

Moved by A. P. McDougald, seconded by C. M. Simmons, that the following be substituted for clause 9: That the Executive memorialize the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled to amend the said General Railways Act, in such manner as shall place all railway lands under the jurisdiction of the several drainage laws of the different provinces. Carried.

The 10th and 11th clauses were adopted.

Moved by Mr. Gardiner, seconded by Mr. Whelihan that the following form part of the report of the committee on legislation: That whereas many farmers at the present time find that the lands wholly used for farming purposes lying within cities, towns and villages have become much depreciated in value and unprofitable by reason of the taxes in such urban municipalities and the continuance of such a condition of things would be unjust; be it therefore resolved that this grievance of a large number of farmers throughout this province be referred to the Legislative Committee of this Central Farmers' Institute, and respectfully requesting said committee to use their influence at the next session of the Provincial Legislature in promoting the passage of a Bill as a remedy for such grievance.

Moved by W. J. McNaughton, seconded by T. Lloyd Jones, that a vote of thanks be tendered, and is hereby tendered, to President Mills, of the Guelph College, for his invitation to this Institute to visit the College tomorrow, but decline the invitation as a body owing to the pressure of business. Carried.

Moved by J. B. Ewing, seconded by Daniel Black, that whereas the present Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. John Dryden, has established a new and improved system for distributing agricultural literature to the members of Farmers' Institutes, we desire to place on record our appreciation of Mr. Dryden's efforts in this matter. We also wish to tender a hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. John Carling for his promise to establish dairy schools in Ontario. Carried.

The following report of the Committee on the President's address was read:

To the members of the Central Farmers' Institute:

Gentlemen,—Your Committee on the President's address would recommend, that the same be published in the minutes. We commend the consideration of the several questions treated of therein the farmers of Ontario, more especially the sentiments contained in the following language: "We are now a power behind the throne, as we vote the fate of governments hangs on the balance, and just as we express ourselves at the polls the executives must yield to our demands. Intelligence has increased amongst the farmers, and to-day they feel that their power is being recognized in the land." We join with him in the hope that the farmers will declare at the ballot box that they will no longer tolerate combines, and that we will succeed in making Ontario one of the happiest and most prosperous countries under the sun.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES COCHRANE,

Chairman.