

MR. A. LOMER suggested that the interests of the owners of phosphate lands and mines might not be identical with those of the asbestos and other mineral industries, inasmuch as the patents for lands might possibly have been issued on a different basis, and if that were so, it might be well that the phosphate men should organize by themselves.

HON. GEORGE IRVINE, Q.C., thought their interests were identical. He recommended that they unite into a strong organization. At present, disunited as they were, they could accomplish little and lay no strong claim for consideration by the Government, but this would be otherwise with a well-organized, thoroughly representative, and well equipped association of the mining interests of the Province. He thought the constitutionality of the Act ought to be tested either by appeal to the Federal Government or by action in the courts.

After discussion by Messrs. Franchot, Adams, Lomer, Allan, Forster and others, it was moved by Mr. S. P. Franchot, seconded by Mr. W. H. Irwin:—

*Resolved:* "That a General Mining Association for the Province of Quebec be now formed."—Carried.

The following resolutions were also adopted without dissent:—

*Resolved:* "That the following gentlemen be nominated a committee to prepare a draft constitution for said General Mining Association: Hon. George Irvine, Q.C., Johnson's Asbestos Company, Quebec, chairman; B. T. A. Bell, Editor *Canadian Mining Review*, Ottawa, secretary; S. P. Franchot, Ottawa Mining Company, Buckingham; O. M. Harris, Canadian Phosphate Company, Montreal; W. H. Irwin, Anglo-Canadian Asbestos Company, Montreal; J. N. Greenshields, Q.C., Excelsior Copper Company, Montreal; J. B. Smith, Anglo-Continental Guano Works Company, Glen Almond; W. A. Allan, Little Rapids Mining Company, Ottawa; Capt. Robt. C. Adams, Anglo-Canadian Phosphate Company, Montreal; James King, King Bros., Quebec; George E. Forster, Montreal; W. T. Gibbs, Dominion Phosphate Company of London, Buckingham.

*Resolved:* "That the mining men of the Province, and all interested directly or indirectly in the welfare of its mining industries, be invited to join and co-operate in the work of said Association; and that the secretary be instructed to invite them to a meeting to be held in the Windsor Hotel on Friday, 30th January next, for the purpose of ratifying the Constitution, election of office-bearers and the consideration of recent legislative enactments affecting the welfare of the mining interests of the Province of Quebec."

The meeting then adjourned.