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Seventh Annual Convention

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ter for the individual and for the family, and that only when it has obtained some proportions does it catch the imagination of the people and make them see that what is good for the individual or for the family, is good for the people as a whole.

In this Province, early educational work was a matter of private effort. But in the year of 1877 was passed the Public Schools Act, embodying the finding of the Parliamentary committee, and the recommendations of the Board of Education. Dr. Robertson, in an excellent article on our public schools system declares that it gathered up in itself all that the people of Prince Edward Island had been able to do at the educational problem. With a few amendments, that changed no important principle of the original Act, it remains the basis of our school system today.

In passing, I may briefly summarize the educational situation as at present, and then give you some idea of the amount spent by our people, who so fully appreciate its benefits.

The Government of this Province contributes a larger portion of its revenue to education than that of any other province. It is true that our teachers do not receive salaries as large as those paid by other provinces, with the exception of Quebec. Nor is the local contribution equal to that of the other provinces, unless we take into consideration the amount expended outside the Province. It is probably equal that paid by any of the others.

But when you realize that our entire population is only 86,615, I am satisfied that you will agree with me that Prince Edward Islanders are fully seized of the importance of education and the nobility of your calling. "To prepare us for which education has to discharge. It is, therefore, worthy of note that although small in size and population, yet this province has given more than its quota in proportion to its people of men to public and professional life.

Seven presidents are on the list to its credit, namely: President Schurman in the United States; Daniel J. Fraser of the Presbyterian College, Montreal; Donald D. MacKay, Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington; Edward J. Jordan, Grand Island College, Nebraska; and Dr. Samuel K. Robertson of the Prince of Wales College, and Reverend James Murphy, Rector of Saint Dunstan's University, Charlottetown.

The names of educationalists from this little island who have adorned the highest walks in educational activities on this continent are legion. They have made illustrations in the best way their native land by putting first things first. Therefore your presence will be a source of delight to our people, and your labours will not be in vain.

Fortunately, your visit synchronizes with the time of year when you will be able to see the abundant productions of this beautiful land ripening to perfection. Loveliness and comfortable homes are boasted characteristics of the province. But our chief product is the boys and girls, who, under the blessings and benefits of education remain with us, or go forth to do their part in the worlds broad field of battle.

His Worship Mayor Miller said that it was one of the chief officials

clusion the speaker again extended to the visitors a most hearty and sincere welcome to the city and Province, and expressed the wish that they might profit well by the work they did here.

Mr. E. J. H. Morrissey, welcoming the delegates on behalf of the teachers of Prince Edward Island said that he felt honored in being called upon. He was glad to find that for the first time in the history of these conventions, all the Provinces were represented. He felt sure that at the next convention all the Provinces would be officially represented. This was the first visit for many, and he hoped that these would carry away with them pleasant memories of their visit to the Garden of the Gulf; that hitherto Prince Edward Island would bear more significance than a mere speck of land noted for its foxes, farming and fishing.

The success of Canada, as a nation, said the speaker could be in large part attributed to its teachers, again heartily welcome all the delegates, both official and unofficial.

President Howe, replying to these addresses of welcome, said that he thanked on behalf of the Eastern Provinces, the citizens of Charlottetown for their warm welcome. He had the privilege of being in Charlottetown for a week as a stranger, but the warmth of the welcome had received, and the hospitality which he had been treated, had not lessened on that account. What Mr. Rogers had said about the attractions of Prince Edward Island were completely justified by the facts, and that the people of Prince Edward Island took great pride in their Province.

Mr. J. Parker, delegate from Alberta, said that it gave him great pleasure to reply to the warm reception that had been tendered to teachers. He was himself from Devonshire, England, and nothing reminded him so much of the Old Land as the beautiful trees and rich green of the Maritimes, and especially the Prince Edward Island. The convention, at all events, had made a good start, which was due not only to the teachers themselves, but to the country into which the delegates had come.

The following committees were then appointed:

Business and Program: Mr. E. M. Campbell, Montreal; Mr. F. Parker, Calgary; Mr. Leo McDonald, Charlottetown; Mr. Creelman, Victoria.

Finance and Budget: Mr. A. C. Campbell, Winnipeg; Mr. G. R. Mikel, Ottawa; Miss Jean Aitken, Saskatchewan; Mr. E. C. Woodley, Montreal; Mr. G. W. Clark, Vancouver; Mr. W. Mountford, Winnipeg.

Resolutions: Mr. M. J. Coldwell, Regina; Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Portage La Prairie; Mr. A. Waite, Edmonton; Mr. S. H. Henry, Toronto; Mr. C. B. Jelly, Summerside; Mr. G. G. Harris, Moose Jaw.

Constitution and Policy: Mr. H. W. Barnett, Edmonton; Mr. W. H. Ross, Vancouver; Miss B. A. Canoe Cove and Mr. C. A. Adams, Quebec.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Elliott, then read the following correspondence:

A letter from the Lieutenant Governor conveying an invitation to the teachers to be present at a reception and informal evening at the Government House, Victoria Park.

