

any thought of further reduction of the Annual Meeting in this respect, although the opinion was advanced by one or two members that only representative delegates should be allowed to vote.

SUPPLIES.

The next matter brought before the conference was a request from the Paris Presbyterial, that each Presbyterial Society be permitted to send clothing, etc., to one reserve for three years. The reason urged for granting this request was, that the Society, could in those circumstances become better acquainted with the needs of the Indians, and knowing what had been sent the previous year would, in the second and third year, be more likely to send suitable articles than under the existing method. Mrs. Jeffrey stated that the missionaries were now beginning more generally to furnish the Supply Secretary lists of articles required, with the ages and measurements of the children. This, if done in every case, would greatly assist in making the Supply department satisfactory both to the missionaries and to those sending goods. Several members of the conference expressed the fear that if a Presbyterial had one reserve for three years, they would not wish to give it up, and thus the work of supply would eventually pass out of the hands of the Board, who would nevertheless be obliged to carry the responsibility of it. Mrs. Beckstead, speaking for Glengarry, said the plan now followed was a good one, as there were advantages in having a school and a reserve alternately. The Secretary of supplies called attention to the large quantities of clothing which had been sent for adults during the past year, and read a letter from Professor Baird, stating that the disposal of the clothing was becoming a very heavy part of the work of the missionaries. An unexpected and large quantity of goods had come from the Eastern Provinces last year. In reply to a statement