

School Petition.

A petition was circulated last week by residents of Hope township asking the County Superintendent of Schools to call an election for the purpose of having the incorporated town of Hope set off into an independent school district. The petition was signed by most every one, and it is, in our mind, no more than right, if the people of the township wish it so. The city of Hope is as able to maintain her schools as other incorporated towns—and why not? Our school tax will be a little higher—but what of it? We most certainly do not begrudge the small school tax we pay out each year for educational purposes. It is not right, if the people of the township do not wish to help maintain our town school, to ask them to pay taxes for that purpose. And we, as a town, most certainly can afford to pay for what advantages we give in this line. The terms of the petition are that all property, both real and personal, situated in the incorporated town of Hope shall belong to the new district and that all school property in the township outside of the incorporated town shall belong to said district. And that all indebtedness, bonded or otherwise, of the present district, now accrued, or which may accrue prior to the division of said district, shall be assumed and paid in the following manner and terms: "That said indebtedness shall be assumed and paid by the said Special School District to be organized out of the Incorporated Town of Hope, Steele County, North Dakota, and the District to be organized out of the original Hope School District No. 10, situated outside of the said Incorporated Town of Hope, pro rata, in proportion to the assessed valuation of the said Incorporated Town of Hope, and Hope Township, Steele County, North Dakota, for the year 1901."

An election for that purpose will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, 1902. (See notices of election elsewhere in this issue.)