

cents should only be deducted from tax sales of \$10.00 or over." Carried.

9. Moved by Councillor Hall, Assiniboia, and seconded by Reeve McKibbin, Roblin (and amended):—

"That this Convention petition the Dominion Government to allow bridges without swings to be built across the Assiniboine River, subject to such terms and conditions of placing a swing bridge at any time when and as requested by Dominion Government." Carried.

10. Moved by Councillor Thompson, Portage la Prairie, and seconded by Reeve Smith, Rosser:—

"That Section 44 of the Municipal Act be amended by allowing the Mayor or Reeve to vote on all questions where a two-thirds or other fractional vote is necessary to carry a by-law or resolution." Carried.

11. Moved by Reeve Cumming, Grandview, and seconded by Reeve Polson, Rockwood:—

"That the amendment to the Assessment Act, fixing the date for the annual tax sale at October 1st is a hardship, as the farmers as a rule have not disposed of their produce by that date, and that the Union recommend that the date be changed to November 1st, and that the date for adopting the assessment roll be changed to the first meeting in January as formerly." Carried.

12. Moved by Reeve Bredin, Kildonan, and seconded by Reeve Allan, Odonah:—

"That the Union take the necessary steps to at once secure legislation making all lands held for sale by the Saskatchewan Valley Land Co., or the Saskatchewan Valley and Alberta Land Co. taxable, and that this legislation be so made as to make all lands that have become assessed from maps or plans made by the said Companies showing the lands they held for sale, liable for the amount of the tax that has accrued on said assessment." Carried.

13. Moved by Coun. Fisher, Elton, and seconded by Coun. Morrison, Selkirk:—

"That Section 46, Cap. 116, of "The Municipal Act" be amended so as to provide that in a Council of a Town or Village, half of said Council shall be elected for two years. At the first meeting of the Council after the coming into force of the amendment those retiring the first year shall be determined by lot." Carried.

14. Moved by Coun. Hall, Assiniboia, and seconded by Reeve Thompson, Assiniboia:—

"That in the opinion of this Union a consolidation and revision of "The Municipal and Assessment Acts" is necessary. That the Municipal Commission be requested to give effect to this view with all dispatch, in anticipation of submitting same to the Legislature at the session of 1910." Carried.

15. Moved by Reeve McKibbin and seconded by Coun. Ring, Louise:—

"That this Convention desires to place on record its sense of the need of the Province for a Sanitarium for Tuberculosis patients, and regrets most sincerely that the Board of Trustees provided under Special Act of the Legislature to deal with the question, have up to date not yet started the Institution, though a site satisfactory to the Municipalities of the Province was chosen at the town of Ninette, after an exhaustive examination of the suitable situations in the Province by the Site Committee of the Board and after donations had been promised by various cities, towns and municipalities conditional on the Ninette location being chosen. And this Convention desires to affirm to the Board its sense of the need of immediately pro-

ceeding with the building; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board, Mr. E. M. Wood." Carried.

16. Moved by Reeve Cumming, Grandview, and seconded by Reeve Christopherson, Clanwilliam:—

"That Section 101 of "The Assessment Act" be amended by abolishing the rebate on Statute Labor, and it be made clear that a Municipality may, at its option, wholly abolish Statute Labor and substitute in lieu thereof a tax for general ward improvements in the Municipality." Carried.

17. Moved by Coun. Ring, Louise, and seconded by Coun. Ayearst, Rosser:—

"That in the opinion of the Union, Councillors in Rural Municipalities should be elected for a term of two years instead of one year as at present." Carried.

18. Moved by Coun. Ring, Louise, and seconded by Coun. McDonald, Rosser:—

"That the scheme of Inter-Municipal Hail Insurance as outlined by "The Hail Insurance Committee" be printed and circulated, and that the different councils appoint a delegate to attend a Convention to be called by the Executive in February one day before the Stock Fair, in Brandon, to further consider the matter." Carried.

19. Moved by Coun. Johnston, Stanley, and seconded by Coun. Fisher, Elkhorn:—

"That this Union of Manitoba Municipalities apply to the Legislature at its next session for an Act of Incorporation." Carried.

20. Moved by Coun. Johnston, Stanley, seconded by Reeve Cumming, Grandview:—

"That the Municipal Commissioner be requested to introduce a bill at the next Legislature whereby Municipal Debentures and the By-Laws and other proceedings of the Council relating thereto, may be examined and certified to by the Municipal Commissioner, before the Debentures are placed on sale, and that the Executive be instructed to support the bill before The Law Amendments Committee." Carried.

The Resolutions from the meeting of Urban Municipalities were presented as Resolution 22, to the Convention and passed after a reading without further discussion, on the motion of Reeve Campbell, Woodlands, and Coun. Fisher, Elkhorn.

RESOLUTIONS

Inter-Municipal Hail Insurance.

In speaking on this subject Ex-Reeve Stinson expressed his sorrow that it devolved upon him to take the place of the late Hon. J. H. Agnew. He said the Municipalities had got a wrong impression from the published reports of the Brandon meeting, which were only partial reports. The Government was not going to force on the Province a Hail Insurance Bill. No bill of this sort can cover the whole Province. It is bound to meet with opposition. At the meeting of the Executive in Brandon, a Committee of three had been appointed. This Committee met with the Honorable Mr. Agnew, Mr. Argue, and Mr. Williams. The aim was to find the cheapest possible way to protect the farmer from the terrors of hail storms. A scheme of mutual co-operation would save large expenditure, and the municipal machinery could be used to collect the tax. Their ideas were not in a state to lay before the Conference now, as Mr. Agnew had been getting ready a plan to present, but he would lay before them the scheme as far as it had gone. As to what the committee had prepared, he suggested that no loss by hail be allowed unless the damage was 3 bushels to the acre.