

ARE PLANNING WIDE ORGANIZATION

Ruthenian Teachers in Convention
Discuss Many Important Matters—
Bishop Budka Urges Loyalty.

The question of bilingual schools was one of the matters that came up before the Ruthenian teachers' convention Thursday, but no resolution was passed in this connection. Higher wages for the Ruthenian teachers, the building of teachers residences and a national organization were other questions discussed.

T. Marchiw read a long letter real. The bishop asks that the Ruthenian teachers should join with the priests and missionaries of the Greek Catholic church in the work of keeping the old religion and the Ruthenian mother tongue. A telegram from the bishop was also read as follows:

"I wish best success to your convention. Come out strong in your loyalty to Canada, to your profession and to our poor people's wants and ideals."

There was no discussion on the bishop's letter.

The convention resolved that any teacher who tries to lower the wages of another teacher should have judgment passed upon him by the association. A proposal to establish a pension fund for teachers was dropped as it was not considered practicable. Regarding the matter of debts to the department of education, it was decided to let the matter stand as it is: that is to let the department deduct \$75 per annum, as at present.

It was decided to send, by a vote of 25 to 10, a delegate to the Conservative convention, and W. Smook was chosen as representative. He was sent for the purpose of watching the discussion on bilingual schools. W. Popovich said that the Ruthenian teachers need not pay much attention to the decisions of the Conservative party and C. Propan supported this view. They could find out from the newspapers what the decision was, he said. However, other teachers thought otherwise, and it was decided to send a delegate.

National Organization.

T. Marchiw gave an address pointing out the need of organizing the Canadian Ruthenian teachers of Canada into one body. It would be a medium through which the teachers could keep in touch with each other. W. Mihaychuk read a paper on "Local Organization of Teachers,"

advising them to take part in the social life of the community. Mr. Mallnauk spoke on the provincial Canadian Ruthenian teachers' organization and said that it had a greater work before it than even the organization of English teachers. They should belong to the Manitoba Educational Association, in order that they might get Canadian ideals, which they must instill in the schools, "but in our own conventions of Canadian Ruthenian teachers," said the speaker, "we will discuss the methods by which it is hoped to achieve our goal. Before us is the important stake, bilingual schools."

After a long discussion it was decided to elect a committee to work out plans for the formation of a Canadian Ruthenian Teachers' association for the whole Dominion. The members of the committee are: M. Popovitch, M. Lisowski, J. Basaraba, T. Marciniw and W. Mihajchuk.

Other features of the session were an address by Inspector Hall-Jones and a paper on the teaching of geography by W. Lisowski.

Concluding Session.

At the concluding session yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: President, M. Stechishin; vice-president, Miss Bilinski; secretary, W. Mihajchuk; vice-secretary, M. Malcovich.

Several resolutions were passed at this session, among them being one of thanks extended to Dr. McIntyre, superintendent of schools; C. K. Newcombe, superintendent of education; H. Belton and M. Hall-Jones, school inspectors; and J. T. Cressey, principal of the Brandon Ruthenian school, for addresses delivered.

Another resolution passed provided that the Ruthenian English teachers in the province contribute each \$1 monthly to the Canadian Patriotic fund as long as the war lasts.

C. Prodan, Sifton, moved a resolution, which was not seconded, to the effect that the convention endorse the principle of efficient teaching of the English language in the elementary Ruthenian bilingual schools of the province.

M. Mihajchuk spoke at length on the teaching of the Ukrainian language in the University of Manitoba. He stated that almost every other language was taught there except Ukrainian, and deplored this fact. He represented that a committee from the convention should demand that a chair for the teaching of that language be included at the university.

Addresses were also delivered by M. Stechishin and W. Smook.