Victoria County Teachers Convene

The annual convention of the county of Victoria Educational Association opened last Thursday in the Assembly Hall of the Lindsay Collegiate Institute. There was a large attendance of teachers and the utmost interest prevailed throughout the proceedings.

MR. HICKSON PRESIDES

On motion of Inspector Knight, Mr W. D. Hickson, of Bobcaygeon, was voted to the chair, in the absence of the president, Mr. Trewman, of Kirkfield, who had not arrived when the meeting opened. Mr. J. H. Knight opened the meeting with a word of prayer.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was then read and the following teachers answered to their names:

East Victoria—Ala Townsend, Walter McLean, John Simpson, Nema Finley, Lila Nichols, T. A. Kirkconnell, H. S. Rosevear, John Rogers, Mamie Staples, Flossie Smith, Jean Parkin, Gertrude Junkin, Mable Brisbin, Pearl Perduson, Annie Nie, Emily Haugh, Helen Meehan, Bertha Nichols, Julia Metherell, Frederick Reeds, J. Dewan, Pearl Junkin, Tena Wallace, Mable Eagleson, Mary Thomas, Mable Brisbin, Edith Eisler, Mary Greenan, Adeline Poast, Parcell Ames, Maggie Droogan, Lillie Droogan, Duncan McDougall, Duncan McPhadyen, Mary Jane Wray, Daisy Walker, Mable Graham, Sarah Twalmley, Maggie Fee, Alice Fanning, Belle Smith, Louise Limbert, and Kate Thompson.

West Victoria—N. S. Naylor, R. E. Wagor, Belle McEachern, R. M. Parker, Gertrude Thornbury, B. A. Fields, Ethel Corneil, Bertha Rea, Lora McKenzie, Ethel Burke, M. E. Pinkham, Jessie Brown, C. Lapp, Annie Metherall, May Fowler, M. Langsford, Stanley Reid, W. H. Keslock, Helen Haig, D. McQuarrie, and B. A. Fidlar.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion were adopted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. D. McDougall, the following teachers were appointed as a nominating committee to appoint other committees. Misses Thomas, Poast and Langsford, and Messrs. Rogers, Hickson, McEachern and Lapp. The committee will meet tonight at four o'clock with Mr. John Rogers as convenor.

Mr. D. McPhayden explained that there had been a slight change in the programme, and instead of the address on outline drawing, Inspector Stevens was to give an address on writing.

SPLENDID ADDRESS.

In opening Mr. Stevens said that the writing of our schools is not nearly up to the mark. It was so far from the mark that in many cases it was a disgrace to our schools. All the teachers who were present knew what was to be done to get a good writing class, but the trouble was they fail to carry out what they know. To be a good writer one should study and practice at it until they are perfect. Nobody can accomplish anything without practice. There are, said the speaker, a number of faults which writers have, and which keep them from writing good. The most important of these faults is the bad position. To write well a person has first of all to sit right and hold his pen or pencil in the right manner. No person can write and at the same time be swinging their feet under them. They must be placed flat on the floor. The most essential thing in good writing is to sit up straight and get a good free hand movement. The child should lean forward from the hips, not from the shoulders. Each class in school should have daily exercise at the blackboard. It is good to cultivate a free hand movement, and is an exercise which the children like. Practice is necessary to be a good writer, and an exercise should be practiced until accomplished. Form and movement have got to go together to make good writing. One can't go without the other. Inspector Stevens offered a good deal of encouragement to the poor writer, and explained that if one only tried they could all make good writers.

After the address Messrs. Kirkconnell, Rosevear and McPhayden took part in the discussion, all pointing out that practice was the essential thing.

THURSDAY'S SESSION

At the afternoon session of the County of Victoria Educational Association, a very able and instructive address was delivered by Mr. Duncan McDougall, of Lindsay, on the subject "Composition." There was a large attendance of the teachers and a deep discussion took place after the address.

