

Seconder, Mr. Tease.—Whereas, in the past, clerks in certain offices have received their promotion when due while in certain other offices such promotions have been withheld,

Therefore, be it resolved that this Association go on record as being opposed to such discrimination and believe that promotions in any particular grade or class should be made general throughout the service, except in individual cases where ample reason can be given by the Department for withholding such promotion. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Bell: That the recommendation referring to the Guarantee Fund, as passed by the Vancouver Convention, be re-introduced in the report of this Convention. Carried.

Resolution referred to: "That this Association recommend that the Guarantee Fund, as at present in existence, be entirely done away with and that the Government be asked to take over all responsibility for losses incurred by post office clerks while in the discharge of their duties, except in cases of neglect or theft."

Moved by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Pickup: That motion on clause 6, Vancouver Convention, be re-affirmed by this Convention. Carried unan.

Motion referred to: "This Convention desires to go on record as being unanimously in favour of the extension of the merit system to cover all clerks employed in the Postal Service. The Convention considers that it is most desirable, in the interests of the Post Office Department, its employees and the general public, that promotion be given for merit only, thereby eliminating the baneful influence of the patronage system, so much in evidence in this Department. Further, this Convention is of the opinion that, as a reward for merit, the higher positions in the Postal Service, such as city postmasters, assistant postmasters, post office inspectors, assistant post office inspectors, superintendents, inspectors, assistant superintendents and inspectors of the Railway Mail Service, should be thrown open to the rank and file of the Department instead of being utilized, as is so often the case, for the benefit of the friends of the party in power.

"Further, in the opinion of the Convention, it is considered to be of the utmost importance in the interests of the Dominion that appointments to the Service be placed immediately under the jurisdiction of a Commission. The system of appointment under the patronage system is entirely wrong and debars

"many desirable applicants from entry into the Service, at the same time throwing open the door to any person, desirable or otherwise, who possesses the necessary influence to enable him to pull the party strings."

Votes of thanks were then extended to the various officers and especially to the Regina Branch for the very kind hospitality extended. Also to Moose Jaw for kind assistance rendered to Regina.

Moved by Mr. Sutton, seconded by Mr. Tease: That this Convention place on record our deep appreciation of the kindness shown by the Mayor and Council of the City of Regina in placing the Council Chamber and Auditorium at the disposal of the Convention. Carried.

Place of next Convention:

On behalf of Winnipeg, Mr. Tease extended an invitation to hold the next Convention at Winnipeg. Mr. Tease claimed that Winnipeg had waived their claim to the Convention for the past two years, in the interests of the Association, but now thought that as the Convention would soon be travelling East that it would be unfair to pass Winnipeg next year. He also claimed that Winnipeg, being halfway between extreme East and West, would be most suitable to all. He also claimed Winnipeg as the birth-place of this Association.

On behalf of Ottawa Mr. F. G. Allen extended an invitation for the Convention to visit the Capital City next year, claiming many advantages for Ottawa over Winnipeg.

Mr. Green was also an advocate for Ottawa.

A standing vote was taken to decide which invitation should be accepted, the vote going in favour of Winnipeg.

Moved by Mr. Venables, seconded by Mr. Talbot: That a very hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Ottawa Branch for their very kind invitation. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Simms, seconded by Mr. Sutton: That Monday, July 9th, 1917, be the date set for opening day of the next Convention, but that in the event of special cheap excursion rates to Winnipeg being available on any other date within the period mentioned in the Constitution for the holding of the Convention, that the Executive of the Winnipeg Branch be given the power to alter date fixed. Carried.

Election of Officers:

President—Mr. C. Gardner, Regina.

Vice-President—Mr. S. H. Tease, Winnipeg.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. J. W. Greev, Winnipeg.