A letter from the Canadian Teachers' Association asking for the support of the teachers in Canada in increasing interest in Canadian literature and on-line. It stated that Canada's Book year was to be observed this fall, and asked for the support of the teachers in this movement.

A letter was read from a party of Ontario teachers, at present in Paris, France, conveying best wishes to the convention.

A letter from the National Council of Education referred to the resolution of the Council.

A letter from Mr. J. B. Murray, Canada to give its support to the holding of a Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation of Canada, to be held next year.

The President, Mr. R. E. Howe, then delivered his annual address, as follows:

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The Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. G. Elliott, read his Secretary's report as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT

One year ago your Secretary in presenting his report indicated that the Canadian Teachers' Federation was continuing its work with high hopes and unflagging interest. After the year's expiration this Annual Meeting finds us with hope undimmed and interest unabated.

The report of Work and Progress which we shall be called upon to consider, indicate that in each province our organized teachers are making worth-while contributions to the cause of education.

We must not forget, however, that progress is made only at very considerable cost—in terms of time and energy on the part of very many; cost in terms of sacrifice on the part of a few.

In the matter of organization it is mentioned that during the year the Saskatchewan Teachers' Alliance and the Saskatchewan Secondary Teachers' Association decided to amalgamate, taking the name of the older and larger organization, viz., the Saskatchewan Teachers' Alliance.

New Brunswick teachers have decided to affiliate with the Canadian Teachers' Federation and their formal application may be expected at this Convention.

Nova Scotia teachers are considering the same problem very care-

fully and there is little doubt that but a short time will elapse before the Canadian Teachers' Federation will have a strong and representative membership in every province in the Dominion.

The spirit of co-operation between our provinces is growing stronger. We are coming to see more clearly that what affects one province or one member for that matter, has its influence upon all. In this connection I might mention that though Alberta made no appeal for assistance in the Blairmore case, most of the provinces made voluntary contributions to this Emergency Fund, and I have the resolution from the Alberta Teachers' Alliance:

"At a meeting of the Executive of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance, Inc., held recently, a resolution was passed expressing gratitude to the Canadian Teachers' Federation for the splendid help and gift to Alberta in the recent Blairmore struggle. The General Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to send a letter of appreciation to our generous subscribers through the Canadian Teachers' Federation. We beg the Canadian Teachers' Federation not only to accept this as an official, formal thanks of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance but as the deepest possible heart-felt appreciation of benefits received not only in such splendid tangible form in the shape of money, but for the confidence and courage it gave to Alberta and the Blairmore fight, especially in following right through to the end, a fight which Mr. Rogers had said about the attractions of Prince Edward Island were completely justified by the facts, and that the people of Prince Edward Island took great pride in their Province."

(Sgd) **"JOHN W. BARNETT,"**

In membership we have a net increase of more than 10%, while the number of teachers-in-training has increased in a much greater proportion, as may be seen by reference to Statement No. 1, which lists the members of Convention will find before them. Our roll of honorary members is comparatively small and that of our regular members is incomplete, but it will be noted that there are now nearly twenty thousand active and prospective teachers enrolled by our affiliated organizations.

A statement of the approximate dates for the holding of annual meetings and of the amount of fees collected has been placed in the hands of each delegation. Statement No. 2).

During the year your Secretary has endeavored to carry out the instructions given him at last Convention.

No difficulty in obtaining passage of text books and material through the Canadian customs has been reported.

The matter of interprovincial exchange of teachers was taken up and co-operation was promised, but no application for such exchange was received during the year and no further step was taken.

Copies of resolution re representation in Canadian Senate passed last year were forwarded to the Premier and Leader of the Opposition. Courteous acknowledgments of receipts came to us in due time.

The Railway Commission was communitated with in regard to the resolution bearing on special travelling rates for teachers during summer vacation and was informed that the Commission had no jurisdiction as it was a question of new rate not a revision of an existing rate.

A permanent register of delegates to Convention has been prepared and is now in service.

Standing committees appointed at last Convention will report in due course, some reports being especially of interest to the delegates. Resolutions coming up from the provincial organizations are fewer in number this year than last.

From Alberta—

1. "Resolved that the Alberta Teachers' Alliance take up with the Government the advisability of decreasing the number of delegates to the C. T. F. Convention."
2. "Resolved that our delegates to the C. T. F. Convention be instructed to urge the employment of a speaker to set the claims of education before the public body and in the press."
3. "Resolved that we go on record as favouring the Register of Teachers, the form to be submitted later for consideration."

The latter resolution was an amendment to the following: "Resolved that the Alberta Teachers' Alliance support strongly the Dominion-wide Register of Teachers along the lines suggested at the last Annual Convention of the Canadian Teachers' Federation."

From British Columbia—

1. "Resolved that the British Columbia Teachers' Federation pledge its financial support to the Canadian Teachers' Federation in connection with the Conference of the World Federation of Educational Associations to be held in Toronto in 1917, and authorize its Executive to take steps to raise the necessary money after a definite estimate of expenditures has been received from the C. T. F."
2. "Resolved that in the opinion of this Federation a Dominion Register of Teachers is advisable; but that as qualifications of teachers' certificates vary in the different provinces and as the control of the issuance of such certificates is vested in the provinces, we believe that the formation of a register of teachers should be undertaken separately by the different provinces previous to a Dominion-wide compilation."
3. "Furthermore, we believe both academic and professional should be more carefully considered than appears in the said resolution of the Manitoba Federation."

