

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARDS—Continued.

Mr. Lighthall pointed out that they had such a department in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Province of Ontario had formerly promised that its present activities in that direction would be extended. Nova Scotia was about to adopt it. New Brunswick had a pretty good law on the whole, and Quebec would soon be the only Province in Canada which was not moving.

Alderman Munroe, of Outremont, did not think the resolution had been given the consideration which it deserved, and moved that the question be reconsidered.

Mr. Sampson said that, in England, such a board had been very valuable to the smaller municipalities in helping them to borrow money more advantageously than at the present time. The government department would be in a far better position to ascertain the financial position of these small local authorities than any other could. The President said he did not wish to stick to technicalities, but that he felt that the matter was already in the hands of the executive and it would report back. It was also agreed that the same committee which was to investigate this resolution would take up the question of municipal preparedness spoken of by Mr. Wright, and that the committee would have power to act on this matter because action might be necessary before the time of the next convention. The first, second and third Vice-Presidents, with the President and Secretary of the convention, and the first Vice-President of each of the Provincial Associations, will form this committee.

Votes of Thanks.

Motions of thanks to the Mayor and Council of Montreal for the accommodation given, to Mr. Lighthall and Mr. Wilson and other officers of the association for the attention paid to the different matters connected with the business of the association, to the press, and to those who had supplied papers, were passed.

Delegates Entertained.

The delegates were then entertained at luncheon at the Ritz Carlton Hotel by the City of Montreal. Afterwards they were taken for a ride around the city, visiting Lafontaine Park, and then being taken to the foot of McGill Street, where the Harbor Commission took them on the tug "Sir Hugh Allan" around to inspect the various harbor works.

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Mayor Cater, of Brandon.

Seconded by Alderman Ryan, of Three Rivers.

...That the President with the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents and the First Vice-President of each Province be the Executive Board of the Union of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried.

Moved by Mayor Beaubien, of Outremont.

Seconded by Mayor Edwards, of Galt.

That the Union of Canadian Municipalities urges on the Dominion Government the establishment of a system of Federal Labor Bureaux.

Carried.

Moved by Mayor Burgoyne, of St. Catharines.
Seconded by Mayor Hardie, of Lethbridge.

That this Union of Canadian Municipalities having heard the splendid address of the Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works for Canada, hereby renews its determination to assist and in every way aid and help and sustain the Government of Canada in the prosecution of the present war to a successful conclusion.

Carried.

Moved by Mayor Young, of Saskatoon.
Seconded by Mayor McIlvenna, of North Bay.

That the Union of Canadian Municipalities in Convention assembled, earnestly recommends to all Canadian municipalities that at the close of the War:

1.—An adequate public reception be arranged for the local returned soldiers: if possible simultaneously throughout the Dominion.

2.—The erection of a proper local memorial in each city and town to those who have fallen.

3.—Absolute preference to returned soldiers in all public employments.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Boyd, of Montreal.

Seconded by Mayor Stevenson, of London.

That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the retiring President, Mr. Thomas L. Church, Mayor of the City of Toronto, for the splendid service he has rendered during his occupancy of the highest office in the gift of this Association.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Boyd, of Montreal. Seconded by Ex-Mayor W. D. Lighthall, of Westmount.

That this Union of Canadian Municipalities endorses the principle of it being the duty of the Governments (Federal and Provincial) to see to it that those Ex-Soldiers and Ex-Sailors who having served the Empire, and been honorably discharged, die in Canada in indigent circumstances shall be provided with a decent and honorable burial.

Carried.