tory ores—that is to say, the process that will produce the largest amount of gold from a specified quantity of ore at a minimum cost and on such a scale as to be a commercial success."

Mr. B. T. A. Bell vigorously opposed the passing of this resolution, saying that the Institute should not, at its first meeting, commence by asking the Government to bonus the mining industries of the country—and the resolution meant nothing else. He claimed that what the Government should do is to compel those holding mining lands to open them up and work them.

Prof. Coleman also opposed the resolution, stating that whoever did discover a better method of treating refractory ores would have his reward from the whole world, provided he patented his method.

Mr. Conmee supported the motion, thinking that everything possible should be done to encourage the industry.

After a discussion lasting for about an hour the motion was lost.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Toronto during Exhibition week, in September.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman and acting Secretary and to Mr. Bell, the meeting adjourned.

DEPUTATION TO THE PREMIER.

On Wednesday afternoon, 11th April, a deputation from the Institute was favored with an interview with Sir Oliver Mowat and the Hon. A. S. Hardy, and urged an amendment to the Companies Act whereby mining companies might be permitted to issue shares at a discount; the desirability of aid to the proposed metallurgical laboratory in connection with the Mining School at Kingston was also advocated.

Sir Oliver Mowat promised that the Government would give these matters consideration, and the deputation withdrew.