From Manitoba—

1. "Resolved that the Manitoba Teachers' Federation endorse the teacher, have all shown an encour-

agement of the work and advancement of the Federation year in British Columbia was then read by Mr. Harry Charlesworth.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After the reading of the minutes of the morning session by the Secretary, discussion was continued on the British Columbia report, especially with that part which dealt with cases of teachers absent or reasons that sickness or other compensation for same. The legal procedure in each Province was explained by the Provincial delegates, and the report, after several of the delegates had congratulated British Columbia on its splendid showing, was adopted.

A request from the teachers of New Brunswick asking for the recognition of two delegates at the convention was read, and on motion, acceded to. These delegates are Messrs. Pith and Dr. Geo. Oulton. Dr. Oulton, on behalf of the teachers they represented, thanked the Federation for granting their request.

Marjorie reports were then read by Mr. J. W. Barnett, Mr. M. J. Coldwell, and fully discussed.

Following the afternoon session of the teachers were taken for an auto drive about the city and environs by a number of citizens.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Following is the address of the President, Mr. R. E. Howe, B. A.:

In opening this, the seventh annual Convention of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, I would first avail myself of the opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the honour you have done in electing me to the presidency for the current year. I should also be delighted in my duty were I to fall to pay tribute to the earnestness, loyalty and enthusiasm of those who have assisted me in the direction of the Canadian Teachers' Federation activities during my term of office. In connection I would make special mention of the valuable services rendered by our Secretary-Treasurer. His splendid devotion to the interests of our organization has been largely responsible for whatever progress the year has shown.

Nor do I feel that the year has been without evidence of progress; it is showing and those of us who have followed the trend of public opinion, as expressed by education-press comment in the press, cannot but feel that interest in education, appreciation of its worth in the development of a national spirit, and that in Quebec the University of which I am a graduate, as well as a member of the governing body

of Teachers as referred back to the Canadian Teachers' Federation and recommends that machinery for the carrying out of such work be set up by the Canadian Teachers' Federation at the earliest possible date.

A matter that in the opinion of your Secretary should be considered is that of securing the continuity of our Convention activities. At the Toronto Convention there were but five delegates who were members of the Victoria Convention. At this Convention seven of our last year were present at Toronto last year. With a resolution compelling us to a reduction in the number of delegates, some plan should be devised to guard against a very obvious danger.

A further question is, how to place the work of the C. T. F. before the membership at large. A C. T. F. quarterly journal published for a year or two; circulars from the President and Secretary have been tried. The consensus of opinion seems to be that a Dominion Magazine is not yet within the possibilities. Should we publish a Year Book? It seems to be expected of us. If we are to judge from requests that come to the Secretary's desk.

The C. T. F. has been requested to appoint a representative to the National Council on Education. This brings us the larger issue of our relation to all other educational organizations.

It is with very great pleasure that we have learned that the University of Acadia has tendered the degree of LL.D. to our well esteemed President. We feel sure that Mr. Howe will carry his new honors with becoming dignity. We see in this act of Acadia a recognition on the part of the University that it has played an important part in our land.

Let me in a word express my appreciation of the kindly spirit manifested by every member of the Executive in their hearty cooperation with me during the past year.

For myself, I may say that I have done my best to discharge the duties of my office as efficiently as possible. Where I have failed may I assure you that my intention will be to serve you as best as I can in the serious consideration of the same idea in Ontario, and the recent decision of New Brunswick in its strength, and we cannot but feel that these movements will lead to a greater measure of solidarity among the teachers of the Dominion.

Reference to the recent move leaving a cash balance of \$5,244.42, and cash on hand, \$23.51. These reports, after discussion, were adopted.

The report on the work and advancement of the Federation year in British Columbia was then read by Mr. Harry Charlesworth.

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has set an example which other situations interested in teacher training may well consider. In this University a graduate who intends to enter our profession, in order to obtain a High School Certificate is now required, after graduation, to devote an additional year to practical training and the intensive study of those subjects directly related to education. This is a distinct and encouraging advance along professional lines and I commend it most heartily to other institutions in the preparation of candidates for the teaching profession.

Finally, this Convention has to consider in a practical way, our attitude toward the 1927 session of the World Federation for Educational Associations. At our organization in Toronto last year our organization extended an invitation to this body to meet in Canada next year. This invitation has been accepted. A strong committee was appointed by your Executive to take charge of local arrangements. As an ex-officio member of this committee I would pay tribute to the enthusiastic, systematic and business-like manner in which it has gone about its work. This committee should receive the support of those to whom will be entrusted the guidance of the destinies of the Canadian Teachers' Federation for the coming year, and I look forward with optimism to a prosperous and effective future.

The Liberals Themselves Think it Time for a Change