In opening Mr. McDougall said he was dealing with one of the most important questions in school life. He said that he considered that composition was one of the most important things that a school child had to study. To be able to condense into a few words, a story or a speech was one of the greatest gifts a boy or girl could have. The speaker said he thoubht that the boys and girls in our schools should be tought composition from the first so that when they reached the higher classes they would be good readers and speakers. "A little well done," said the speaker, "is better than a lot poorly done." A boy or girl should be taught to do what he undertakes thoroughly. Mr. McDougall also thought that the school children should be taught to write letters, address envelopes, and make out business forms in the early classes.

THE DISCUSSION.

Principal Rogers of the Separate school led the discussion which followed the address. He thought that composition was like writing, in many cases it was a gift of nature. He thought that there was a good deal in family teaching, but some of the best scholars in composition had come from homes where very poor English was used.

PROUD OF HIM.

Mr. John Campbell, of Fairview, said he was proud of his old friend and neighbor, Mr. McDougall. He had very seldom heard this subject discussed in so able a manner. He believed with Mr. McDougall, that the home education had a lot to do with the boy's or girl's composition, and he also believed in thoroughness.

Messrs. J. H. Knight, J. Simpson, of Bobcaygeon, and W. Hickson, of Bobcaygeon, also spoke on the matter.

Mr. D. McPhayden also took part in the discussion, and brought out the great usefulness and need of perfection. Mr. McPhayden thought that a standard should be used in marking compositions.

Inspeceor Stevens said he agreed with the rest of the speakers in regard to the condensing of letters. He also agreed with them when they said that a small amount well done was far better than a lot poorly done. Mr. Stephens emphasized the necessity of reading good books, books which did the mind some good.

INSPECTOR SPEAKS

Mr. T. J. Tilley, inspector of model schools, spoke a few minutes, enforcing the need of courteous speaking by the children in our schools. The speaker thought that the teachers should try and get the children to love their work and their teachers. A kind voice will often help the children along instead of scolding, and finding fault. The teachers should try and encourage the children and they will work all the harder and better.

AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS

Mr. D. A. McKenzie spoke on the necessity of giving the children of our rural districts an agricultural education. He asked for the hearty co-operation of all the teachers of the rural schools.

TRUSTEES' MEETING.

The meeting of the trustees met in the senior leaving form. The reading of the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. W. D. Hickson, president, occupied the chair and gave a very interesting address on the duties of the trustees. He put great stress on the putting of good books in the school libraries and the appointing of good teachers.

Mr. J. Campbell also addressed the meeting at some length.

After the address by Mr. Campbell the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

President—Mr. J. Campbell.

Secretary—J. Staples, of Lindsay.

WEST VICTORIA SECTION.

The West Victoria teachers' section met in the assembly hall with Mr. C. Trapp, President in the chair. The treasurers' report was presented and was highly satisfactory.

The President, Mr. Trapp, Little Britain, delivered a very strong address, which was listened to with a great deal of interest.

The following officers were elected ;

President—G. B. Rennie.

Secretary—W. H. Stevens, of Lindsay.

Auditors—Messrs. Newton Smale, R. Gray and D. McDougall.

THE EAST VICTORIA

Teachers' section also met Thursday in IIA form. The president, Miss A. Fanning, occupied the chair and delivered a very strong address. On motion the address will be published in full.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows :

President—Mr. J. Simpson.

Vice.-President—Miss D. Walker.

Secretary—Miss M. Thomas.

Auditors—Mr. D. McDougall, and Mr. Newton Smale.

MORNING SESSION.

The convention opened again this morning with Mr. W. B. Hickson in the chair, the regular President being absent. The report of the committees was brought in and adopted. A long discussion took place on the question of having Part I examinations. It was the opinion of those present that the following subjects should be tried at the entrance examinations : — Physiology and Hygiene, Drawing, History, Nature Study and supplementary reading.

The following officers were elected for the coming year :—

President—H. S. Rosevear.

