

Mr. Sleeman.—I think we are quite safe in leaving the matter in the hands of the Commissioners. I feel satisfied and will accept the Commissioners' report. I understand they know for a fact what it will cost these other companies to transmit and what they can buy the power for.

Mr. Goldie.—I wish to draw the attention of the meeting to the object of the meeting. It is for the purpose of organization; to discuss the Power Bill and the report systematically and intelligently amongst ourselves as municipalities with the Commission. We can't do all that this afternoon, only a general outline of it. In the meantime would it not be well to have a committee drawing up resolutions regarding the organization. We don't have to compromise any municipality in any way, simply have some sort of machinery organized to go on with the discussion after this meeting breaks up. I think if the municipalities here represented would be willing to join any organization for the simple matter of enquiring into the getting of power, if they are prepared to enter into an organization of that kind let a nominating committee go out and get to work. That committee would bring in a resolution defining the organization, what it should be, what the committees should be and so on.

Mr. J. W. Lyon, of Guelph.—The old organization is out of existence. We are going on now with a Chairman and Secretary. No longer any Executive. As Mr. Goldie has said, it is quite impossible that all the technical conditions, the arranging of prices and threshing out details, etc., can be done by this meeting as a whole. Therefore, I think it necessary that there should be an Executive to take hold of the work, get facts, some of them visit the different towns, etc., speak to the Boards of Trade, etc. There should be some plan of work. It is the duty of the Resolution Committee to formulate the work; and to go on with the work there should be a small central committee and subsidiary committees in the different places, all working together. I believe a Resolution Committee can take up the resolution part, and as Mr. Goldie has said, the meeting can go on talking while they are working. I would suggest that Alderman Keeler, of Toronto; Alderman Matthews, of London; Mayor Thompson, of Galt; Mayor Clare, of Preston, and myself, be a committee. I have named some of the old Executive Committee because they had a good deal to do with it and are more familiar with the details, perhaps, than some others; that these should be a committee on resolutions.

The motion carried and the committee retired.