not be expected.

The following officers took part:

Chairman: Secretary:

Director:

Legislative:

D. Fotheringham, the university.

The resolution was carried.

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Mr. J. Johnston, Inspector, McBrien, to be ex-