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R. H. Macklem Presented With Painting

Last night at the Golden Acre Inn, Kingston Road, 60 people, members of the South Hastings Educational Association, met to pay tribute to the founder of that organization, Mr. R. H. Macklem, inspector of South Hastings public schools.

Mr. E. R. Valcamp, vice-president of the organization, acting as chairman, told of the formation of the Association ten years ago, stating that it was an organization that had sponsored conservation, music festivals, public speaking contests, and scholarship awards. He referred to the work of Inspector Macklem in the public schools, his connection with the Film Councils, and other adult organizations.

On behalf of the Association, Mr. Valcamp presented Mr. Macklem with a painting depicting a rural scene near Halloway, the work of the Canadian artist, Manly Macdonald.

THANKS TENDERED

In his reply, Mr. Macklem thanked each person present, drawing to the attention of his listeners some of the means by which he would carry the memories of the association with him.

Mr. Roscoe Robson, MLA for East Hastings, spoke of his associations with Mr. Macklem and referred to the expanding school population, which brought with it problems of new classrooms, and of providing educational advantages for the elementary school pupils.

Colonel Roscoe Vanderwater recalled pioneer conditions in his own school section and contrasted them with conditions today. He referred to the fact that 100 years ago a farmer had been a public school inspector, and that his paternal grandmother had been subjected to an oral examination before commencing to teach.

Mr. L. A. Kells, superintendent of education in Belleville public schools, spoke of his associations with Mr. Macklem and went on to say that the organization of which Mr. Macklem was the founder, was at the time of its inception the only one to embrace trustees, teachers, ratepayers, and councillors.

At the close, friends from Sidney, Thurlow and Tyendinaga gathered to extend to the honored guest their best wishes for his

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