

The Committee on Resolutions beg to report following recommendations :

That the resolution submitted by Mr. McCrea be considered by this Convention. The resolution is as follows :

Moved by Mr. McCREA, seconded by A. M. MUNROE,

That the date of conventions be changed, so as to allow country delegates a better opportunity to attend, and reap the benefit and enthusiasm of this Convention.

Moved that this recommendation be read, and that Mr. McCrae be heard in explanation of his resolution.

Mr. McCREA said that in Guelph township they had seven school sections, and there was not the enthusiasm displayed that he would like to see. He said in those sections there was only one preaching service on Sunday, and the Sabbath School was held in the Sunday evening. The reason of this was that the people were chiefly farmers, and a number of them had from nine to forty cows to look after, and the necessary work to be done by them on Sunday occupied so much of their time. The most of the schools were closed during the winter, and, therefore, the enthusiasm which might be gathered from the convention meeting in the fall, was largely, if not entirely, lost in their case. He thought if the Convention was held in the spring of the year, the enthusiasm stirred up would help on the work during the summer and the fall till the schools were closed.

A delegate, a farmer from the County of Elgin, thought it would be better to send the matter to the township and county associations, to get their opinion upon the matter at their next conventions. Personally he was decidedly against any change of time, as the fall was the most convenient time for the country people, and he thought the schools in other sections than Guelph needed the enthusiasm during the cold weather as much as and more than did the schools in Mr. McCrea's section.

A delegate from West York, and other delegates as well, agreed with the speaker from Elgin County that the fall was the best season of the year for the farmers, and thought decidedly that there should be no change.

Mr. A. J. DONLY said he was not committed to any date; during the past the Association had had very successful conventions, but if there was a feeling that the time should be changed, he thought it would be better to refer the matter to the Central Executive, and have them take an expression of the Association throughout the Province, and let them arrive at a conclusion with regard to the matter and fix the date. He, therefore, moved :

That this matter be referred to the Central Executive to take an expression of the opinion of the Association thereon.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. LEE said he did not think the Association through its officers