

## CONVENTION OF B. C. MUNICIPALITIES— (Continued)

the State of Washington for a long distance, and then back into Canada. This route necessitates ferry crossings and the delays and inconveniences coincident with crossing the international boundary.

Whereas, the foregoing can be avoided by connecting these districts with a road from Rossland to Christina Lake.

Whereas, another important link is the construction of a road between Brilliant and Thrums.

Be it resolved, that this League co-operate with the different organizations throughout this district in urging upon the Provincial Government to construct these roads immediately.

2.—Moved by Alderman J. J. Johnston, New Westminster, B.C., seconded by Reeve Fletcher, Point Grey, B.C.

Whereas the Legislature has quite properly passed a regulation requiring all motor vehicles to stop, at least 10 feet behind when street cars are about to stop for the purpose of taking on or discharging passengers.

And whereas although motorists as general thing are anxious and willing to carry out this law, they have great difficulty in doing so because of the fact they are given no warning of any kind that the street cars are about to stop.

Be it resolved that in the opinion of this League the act should be so amended as to require those operating street cars to give some kind of sufficient warning that such cars are about to stop.

3.—Moved by Mr. F. E. Simpson, Kamloops, B.C., seconded by Mrs. H. H. Goddard, Revelstoke, B.C.

Whereas it is realized by the Good Roads League of British Columbia that the construction of a National Highway connecting the Pacific Coast with the Provinces to the East will operate to the great social and economic advantage of the entire Dominion

Therefore be it resolved that the Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to make an immediate investigation for the purpose of determining the route through this Province which would be the most advantageous and beneficial to the people of British Columbia.

4.—Moved by W. A. Wagenhauser, Penticton, B.C., seconded by John W. Harvey, Victoria, B.C.

Whereas the project of a cross Canada road, to be known as the "Canadian Highway," extending from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, to Cape Scott, Vancouver Island, has been frequently discussed at conventions and meetings of Good Roads Leagues, Boards of Trade, etc.

And whereas the Government of the Province of British Columbia and also the Provincial Governments of other provinces have already linked together many of their East and West roads with the object of ultimately connecting together the Canadian Highway across Canada

And whereas the Federal Government of Canada has, on several occasions during the past three or four years, intimated that the Federal Government would make some contribution towards the construction of main roads throughout Canada,

And whereas in the opinion of this convention of the Good Roads League of British Columbia, the connecting together of the Canadian Highway would stimulate settlement in many sections of Canada which are at present isolated and inaccessible, and would encourage intercourse East and West between the people of Canada, and would strengthen the spirit of Canadian unity, and would be of great commercial advantage to every section of Canada traversed,

Therefore, be it resolved that this convention of the Good Roads League of British Columbia request, the Federal Government to give careful consideration, at the earliest possible date, which, in the opinion of the Federal Government, is proper, to the desirability of granting financial assistance to the various provinces towards the completing the linking together of the Canadian Highway from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, to Cape Scott, Vancouver Island.

5.—Moved by John W. Harvey, Victoria, B. C., seconded by Bruce Watson, North Vancouver.

Resolved that this Convention request both the Dominion Government and the British Columbia Government to co-operate for the purpose of putting at work upon the roads or at clearing land all able-bodied aliens at present interned in Canada.

And that the Secretary be instructed to forward copies of this resolution to the Premier of Canada, and to the Sec-

retary of State, at Ottawa, and to all of the members of the Provincial Executive at Victoria, with the request that early co-operative action may be taken by the two Governments in the matter.

6.—Moved by Mr. John Harvey, Victoria, B.C., seconded by Mayor Acres, Grand Forks, B.C.

Whereas, automobile owners are placed at a great disadvantage in protecting themselves and their property, and in preventing injury to others who drive on the highways at night without displaying a light on their vehicles.

Whereas there is no definite legislation in existence compelling other than motor driven vehicles to carry lights at night.

Resolved that the Provincial Government be urged by all automobile clubs in British Columbia, and this League to enact the necessary legislation compelling all vehicles drawn by horses or other animals and bicycles to display a light at night while on any public highway as a warning of their presence.

7.—Moved by Mayor Gale, Vancouver, B.C., seconded by H. M. Diggon, Saanich, B.C.

That the Executive Committee of the Good Roads League be instructed to prepare a memorial to be presented to the Provincial and Dominion Governments impressing upon said Governments the necessity of giving effect to the resolutions passed by this Convention, which resolutions shall be embodied in said memorial, and that same shall be circulated throughout the various districts represented at this convention in order that as many signatures as possible may be attached thereto, and that it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee or special committee appointed by it to present said memorial to the Government at the earliest possible date.

8.—Moved by Mayor Acres, Grand Forks, B.C., Seconded by Mr. John W. Harvey, Victoria, B.C.

That whereas the Western Canadian Motorist is the official organ of many automobile clubs in British Columbia,

Be it therefore resolved that the Good Roads League recognize the said Western Canadian Motorist as the League's official magazine.

9.—Moved by Alderman J. J. Johnston, New Westminster, B.C., seconded by J. S. Todd, New Westminster, B.C.

Whereas that portion of the Pacific Highway lying between the City of New Westminster and the International Boundary at Blaine is at present in a very bad state of repair.

And whereas said highway is tributary to a very large and fertile agricultural and dairy district, where good roads are most essential to the proper development of same,

And whereas said road is a Provincial Highway and the only means of egress to automobile tourists desirous of touring the Pacific Northwest,

And whereas it is highly essential that tourist traffic should be encouraged in every possible manner.

Be it therefore resolved that the Provincial Government be urged to take immediate steps to have said highway hard-surfaced.

10.—Moved by Mayor Gale, Vancouver, B.C., seconded by Mr. C. N. Lee, Vancouver, B.C.:

Whereas there are now many thousands of automobile tourists visiting the Province of British Columbia each year, coming from the United States and from various outside Canadian points.

And whereas the number of visitors is expected to increase very considerably during the next few years.

And whereas numerous accidents are constantly occurring as a direct result of the existing rule of the road in British Columbia, all of which tends to keep tourists away.

And whereas it is most desirable that the influx of visitors should be encouraged and everything possible done toward that end.

And whereas British Columbia is the only portion of North America with the exception of one other Province, where our present rule obtains.

Be it therefore resolved that the Government of British Columbia be urged to immediately take whatever steps may be decided necessary in order to change the rule of the road in this Province.

Moved by Reeve Borden, seconded by Councillor Mulgrew, That the above resolution of the Good Roads League of British Columbia be received and filed, and that all steps be taken by the Executive of the Union to lay these resolutions of the Good Roads League before the Executive of the Government.—Carried.

*To be Continued Next Month.*