

New Executive

The Executive for the ensuing year was elected as follows:—

President—Harold Fisher, Mayor of Ottawa, Ont.

1st Vice-President — Arthur Roberts, K.C., Solicitor, Bridgewater, N.S.

2nd Vice-President—Charles H. Grant, Alderman of Edmonton, Alta.

3rd Vice-President—H. W. Newman, Mayor of Kingston, Man.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer—W. D. Lighthall, K.C., ex-Mayor of Westmount, Que.

Assistant Secretary—G. S. Wilson, Coristine Bldg., Montreal.

Ontario (Vice-Presidents)—1st, T. L. Church, Mayor of Toronto; 2nd, C. W. McCrea, Treasurer Sault Ste. Marie; 3rd, J. M. Elson, Mayor of St. Catharines; 4th, President of the Ontario Municipal Association; 5th, Secretary of the Ontario Municipal Association.

British Columbia (Vice-Presidents)—1st, A. H. Gale, Mayor of Vancouver; 2nd, T. W. Fletcher, Reeve of Point Grey; 3rd, S. A. Shattford, Mayor of Vernon; 4th, President of the Union of B.C. Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

Nova Scotia (Vice-Presidents)—1st, John Murphy, Alderman of Halifax; 2nd, W. G. Clarke, Warden, Annapolis; 3rd, A. C. McCormick, Mayor of Sydney Mines; 4th, President of the Union of N.S. Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of N.S. Municipalities.

Quebec (Vice-Presidents)—1st, A. Thurber, Mayor of Longueuil; 2nd, C. W. H. Rondeau, M.D., Ald., Westmount; 3rd, P. H. Bedard, Alderman of Quebec; 4th, President of the Union of Quebec Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of Quebec Municipalities.

Alberta (Vice-Presidents)—1st, Fred. Freeman, City Commissioner, Lethbridge; 2nd, A. F. Adams, Alderman of Calgary; 3rd, H. M. Martin, Alderman of Edmonton; 4th, President of the Union of Alberta Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of Alberta Municipalities.

New Brunswick (Vice-Presidents)—1st, R. T. Hayes, Mayor of St. John; 2nd, H. Price, Mayor of Moncton; 3rd, R. B. Hanson, Mayor of Fredericton; 4th, President of the Union of N.B. Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of N.B. Municipalities.

Manitoba (Vice-Presidents)—1st C. F. Gray, Mayor of Winnipeg; 2nd A. R. McDiarmid, Mayor of Brandon; 3rd J. H. Metcalf, Mayor of Portage la Prairie; 4th, President of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities.

Saskatchewan (Vice-Presidents)—1st, Henry Black, Mayor of Regina; 2nd, F. R. MacMillan, Mayor of Saskatoon; 3rd, S. McLeod, Mayor of Prince Albert; 4th, President of the Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities; 5th, Secretary of the Union of Saskatchewan Municipalities.

Prince Edward Island (Vice-Presidents)—1st, G. D. Wright, Mayor of Charlottetown; 2nd, J. A. Morrison, Mayor of Summerside; 3rd, S. C. Knight, Mayor of Georgetown; 4th, President of the Municipal Councils of P.E.I.; 5th, Secretary of the Municipal Councils of P.E.I.

In accepting again the post of honorary secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. D. Lighthall, K.C., remarked that he was in an embarrassing position in taking the office after delivering his valedictory address but as his immediate resignation might cause inconvenience he would continue until the office could be filled, with the reservation that he be permitted to relinquish his duties later.

He asked that there be still greater interest in the work of the Union and that cordial support be accorded him in the task of managing what was inclined to be an unwieldy institution. He believed that there was a splendid field of activity for the Union in protecting the members and in educating the masses. It was a storehouse of information, and he believed that the representatives of every province could add to the value of the Union.

Most cordial votes of thanks were tendered to Mayor Newman and the City Council of the City of Kingston, the Reception Committee, and the Press.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, Annual Conventions to be held alternatively in the West and the East, the division lines being the Ontario and Manitoba boundaries. The place of meeting for 1929 to be left for the Executive.—Carried.

Resolved, That the Union of Canadian Municipalities respectfully petition the Provincial Governments, recommending that a uniform system of municipal accounting be established and adopted by all municipalities in their respective provinces.—Carried.

Resolved, That this Convention strongly condemns the practices of loading down of our public utilities with worthless securities in the nature of common or bonus stock and recommends that securities on such utilities be confined to 1st mortgage bonds on which an attractive interest return should be allowed.—Carried.

Resolved, That the Executive be authorized to make such arrangement of paid officers of the Union as it may think advisable having regard to the finances of the Union. That Mr. Lighthall be requested to continue in office as Secretary until his successor is appointed by the Executive.—Carried.

Resolved, That the constitution be amended by striking out section 8 and substituting the following section therefor: Sec. 8. The officers of the Union shall be a President, First, Second and Third Vice President (so as to provide representation for the Central, Maritime and Western Provinces), and five members of the executive committee for each province, three of whom shall be elected annually at the Annual Convention and two of which shall be the President and Secretary for the time being of each Provincial Union, and a Secretary-Treasurer to be elected at the annual convention.—Carried.

Resolved, Municipal officers, individuals and associations interested in municipal affairs may become associated members by resolution of the executive but shall not have the right to vote and shall not be eligible to any office.—Carried.

Committee on Resolutions recommends that all resolutions respecting cold shortage and waste of foodstuffs be referred to the executive to frame any resolution they see fit to place before the government in the sense of the resolutions submitted.—Carried.

SUBSIDIZES TO INDUSTRIES.

Whereas, money levied by taxes should be applied for the administration of municipal affairs and not for the promotion of private corporations or the supplying of capital to individuals for private pursuits;

Whereas, the practice of subsidizing industries by grants of money, land or exemption from taxes or otherwise, is against this principle and has given rise in no few instances to abuses;

Whereas, a certain number of provisional parliaments, amongst which the Legislatures of the Provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, have abolished the rights for any municipality to subsidize industries by cash, bonuses, sites, grants or by loan grants;

Whereas, there are still some provinces allowing this practice within their limits;

Whereas, this practice should be abolished in every province;

It is Resolved, that the Union of Canadian Municipalities goes on record against any law allowing municipal councils to derive from municipal funds or credit from their natural ends in subsidizing industries, and it is further resolved, that any provincial governments where this practice has not already been stopped should be prayed to enact the necessary restrictive laws to that end as soon as possible, and that copies of this resolution should be addressed to the proper official of all the provincial governments of Canada.—Carried.