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**Annual Convention Of City Teachers' Institute**

The annual convention of the Charlottetown teachers institute was held at Rochford Square School on Friday, Oct. 8. The president, Mr. Hollis Jenkins, was in the chair.

The secretary, Rev. Sr. St. Claire, read the minutes of last year's meeting. The president's address followed. In his address he outlined the programme to be followed for Education Week in November, of which the central theme is "The School Builds the Nation."

He urged each teacher to give whole-hearted support in an effort to make the country in general aware of the problems which confront us in this changing age.

Miss Ruth Ross, public health nurse, in co-operation with Mr. Martin presented the film "A Feeling of Rejection", dealing with a child over-sheltered in the home, and thus lacking in the confidence and initiative needed to meet the problems of life.

Miss Mabel Matheson, chairman of the salary committee then read her report. This covered the efforts of the teachers to secure from the City School Board an increase adequate to meet the high cost of living.

Miss Ethel Taylor reported on the present state of the city teachers' pension fund.

**Resolutions**

The following resolutions were read by Mr. J. R. Macdonald, and adopted:

1. That the city teachers in convention assembled pledge our continued loyalty to King and country.
2. That the thanks of the Charlottetown Teachers' Institute be extended to the Rev. Sr. Superior of Rochford Square School for the use of this building for our convention.
3. That the Charlottetown Teachers' Institute here assembled in annual convention express their deep appreciation of the faithful and conscientious service rendered by Miss Annie Watson on behalf of the educational interest of this City and Province.
4. That the regret of this convention be expressed at the retirement from the active teaching list of Mr. Percy Barlow, who during many years of splendid leadership, has done so much for the youth of this Province. With this regret however go the sincere and heartfelt wish and prayer that he may be spared many years to enjoy his well-earned retirement.
5. That the members of this Institute express their profound sorrow at the passing of Mr. Hammond Johnston, a former Principal of West Kent School, who was a long valued member of this Institute; and that the sincere sympathy of this organization be extended to Mrs. Johnston and family in the great loss they have sustained.

**Ranks Depleted**

Mr. Stewart Williams, general secretary of the P. E. T. F., reported on this year's Canadian Teachers' Federation Convention. Before closing he spoke of the great loss sustained in educational circles by the retirement or death of some outstanding members, namely, Prof. J. H. Blanchard, Mr. P. S. Bradley, Miss Annie Watson, Mr. Percy Barlow and the late Mr. Hammond Johnston. In memory of Mr. Johnston one minute's silence was observed.

Dr. G. D. Steel, Principal of P. W. C., delegate to the Canadian Education Association held in Winnipeg, then addressed the meeting. He touched briefly on important topics dealt with at that convention.

Miss Helen Yeo, of the teaching staff of P.W.C. spoke to the teachers of Grades I to IV on the new programme of reading which is being introduced into the schools. The programme centres on the use of readers carefully prepared by leading educationists. These readers make strong appeal to the interests of children, and have a very carefully graded vocabulary. The most important factor in the proper procedure in their use.

The next speaker was Dr. L. W. Shaw, Director of Education. In introducing him the president tendered the congratulations of the teachers on the honor bestowed on him by Mt. Allison University. Dr. Shaw gave his impressions of three educational conferences which he attended this summer, namely: the National Council on Physical Fitness, the Advisory Council on Vocational Education, both held in Ottawa, and the Canadian Education Association.

Mrs. MacCallum, speaking for Junior Red Cross, stressed the need for continued help to countries overseas. Her department has received many letters of thanks for assistance already given.

Mr. Wilfred Inman, P. W. C., showed first aid equipment suitable for classrooms, and called attention to booklets on the use of same.

**Manual Training**

6. Whereas the Nature Study course as now assigned by the Department of Education places city pupils at a disadvantage, be it resolved that the Department be asked to include Manual Training Experiments not related to nature and Domestic Science exhibits in the list of projects, and that these be returned to the exhibitors in September following date of submission; and, be it further resolved that all exhibits be certified by the teacher to be the work of the pupil, and that, in the issuing of scholarships, the marks given for the aggregate of all marks made by each pupil.

