

MR. CHAIRMAN—I will ask the committee to remain as a committee until to-morrow, as there are several gentlemen coming to-night. We have a telegram stating that delegates have just arrived here—dated from Vancouver—this morning: "Atlin delegates just arrived—Amur; arrive Victoria to-night," so it will be necessary that they be turned over to the hands of the committee, and they will meet with us to-morrow morning. Now, gentlemen, I will make two suggestions to you, and then I will take your opinion about it. I suggest, first, that you appoint a Committee on Constitution and By-laws which will frame a Constitution to guide our paths from pitfalls in the future. I should suggest, also, that you appoint a Committee on Resolutions, each committee to sit here this afternoon and receive suggestions for resolutions. I know that there are a number of gentlemen in this room who have suggestions to make, but they don't care about taking an active part in it themselves. I would therefore suggest that they make these suggestions which they desire to make in writing—not necessarily signed unless they choose to sign them, and then the Committee on Resolutions shall take them up and thresh them out to their dry bones, and let us have the quintessence to-morrow morning. With these suggestions I leave the matter in your hands.

MR. HIGGINS—I recommend a Rules Committee somewhat on the same lines, because I recognize the importance of starting business with a code of rules of order, they being paramount. They certainly would be a great comfort and assistance to you in guiding this meeting, Mr. Chairman, and therefore I move that a committee of five delegates be appointed to frame a report on rules for the guidance of this body. I place that distinct from the other because it must be considered as an emergency matter—a few very simple rules are all that are necessary, and then they can go to the Constitution and By-laws Committee, and they can pass upon them. It will be a guide to you in case an obstreperous person gets up like myself. (Laughter.) I move, therefore, that a committee of ten delegates be appointed to frame rules for the guidance of the deliberations of this body.

MR. S. S. TAYLOR.—Mr. Chairman, you are putting that motion in a hurry. We should have a Constitution and By-laws, which should, of course, embrace that, because I know as a matter of fact a great many want to know upon what basis this organization is to be operated in future. I therefore ask that the gentleman who made the motion ask that it be put again so that we can reconsider it.

MR. HIGGINS.—My one object in making this motion is that the rules of order are wanted immediately. The Constitution is a matter which requires a great deal of thought, but the rules can be arranged in a very short time. The same committee can act again on the Constitution and By-laws, or another committee can be appointed. I therefore adhere to my resolution.

Moved by Mr. S. S. Taylor that the same committee be a committee appointed to prepare the Constitution and By-laws for the guidance of the Mining Association of British Columbia.

MR. CHAIRMAN.—The resolution is that a committee of ten delegates be appointed to frame and report on the Rules of Order and the Constitution and By-laws for the government and guidance of members at meetings of this body.

MR. HIGGINS—Leave out "at meetings of this body."

MR. S. S. TAYLOR—For the government and guidance of this Association.

MR. CHAIRMAN—As amended it will be—"That a committee of ten delegates be appointed to frame and report on the Rules of Order and the Constitution and By-laws for the government and guidance of members of this Association."

A DELEGATE—I move that we call upon the secretary of the preliminary organization, and also the Chairman of the Association, as we would like to hear from both of them as to what they have done, and also what the plans are for this Association. It will open up a general discussion, and I think it will be easier for you, Mr. Chairman, and more satisfactory to all to have an explanation of what has been done.

MR. J. B. HOBSON—For the information of the gentlemen present, and for the particular information of the gentleman who referred to this matter, I would state that there has been

nothing done but to call a Convention of miners and those interested in mining to meet here; nothing else. You are free to frame a Constitution and By-laws, a Code of Rules of Order and Order of Business for the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia.

The motion to appoint a Committee on Constitution and By-laws was then carried.

A DELEGATE.—As there are a great many members of this Convention who are very desirous of hearing the views of the organizer of this Association, Mr. Hobson, we would like very much if Mr. Hobson would give us the benefit of his experience in regard to the Association in California.

MR. HOBSON.—I have not been feeling very well for the last



Mr. A. B. Fraser, Sr., of Victoria, Treasurer.