Vice-President — S. Truman.

Secretary—Mr. D. McFadden.

Auditors—Mr. Newton Smale and Mr. D. McDougall.

OUTLINE DRAWING.

Mr. G. D. Robertson, Commercial Master at the Collegiate, gave a very interesting and instructive address on Outline Drawing. Mr. Robertson explained his address by a number of drawings on the blackboard.

Session Brought to a Close

District Meeting of Methodist Church Concluded Thursday

The time of the ministerial session of the Lindsay district Methodist churches was taken up on the opening session with the examination of candidates for the ministry.

THE CHAIRMAN.

Rev. R. McCulloch, Omemee, President of the Bay of Quinte Conference presided, and opened with devotional exercises, after which Rev. E. W. Rowland, of Minden, was appointed secretary.

THE PROBATIONERS

The probationers were : G. C. R. McQuade, G. T. McKenzie, F. L. Phelps, W. E. Honey H. E. Graham and J. O. Totten.

Mr. McQuade has been a five year probationer, and on motion of Messrs. Wilson and Brown he will be received into full connection and ordained.

Messrs. Graham and Honey were on count for three years and will be continued on probation. Mr. McKenzie has also been a year on probation and will continue so.

The following who have been at college were recommended to be returned: Messrs. O. Totten, N. E. Graham and A. L. Phelps.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Snowden W. P. Woodger was recommended to be received into the ministry.

SUPERANNUATED

On mation of Messrs. Wilson and Real Thos. Brown was recommended as a superannuated minister.

On motion of H. W. Foley and Snowden P. Brown was also recommended for superannuation.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session on Wednesday was featured by a splendid discourse on "Life and Favor of God" by Rev. Mr. Snowdon, of Janetville.

THURSDAY MORNING.

A joint meeting of both ministers and laymen was held. The following laymen were present: W. B. Sparling, Dr. Clarke, Wm. McWatters, Lindsay; J. McRae, Omemee; M. Ruth, Bethel; W. J. Grandy, Janetville; W. Lewis, Dunsford; W. B. Fair, Cambray ; J McFarland, Bobcaygeon; R. H. Baker, Minden.

The following young men were recommended to be sent to college : W. E. Harvey, Little Britain; N. E. Graham, Lindsay; J. O. Totten, Toronto; A. L. Phelps, Bobcaygeon; G. T. Mackenzie, Omemee.

Mr. Culbert Allen, Lindsay, was also recommended to be received on probation for ministry.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At the afternoon session of the district meeting in the Methodist church yesterday the following were elected as delegates to the Bay of Quinte Conference which will be held June 2nd at Belleville. Messrs. W. Flavelle Dr. Clarke, W. B. Sparling and Wm. Watters, of Lindsay, J. McRae, of Omemee; W. Grandy, of Mount Horeb; W. Lewis, of Dunsford; W. B. Fair Cambray; Jos. McFarlane, Fenelon Falls; D. McFarlane, Fenelon Falls; and Mr. Ventriss, of Bobcaygeon.

Alternates—J. Seymour, Bobcaygeon; J. Boxall, Lindsay; and Mr. Gabriel Switzer, of Powles Corners

Rev. M. E. Wilson, of Dunsford, was appointed as district representative to the stationing committee at the conference.

The meeting came to an end yesterday afternoon at 3.30 p.m.

Visited the Point

Mr. Somerset, of Toronto, western manager of the well known advertising firm of McKim & Co., of Montreal, was in town Wednesday on business. Mr. Somerset visited Sturgeon Point in the afternoon and was very much impressed with the beauty and convenience of Lindsay's summer resort.

THE EGYPTIANS' SECRET.

The Egyptians of Pharoah's time were a wonderful people. The pyramids, for instance, put our modern buildings to shame. Where such huge blocks of stone were carved—how they were moved and put in place—are mysteries to modern minds.

