

Financial Condition.--Two years ago to-day we had outstanding school warrants, \$1,763.12. July 1, 1900, we had cash on hand, \$59.95. The change was from different causes--the property of the county had been placed on the tax books at a valuation of about \$200,000 more than had been for six years. This of course helped the funds up. Another cause was economy of the School Board in handling the funds. Our school warrants since July 1, 1900, have been at a small discount, owing to some funds not having been paid in. There will be no cause to discount school warrants in the future if the property of the county is assessed at its value and school officers do their duty (and we are satisfied they will).

Effect of Fixing School Levy by County Commissioners.--I claim the School Board, with the assistance of the County Superintendent, should have full control of school affairs. It is reasonable to suppose they know more of the needs of the school than any one else.

Constitutional Five Mill Limit.--Its abolishment is necessary for the advancement of education. Where school authorities have power to levy 10 mills, there is better education, and where we find better education we find the whole people financially better off. Give us more education and you give a better people and a more prosperous people. All business moves with true education.

Our Teachers.--They have advanced with the times. They have qualified themselves for the work. The examination law has worked much good. It has made better teachers of our best teachers. Dead heads have gone out.

Summer Training Schools.--This work can not be too highly appreciated. In this county it has done much good to teachers and pupils. They stimulate the communities in which conducted.

Salaries of Teachers.--The salaries of teachers in our county are fixed according to grade of certificates. We pay them according to the work they prepare themselves to do. With this system we claim a proportion of first grade teachers equal to any county in the State.

Grading Committee.--I am satisfied a State examining board would give more general satisfaction.

Teachers Association--County Institutes.--(line omitted) are necessary in every county in the State. Such meetings keep the work of education alive and help it to advance. There should be a closer relation between teaching of pupils and their agricultural and other environments. I feel that such should be made a feature of Summer Training Schools.

As my term of office as County Superintendent will expire in a few days, I must say I feel grateful to the people of my county for the kindness shown me during the past four years, also to our State Superintendent who never tires in aiding the County Superintendent in the great work of education. May the next four years be marked with the same steady improvements as the past.

I am, yours very truly,

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VOLUSIA COUNTY

Sir:--The following report is respectfully submitted.