7. Whereas inadequate provision exists for the physical instruction of pupils in the city schools, be it resolved that the incoming Executive request the City School Board to appoint, immediately, a Physical Culture instructor for each of the City schools.

8. Whereas sick leave benefits are available to teachers for absences caused by sickness only after the first two weeks of such illness; and whereas most minor illnesses are of less than two weeks' duration, therefore, be it resolved that the incoming executive ask the City School Board to grant sick leave with full pay to teachers who are absent through illness for two weeks or less, and to provide paid substitutes for teachers absent through such illness; and be it further resolved that we urge the Board of Governors of the P.E.I.T.F., to continue to press the Provincial Government for adequate sick leave benefits for all teachers.

9. Whereas teaching is the most exhaustive occupation among the various professions and whereas, in order to do their most effective work teachers need a long period of change from the classroom atmosphere; and whereas, in many Canadian centres, educational experts have testified that such a change, has resulted in better all-round teaching efficiency; there-

fore be it resolved that the incoming Executive urge the City School Board to grant Sabbatical Leave to one of every ten years to all city school teachers and to provide paid substitutes for teachers on sabbatical leave.

10. Whereas, under the present monthly pay system teachers find it increasingly difficult to budget their finances and whereas civil servants, rural school supervisors etc., are paid on the twelve monthly basis; therefore, be it resolved that the incoming Executive request the City School Board to adopt the twelve monthly pay system, cheques to be issued beginning in September and be it further resolved that the Board of Governors of the P.E.I.T.F. urge the Provincial Government to adopt the twelve monthly pay system for all teachers.

11. Resolved that this convention urge the Finance Committee of the Charlottetown School Board to continue its action to have the Charlottetown City Council grant its request for an annual payment to the City Teachers' Pension Fund equivalent to that paid in by the teachers annually.

12. Be it resolved that the Salary Committee, appointed by the incoming Executive continue the commendable efforts of last year's committee for salary increases from the City School Board based on years of service, academic and professional qualifications, and be it further resolved that the Board of Governors of the P.E.I.T.F., be urged to continue their efforts for more adequate pay from the Provincial Government.

13. Resolved that the Charlottetown Teachers' Institute heartily endorse the work of the Canadian Red Cross in its newly organized free blood transfusion service.

14. Resolved that the thanks of the Institute be extended to the speakers on this morning's programme.

15. Resolved that the thanks of the Convention be extended to the retiring executive for their efforts during the past year.

Officers elected for the coming year are:

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Vice President: Sr. St. Antoinette  
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Budget, Rev. Charles Carnegie, Summerside, P.E.I.; historical, Rev. G. R. Lamont, Pictou, N.S.; colleges, Moderator, Rev. Allister E. Morrison, New Glasgow, N.S.; Synod Fund, Rev. J. R. MacDonald, River John, N. S.; legislation of law, Rev. Frank Baird, Fredericton; church architecture, Rev. A. O. MacLean, Moncton; pensions, Rev. R. S. Quigley, Belfast, P.E.I.; press records, Rev. Rod McLeod, Pictou; auditor, A. Fraser, Pictou; press, L. Purnell, Saint John, N. B.; records, C.J. St. Clair, Saint John.

Mr. Baird resigned as clerk of the Synod after 29 years of service but accepted his new position.

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Honour roll for September:

Grade X—1. Hilda Wood; 2. Freda Richards.  
Grade IX—1. Charles McInnis; 2. Loyde Mutch.  
Grade VIII—1. Frances Praught; 2. George Bruce; 3. Alan Mac-

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Grade IV Jr.—1. Elda Boswell; 2. Stewart Johnston; 3. Dorothy Jenkins.

Grade II—1. Norma Robertson; 2. Jeanette Bruce and Loyde MacEachern; 3. Loyde Bruce, Douglas Robertson, Elaine Boswell.  
Grade I—1. Brendon Praught. (94.5)—Charles McInnis.  
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