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Wedding Bells

LOWES—IRWIN

At three o'clock Wednesday, afternoon the wedding took place at the George street parsonage, Peterboro, of Miss Lena Irwin and Mr. David Henry Lowes, both of Emily township. Rev. E. A. Pearson officiated.

The couple were unattended. They will reside in Emily.

CLANCY—RICKERMAN.

Buffalo Courier: A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Delaware-ave., Buffalo, New York., April 27th when the Rev. Father Mejalin united Beanna, the second daughter o Mr. and Mrs. D. Clancy, of Downeyville, Ont., Canada, to Mr. Geo. Rickerman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rickerman. The bride was attended by her youngest sister, Miss Loretta Clancy, and Mr. John Rickerman supported his brother. Following the ceremony, which was solemnized during a high mass, a very quiet breakfast was served in the Hotel Stetlar in Washington-st. Afterwards the bridal party drove to the home of the groom's parents, at Hamburg for dinner. Later in the day the young couple left by the Empire State Express for New York and Albany, and other points east. On their return they will reside in Hamburg, New York.

Obituary

ALLAN A. ADAMS.

Mr. Allan A. Adams, for years the proprietor of the Queen's hotel at Port Hope, passed away yesterday at his home, 129 Beverley street, Toronto, aged sixty years. The late Mr. Adams had been ill nearly a year and his death was not unexpected. Prior to his going into the hotel business he was a grain merchant at Port Hope. Deceased was a charter member of the I. O. O. F. at Port Hope The late Mr. Adams had lived retired in Toronto for the past eight years. He is survived by his widow. The remains will be taken this afternoon for interment in Union Cemetery at Port Hope.

MRS. WM. PORTER.

Mrs. William Porter, aged sixty-nine, died at her home, 5751 Prairie avenue, Chicago, Ill., April 26th, and her remains were interred in the family plot at Oakwoods cemetery, that city.

Her death was due to a cancer, from which she has been a patient sufferer for several years. Her husband predeceased her in 1891, her son William in 1881, and her daughter Etta in 1899.

She is survived by two sons, Charles and Frederick, residents of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Porter were born in Cornwall, England, and after marriage they came to Canada and engaged in the hotel business. During the sixties and seventies they conducted hotels in Fenelon Falls and Lindsay.

The old Dominion House on William-st., which some of the old residents of Lindsay and Victoria County will remember, was under the management of Mr. Porter for several years.

Lindsay Boy's Success

An old Lindsay boy, Charles D. Cameron, of Chicago, in renewing his subscription to The Post, speaks in a complimentary manner of this newspaper. Mr. Cameron is a top notcher in the show business, and is professionally known as Chas. De Camo. He has achieved a brilliant success at the Hippodrome, London, England, with "Cora," the mental canine marvel, the highest perfection in animal training.

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Home Semaphore

What is known as a "home semaphore" has been erected at the diamond, where the C. P. R. crosses the two lines of the G. T. R., in Peterboro. It will be worked from the diamond house, and is placed there to particularly guard against damage, which shunting engines may do. There are three boards on it. One for the C. P. R., one for the Belleville line, and the other for the Port Hope line of the G. T. R. It will soon be in working order. The shunters will be able to work up close to it and will be guided by it.

Taxicabs are said to have caused the failure of a New York stock broking firm.

To make a cake flavored with coffee use strong coffee in place of milk in mixing the batter.

No Place Like Home

Mr. Pat Plourd, of Alpina, Mich., and family, accompanied by his son-in-law, Mr. Bert Bylow, of the same place, arrived last evening, in town and will take up their residence in Lindsay. Mr. Plourd lived in Lindsay some twenty years ago, and has returned to his old home.

—Uxbridge Journal: Barrie ratepayers have voted the bonus to the Weber Foundry Company for the establishment of a gas producer machine works. This, we believe, is the concern that wanted "inducements" from Port Perry.

—Answer to correspondent: The areas of Rice Lake, Peterboro county, and Scugog Lake are twenty-seven and thirty-nine square miles respectively.

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