

Government tree-distribution scheme.

Mr. Jas. Lawler, Secretary of the Association, read a letter from Mr. F. C. Whitman, of Annapolis Royal, N.S., dealing with deforestation and its effect, the danger and damage to timber from fire, the survey of the Nova Scotia forests and other topics of interest.

### RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented its report, which was considered clause by clause and adopted. The resolutions were as follows:—

(1) Resolved, that this Convention call the attention of the governments and the public to the danger resulting from prairie and forest fires and would urge that the utmost care be exercised by every person handling fire in the open, and that the laws and regulations for the prevention of fire be strictly enforced; further, that the provisions of the Railway and Fire Acts and of the regulations of the Railway Commission in regard to the plowing of fire guards, the removal of inflammable material from the right of way and the proper equipment of locomotives with efficient appliances for the prevention of the escape of fire, be enforced by a thorough system of inspection; that the system of a patrol by a staff of fire rangers be extended to all the forested districts; that in the opening up of railroads or other roads or line through a forested district or the conduct of lumbering operations in the vicinity of such roads the clearing of debris should be made compulsory.—Carried unanimously on motion of Messrs. W. Sifton and E. F. T. Brokovski.

(2) Resolved, that as the preservation of game birds, animals and fish throughout Canada as well as that of all beneficial species is intimately associated with the question of the conservation of forests, and that as the wild game of Canada is in danger of extermination in many localities where its preservation should be assured some further steps be adopted by the association towards furthering public sentiment in this respect by the formation of a game protective branch of the association or the election of a game protective committee.—Unanimously carried on motion of Mr. J. P. Turner, seconded by Mr. F. C. Tate, M.L.A.

(3) Resolved, that in view of the

diminution in numbers of game, both large and small, throughout Western Canada, this association approve of a policy of greater activity on the part of the Forestry Branch in availing themselves of the powers conferred on them for the protection of game on forest reserves and consider the advisability of setting aside additional lands to be utilized as game refuges in various sections of the prairie provinces.—Moved by Mr. T. N. Willing, seconded by Mr. J. P. Turner, and carried unanimously.

(4) Resolved, that this convention express their support of the policy of establishing forest reserves on watersheds and lands unsuitable for agriculture for the purpose of protecting the water supply, furnishing wood products and providing places of recreation for the public and would recommend that an examination of all public lands for the purpose of selecting such areas should be made as speedily as possible; that, while commending the adoption of this policy in so far as it has been carried out by the Dominion and Provincial authorities, this convention would urge that its operation be extended so as to embrace all lands which are suitable only for tree growth.—Moved by Mr. A. P. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. John Caldwell, and carried unanimously.

(5) Resolved, that this association tender its appreciation of the work being done in tree planting and horticulture by the Canadian Pacific Company at its station grounds in various places and the experiments being made in tree planting in those parts of the West where it is most needed and would direct the continued notice of the settlers and the travelling public to the future value of those experiments.—Unanimously carried on motion of Messrs. G. B. Spring-Rice and A. Mackay.

Mr. H. L. Patmore, of Brandon, brought before the convention a resolution proposing that the convention endorse a change in the provisions of the homestead law, so as to provide that a homesteader who should plant to forest trees an area of his farm should be entitled to his patent. In support of the resolution Mr. Patmore said that he thought the growing interest in tree-growing would make the change acceptable to intending homesteaders. Mr. N. M. Ross spoke in