

unanimously. It has for some time been felt to be desirable that the Standing Committees of the Council should be in closer touch with the Executive, in order that each branch of Council work may receive its due share of attention.

The "Amendments to Standing Orders" were carried, and a Committee appointed to revise and report to the first Executive Meeting the proposed changes.

The resolution on "The Insane in Prisons," with amendments, was carried. This called forth an interesting discussion which I trust will be carefully read, that Local Councils may know the views of the National Council on the matter, and consider in what way they can best advance these views.

The resolution as to "Public Libraries" evoked a lively discussion and was carried in the following words. "That the National Council recommend Local Councils to work for the promotion of Public Libraries and their establishment in places where they do not already exist."

It would make this memorandum too long to attempt to summarize the reports of the Standing Committees, but as they were most interesting and represent in large measure the work of the Council during the past year, I commend them to your careful perusal. They will all be found at length in the Verbatim Report.

The day spent on Educational topics was one of most general interest. The papers read were much appreciated, and were followed by lively discussion of the points raised, a large number of the delegates taking part.

The session spent on "The formation and maintenance of Local Councils", was felt to be a most helpful one. An able paper prepared by Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa, was read by Miss Crease of Victoria, and another by Miss Wilson, the Corresponding Secretary, was followed by a very animated discussion. Many questions were asked, and valuable suggestions made, the conclusion of the matter being, that the National Council was asked by the Victoria Council to hold a public evening meeting to set forth the work of the National Council, its aims and its objects. This request was acceded to, and a meeting called for the evening of Monday, the closing day.

Announcement was made by the Recording Secretary that the amendment to the Criminal Code, prepared by the Minister of