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At Provincial Convention Local School Trustees Glean Much Interesting Information Discuss Topics Timely Interest To Local Scene

This year's convention of the Public School Trustees' Association of Ontario was held in Hamilton on October 19 to 23, and was attended by five members of the Richmond Hill Public School Board.

A busy schedule is planned for the delegates who comprise trustees, professional educationalists and school administrators. The schedule consists of full convention panels, films, speeches, demonstrations by school children of the host city, question and answer periods, and workshops. The greatest portion of the time is spent in the workshops and it is generally agreed that in these lies the greatest value of the convention.

The subject for each workshop is chosen well in advance of the convention and people who are experts on that subject are selected for the panel. During the workshop sessions the chairman and panel lead the discussion according to a prepared outline and the audience of delegates is free to express opinions, to criticize or comment, to raise or answer questions.

Depending upon the current interest in the workshop subject there may be as many as sixty or more delegates at one workshop. Thus the panel and the audience constitute a wealth of knowledge and experience upon which one can draw for advice and answers to one's own local problem. Here one can learn how this same problem has been solved in other areas throughout Ontario. Just as important one also learns what is being done and what is planned for the future in school systems throughout the province.

The following are brief reports on those points which our delegates considered of most value to Richmond Hill.
Chairman Robert Ross — Cur-

rent Rural and Suburban Problems. The discussion here was of great interest to Richmond Hill. The most important point made was that the planning board, the council and the school board must work together whenever a new subdivision is planned. While a subdivision is still in the planning stages, a school site and approval for a new school should be obtained, so that construction of the school begins at least as soon as the construction of houses.

A good subdivider should see the advantages of this method in that prospective buyers are attracted to a subdivision where a school is well underway.

Unnecessary expense for the taxpayer in the form of transportation and rental of temporary accommodation was cited as the result of lack of co-operation between all municipal bodies. This has been all too clearly the experience in Richmond Hill and the situation must be corrected. The requirements of the school board must be considered at the earliest stage of planning for residential development in order to avoid costly delay.

Trustee Mrs. Margaret Southwell — Relation of Health (Physical and Emotional) of the Child to School Progress.

The discussion in this group was extremely interesting and proved that there is a very real relationship between a child's progress in school and his physical and emotional health. For practical application the question of occupational guidance roused the greatest general interest. One of the panel who is a school inspector suggested that this guidance begin at the grade 7 and 8 level. This was well received and it was agreed that the principal and a trained teacher can act as guidance advisors. The group learned

that some school systems start guidance counselling as low as grade 5.

On the second day this workshop proceeded to another topic, "What Industry Expects of Education." The fundamental point stressed was that all workers need a basic education in order to be able to think for themselves. The more expensive equipment now being used in industry makes education a necessity and education in mathematics of prime importance. Industry will accept and train young people who have a sound basic education and most large concerns will send promising youngsters to a trade school at the company's expense. Industry will help the youngster who shows a willingness to learn and who demonstrates the ability to think for himself.

There was criticism of the many young people who aim for a white collar job simply because they do not want to get their hands dirty. Criticism, too, for those who expect good pay for little effort, was also voiced. Exception was also taken to university students who think that immediately after graduation they can manage a business without any further training.

The industrialist on the panel stated that technical schools are absolutely necessary. The panelist who represented labour wanted non-academic students to receive some training in the humanities as well as in the skills.

Trustee Lewis D. Clement — School Buildings and Maintenance. While some of the audience from rural areas found this panel concentrated too much on urban and suburban problems it was a happy choice as far as a board such as Richmond Hill was concerned. Like many workshops, much of the value lay in confirmation of the good sense of our present practices with angles on details discovered by other boards.

For instance the wide divergence in the number of pupils to come out of each house in different areas and communities confirmed the need for research by each board on its own actual position and the development of flexible plans to allow for the wide variations in enrollment that are bound to occur. In recent years in Richmond Hill, our planning committee has conducted surveys on the number of pupils per house in different parts of our town. For flexibility we build a

modest size school in view of present requirements, but we allow for major growth in the ultimate plans of both permanent and temporary construction.

It was accepted that 16 to 20 rooms makes the ideal school from the academic and administrative points of view. This school should be built on an eight-acre site.

Sites should be earmarked long before the homes in a neighborhood are built and the people should be well informed of plans for the future.

General purpose rooms are almost universal practice and are a much more sensible way of spending money for such space than the basements of former years.

Unless land is of exorbitant cost or the building of excessive size, the main criterion in choosing between one storey and two storey schools is in the design of the best layout of the building and site.

Considerable research is being done on the shape and size of classrooms, the most important part of the school, Toronto and Ancaster are experimenting with square classrooms which place the teacher close to all the pupils.

Equipment for classrooms — shelves, cupboards, blackboards and tackboards are given searching scrutiny in conjunction with the teachers before being standardized. There is a move to reduce the size of the currently popular large windows by making higher sills.

Public address systems are used by most large boards and are admitted to be almost essential. Trustee Joseph Rabinowitch attended the workshop which dealt with the new grant system for Ontario Public Schools. This new system was designed to aid areas where there has been rapid growth in school population, but it is a highly complex subject and Trustee Rabinowitch will make a full report to the board.

Trustee Mrs. Virginia Sully — Types and organization of schools. The discussions in this workshop centred entirely around the intermediate school. Various types and combinations were described and there was intensive examination of the reasons for and the results of intermediate systems.

The obvious conclusion to be drawn from the sessions of this large group was that some type of intermediate system will soon be standard practice throughout Ontario. This is important to a growing town such as ours and a full report will be presented to the board.

During the convention the Richmond Hill Trustees arranged to visit some of Hamilton's Public Schools. Talking with the principals, teachers and pupils as well as the business administrator and superintendent who conducted the tour, seeing the equipment, the facilities, the attitudes and the work of the children at first hand was time extremely well spent. Hamilton operates a senior public school system and the schools visited were composite schools. That is, kindergarten and one or two classes of another grade are accommodated in the senior school for the sake of expediency. One feature of the senior program which impressed our trustees most favorably was the demonstration of choral speaking which is a part of the English course.

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Many Attend Remembrance Day Service

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Magistrate J. W. Butler acted as Master of Ceremonies and a welcome to the ceremony was extended by Mayor K. W. Tomlin.

Rev. W. A. Patterson and Rev. J. Newton-Smith led in the devotional ceremony and the speaker of the day was Capt. Rev. Hugh MacDonald, Chaplain of the Royal Canadian Engineers.

In addition to several wreaths placed on the memorial by individuals there were floral tributes from the Province, the Town of Richmond Hill, the Women's Institute, the Canadian Legion, the W.A. of York County Veterans, the High School, the Sappers Club and other organizations. The Town wreath was laid by Councillor W. J. Haggart.

In the parade following the service the salute was taken by Squadron Leader J. W. Perry, D.S.O., D.F.C., the Reeve of Vaughan Township.

A feature of the service was the fine performance by the Richmond Hill High School Band. The band, making its first public appearance, was highly praised by Chairman Butler, and was the subject of many favorable comments. In congratulating the boys and girls Mr. Butler said since so many graduates of the school served with the armed forces it was fitting the first public appearance of the band should be at the Remembrance Day service. The band uniforms were green tunics and caps.

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