

CONVENTION OF U. C. M.—(Continued).

that the voice of this meeting should be taken as to having a permanent secretary in order that we might have more work done throughout the Dominion.

MAYOR GALE, Vancouver: Not having attended any former conventions of this Union, I am loath to criticize its actions. Listening to the discussion this morning it would appear that a general opinion is necessary as to the Constitution. I was going to suggest that possibly we could obtain the objects for which we are all striving, by having a Committee appointed at this convention. The resolution, of course, contains suggestions which I think it is unfair to ask those to vote upon without giving due consideration. Possibly a delegation from each Provincial organization where such organizations exist together with the President and the Secretary of the Union to draft a new constitution, and that might be given power to act. If the suggestion is met with favor I would move this amendment: That a Committee consisting of the President and Hon. Secretary, together with the general officers of the Provincial Unions be now appointed with power to redraft the constitution of the Union."

Mayor Bouchard (St. Hyacinthe), seconded the amendment.

MR. W. D. LIGHTHALL: Might I be allowed a word just here. I suppose I may be regarded as the founder of the Union, and having been engaged with this work for seventeen or eighteen years it appears to me that the resolution of Mayor Gale is about the fittest possible resolution. It seems to me that the appointment of a Committee of that kind, with, perhaps added to it the general officers of the Union, would do good. An absolute revolution in the Union which might result from the motion of Mr. Yorath, who is accustomed to making startling motions, is a little too sudden. It is one of those things which none of us have had an opportunity to consider. It is one of those things that I do not think this meeting could feel it is fairly constituted to accomplish. At the present moment we are at one end of the Dominion. The distant representatives are very few. If it were in the Province of Nova Scotia you would have a majority of Nova Scotia representatives. They would not, and they ought not to attempt to decide questions for British Columbia. Nor should this majority of British Columbians decide general questions. The difficulties of sending representatives are increased by the war, and so are all our other difficulties of organization.

MR. YORATH: I would like to draw the attention of the convention to the constitution of the present executive. I would like to ask how many of the executive attend the meetings?

MR. LIGHTHALL: The difficulties to-day are so great that you cannot have many.

MR. YORATH: The duties are so great that we must have more conventions; it is necessary in regard to Municipal work.

Still I rather favor the amendment by Mr. Gale. I feel that it is rather sudden to bring a resolution such as mine before the convention.

MAYOR FISHER, Ottawa: I have a great deal of sympathy with the objects of Mr. Yorath's motion. I have attended a good many conventions. I never left one without feeling that the results achieved were unsatisfactory. I have the same feeling in regard to this convention. I suppose that must be unavoidable.

MAYOR HAWKINS: When making my amendment I had the impression that this long list was the executive.

MAYOR GALE: If it is going to make them so large as to be impossible to bring them together I would object. The whole Committee should consist of the President, Honorary Secretary and Vice-President. Those of us who are here to-day might not be competent to choose the men who would represent British Columbia. A special committee consisting of a representative from each Province together with a President.

MR. YORATH: I withdraw my motion.

Mayor Gale's amendment was carried.

Election of officers was now taken up.

MAYOR HOLDEN, Vegreville: I move Mayor Costello, of Calgary, be President for 1919. Mayor Costello is serving his fourth year. I therefore take much pleasure in nominating Mayor Costello.

MR. SAUNDERS: I take great pleasure in seconding Mayor Holden's motion. I think the West is entitled to consideration at your hands.

MAYOR BOUCHARD: I move that Mr. Robert Ryan, of Three Rivers, be nominated.

MR. HARDIE: Any further nominations.

WALTER MORTON, Nanaimo: It has been moved that the nominations be closed.

Upon voting Mayor Costello was declared elected as President.

The officers of the Union were elected as follows:

Officers and Executive for the year 1918-1919***PRESIDENT.**

M. C. COSTELLO, M.D.,
Mayor of Calgary, Alta.

1st Vice-President:

T. D. BOUCHARD, M.L.A.,
Mayor of St. Hyacinthe, Que.

2nd, Vice-President:

A. E. TODD,
Mayor of Victoria, B.C.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer:

W. D. LIGHTHALL, K.C.,
Ex-Mayor of Westmount, Que.

3rd, Vice-President:

HAROLD FISHER,
Mayor of Ottawa, Ont.

ONTARIO.**Vice-Presidents:**

1st, T. L. Church, Mayor of Toronto.
2nd, G. H. Duncan, Mayor of Peterborough.
3rd, J. M. Hughes, Mayor of Kingston.
4th, H. Murphy, Mayor of Fort William.
5th, C. R. Tusson, Mayor of Windsor.

QUEBEC.**Vice-Presidents:**

1st, H. E. Lavigne, Mayor of Quebec.
2nd, M. Martin, M.P., Mayor of Montreal.
3rd, Robert Ryan, Alderman, Three Rivers.
4th, C. D. White, K.C., Mayor of Sherbrooke.
5th, A. Thurber, Mayor of Longueuil.

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1st, J. B. Holden, Mayor of Vegreville.
2nd, C. H. Grant, Alderman, Edmonton.
3rd, G. E. Hotson, Alderman, Medicine Hat.
4th, J. D. Saunders, Sec.-Treas., Camrose.

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1st, H. Cater, Mayor of Brandon.
2nd, J. F. Feilde, Reeve of Fort Garry.
3rd, F. H. Davidson, Mayor of Winnipeg.
4th, R. Forke, Reeve of Pipestone.
5th, C. E. Ivens, Reeve of Wallace.

SASKATCHEWAN.**Vice-Presidents:**

1st, J. E. Peaker, Mayor of Yorkton.
2nd, C. J. Yorath, Commissioner, Saskatoon.
3rd, G. D. Mackie, Commissioner, Moose Jaw.
4th, C. M. Hamilton, Councillor, McTaggart.

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1st, G. D. Wright, Mayor of Charlottetown.
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3rd, S. C. Knight, Mayor of Georgetown.
4th, F. W. Jardine, M.D., Mayor of Kensington.

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