

MEDICINE HAT CONSTITUENCY

Mr. Griesbach ..... 1  
Mr. Isaac ..... 1  
Mr. Griesbach was declared elected director for Medicine Hat Constituency on the casting vote of the president.

CALGARY CONSTITUENCY

Mr. A. Von Mielecki ..... 6  
Mr. F. Peterson ..... 2  
Mr. Von Mielecki was declared elected director for the Calgary Constituency. The second ballot for Strathcona Constituency was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

Mr. Langston ..... 27  
Mr. Sheppard ..... 23  
Mr. Hoover ..... 5  
There not being a clear majority a third ballot was ordered. The third ballot was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—  
Mr. Langston ..... 28  
Mr. Sheppard ..... 25  
Mr. Langston was therefore declared elected director for Strathcona Constituency.

POOLING DELEGATES EXPENSES

Mr. Rafn, of Bon Accord Union, moved as follows:—  
"That arrangements be made whereby the expenses of the delegates attending the annual convention be pooled, that is, the expenses of all the delegates to be ascertained and then divided pro rata, each bearing the same amount, so that delegates from a long distance will not be deterred by the expense, also that this arrangement be placed into effect at this convention." After some discussion the question was put and on vote being counted the motion was declared lost.  
On account of the City of Edmonton giving a banquet to the delegates it was then moved and seconded, and carried, that we do now adjourn to meet again at nine o'clock on Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The president called the meeting to order on Friday morning at 9.40, and the first business taken up was the proposed constitution of the Canadian Council of Agriculture.  
After a proposed constitution had been read, the question was put to the meeting and declared unanimously adopted.

HAIL INSURANCE

Upon a suggestion from the resolution committee, the following resolutions were read to the meeting:

Moved by Streamstown Union, "that in view of the failure of all systems of hail insurance which have hitherto been tried, this union is in favor of a hail tax, provided that such tax does not exceed two dollars per quarter section, and that such tax would be sufficient to provide a fund to give adequate compensation for damage done by hail, lightning and cyclones."

Moved by Prairie Center Union, "be it resolved that the government of Alberta assess all the taxable lands in the province at one cent per acre for the purpose of hail insurance and that all grain shall be insured by the government. Assessment and inspection to be made by some local official."

Moved by Beaumont Union, "resolved that this convention request our provincial government to establish and create a hail insurance system, under which all crops sowed and planted shall be insured from damage by hail, from one dollar per acre for partial damage, up to eight dollars per acre for total loss; the councillor for each township to be the appraiser and the said appraiser to receive three dollars per day for time employed on said services, any crops damaged by hail to be reported by the owner or his agent inside of three days from the time of damage. The funds for said insurance to be raised by a tax on all taxable lands in the province. Any lands with a certain number of sheep, cattle or horses to each quarter section grazing thereon, shall be exempt from said hail tax."

Moved by Mr. W. J. Jackman, East Clover Bar Union:—  
"That the government inaugurate a compulsory scheme of insurance against damage by hail, to be financed in the following way:—

"The first quarter section to be exempt from taxation. In the event of more than one quarter section being owned by any individual company or corporation, the second quarter section to bear a tax of one cent per acre, and every succeeding quarter section an additional tax of one cent per acre until a maximum of five cents per acre is reached. In the case of land used for grazing purposes, ten head of horses or cattle or thirty head of sheep per quarter section to entitle the owner to exemption from taxation."

Moved by Mr. F. J. Herbert, Strathcona Union:—  
"Resolved that in view of the fact that the hail insurance business of the government is going farther behind every year, this convention would recommend that the government graduate the premiums asked for hail insurance on the plan of a smaller premium for land that was never hailed and a larger tax on land that has been hailed a certain number of times in a number of years, and so on."

Moved by Edmonton Union:—  
"We suggest that the Hail Insurance Ordinance be discussed, to have it discussed so as to reduce the premiums and to allow the amounts of premiums to be collected by the various school secretaries, say with a five per cent, discount for cash and net before the end of the year, same to be guaranteed by the land, or preferably a compulsory tax."

Moved by the Resolution Committee:—  
"We recommend that a committee be appointed to, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture, lay out a scheme of hail insurance more satisfactory than the present one, all resolutions bearing on this subject to be turned over to said committee for investigations."

Moved by Melville Union:—  
"Whereas it seems conclusive that we must carry hail insurance on our crops throughout Alberta, also we need relief in the way of destroying gophers in quite a few localities and the coyotes should be held in check by paying bounties on ad scalps, be it old or young, at one dollar each, and that the government should supply the poison for destroying gophers to the various local improvement districts free of cost, and also that our local improvement district councillors be the inspectors and adjusters in the hail losses, at a cost to the beneficiary of say 3%, and that the indemnity should be a minimum of one dollar per acre and a maximum of ten dollars per acre, said losses, bounties and poisons to be paid out of the fund to be established by the government by placing a blanket tax of two and a half cents per acre on every acre of rateable land, and fifty cents on every town lot in our province."

Considerable discussion on these resolutions then ensued, and it was moved that the suggestion of the resolution committee be adopted.

Mr. Ball moved as an amendment and Mr. Owens seconded, that these various resolutions be referred back to the unions for discussion, with a request that all unions consider same and notify the general secretary not later than April 1st, of the scheme adopted by the union, thereby giving every union a chance to discuss this question.

The question was then put and on the vote being, counted the amendment was declared carried, and the secretary instructed to forward a copy of all the resolutions to the unions.

It was moved and seconded that no speaker be allowed more than three minutes on any question. On the question being put the motion was declared lost.

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