

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously by the Convention :

+ 1. That Municipalities should have full and exclusive control of their streets, and that no Legislation should be passed infringing on such control unless the same be subject to consent of the Municipality concerned ; and that the members of this Union will resolutely resist each and every invasion of these rights ; and that the Executive Committee be charged with the duty of assisting to prevent such invasions of the rights of any Municipality.

2. That whereas the Dominion and Provincial Governments are in the habit of leasing various properties for public uses, and paying therefor large rentals ; and whereas the owners of such property, while receiving valuable consideration for the premises so leased, claim to be entirely exempt from paying ordinary taxes on the freehold, this Union protests against the construction sought to be placed in some such cases upon Clause 125 of the B. N. A. Act claiming the right of exemption from Municipal Taxes, and recommends that all Municipalities suffering from this grievance unite in resisting, and if necessary in testing the subject in the Courts of Law.

+ 3. That all legislation under which properties of certain corporations are to be assessed as scrap iron should be decisively and distinctly repealed.

+ 4. That the Executive Committee be instructed to consider and report upon a method of unitedly strengthening the credit of the Municipalities of the Dominion and reducing the burden of interest charge upon them.

+ 5. That it is contrary to equity and to wise public policy and of doubtful legality, that Governments should exempt their own properties and the incomes of those in their employ from Municipal taxation ; and that the Executive Committee be authorized to consider the best means of giving effect to this Resolution.

+ 6. That whereas the Railway Committee of the Privy Council has assumed jurisdiction to order Municipalities to pay part or the whole of the cost of protection of crossings and of bridges and subways, and whereas such claim of jurisdiction has never been affirmed by the highest Courts of Canada or the Empire, and whereas the