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legislature without delay to give effect to the provisions of this resolution, and the executive be empowered to modify or expand the provisions of this resolution."

Mr. Paynter withdrew his resolution in favor of the amendment. Considerable discussion followed, and Geo. Langley was called upon to give his opinion, which he did briefly. He assured the convention that Mr. Motherwell would be aware of the feeling of the Grain Growers, and that it would not be necessary to pass the resolution before the meeting.

The convention adjourned at 10.00 p.m. to open again at 10.00 a.m. on the Friday morning.

The convention opened on Friday morning, February 11 at 10.00 a.m.

Walter Simpson—John Evans—

"That T. A. Cregar be given one of the convention badges." Carried.

David Ross—W. H. Waldron—

"That the elevator resolution moved by David Ross, and now before the convention, be laid on the table until further notice." Carried.

The president read a telegram from the Mayor and President of the Board of Trade of the City of Moose Jaw inviting the convention to hold its next meeting in the City of Moose Jaw.

W. W. McDonald—Walter Simpson—

"That the convention hold its next meeting in Regina."

The following amendment was moved by H. Darrell, and seconded by F. B. Johnson:—

"That the convention meet next year in Moose Jaw."

Alderman Buchanan of Regina was present at the convention, and extended a most hearty invitation to the convention to hold its next meeting in Regina.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was lost, and the original motion:—

"That the convention meet in Regina next year," was carried.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell was present and asked for the privilege of making a brief explanation of some of his remarks of the previous evening. He stated that on the previous evening he had said that the government after hearing the report of the elevator commission would refer its decision to the convention before taking action. He wished to correct that statement, and say that the government would refer the matter to the convention or to the executive of the association. Between conventions the executive would have full power to act, and would thus save time. He stated that he believed that there would be five members on the commission, two to be nominated by the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, one to be an independent farmer outside the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, one an elevator man, and the fifth, an expert on economics. He re-assured the convention that the government would lose no time in the appointment of a commission.

David Ross—E. J. Paynter—

"That the elevator resolution moved by David Ross and tabled, be now considered" Carried.

Mr. Ross then withdrew his resolution in view of the explanations made by Mr. Motherwell.

E. J. Paynter—David Ross—

"Whereas the farmers of Saskatchewan were led to believe through the announcement of the legislature, that provision would be made by the government to handle the grain crop of 1910,

"And whereas one-quarter of the time for making such provision has already elapsed without any apparent progress being made,

"Therefore be it resolved that this convention express its keen regret that the government was not in a position to announce the appointment of the commission of enquiry,

"And that we express our wish that our executive be empowered by the government to nominate three actual farmers who are members of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association as members of the proposed government commission on the elevator question."

Geo. Langley spoke to the resolution and urged that the convention demand three members on the commission, as an independent farmer outside of the association as a member of the commission might be opposed to the aims of the association.

Mr. F. W. Green announced that he had a personal letter from Premier Scott, giving a definite promise that there would be three members of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association on the commission.

F. Kirkham—H. O. Partridge—

"That the convention adjourn for five minutes to allow the executive to meet and read the letter from Premier Scott mentioned by Mr. Green, and that all correspondence between the government and the executive on the elevator question be laid on the table before the convention." Carried.

The convention adjourned at 10.35 a.m. for five minutes. The president called the convention to order again at 10.39 a.m. to consider the following resolution

Walter Simpson—I. N. Henderson—

"That the convention re-consider the resolution last passed." Carried.

On the vote being taken the motion was lost.

The president called upon R. McKenzie, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, who delivered an address on his recent interview with the Ottawa Government on the terminal elevator question.

F. W. Green having returned by this time, he was called upon by the president to read the correspondence between the Saskatchewan Government and the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association on the internal elevator question. After an explanation by Mr. Green, that it would not be a business-like method, the convention decided that the correspondence be not read.

Geo. H. McKeague—Walter Simpson—

"That the correspondence between the government and the executive be not read." Carried.

David Ross called the attention of the president to the fact that the resolution moved by Mr. Paynter and seconded by himself was still before the convention. On the vote being taken it was carried.

The president then announced that the ballots for the election of directors were ready for distribution. As scrutineers, the president appointed H. Darrell, Levi Thompson and T. E. Allcock. The convention adjourned at 11.15 a.m.

The convention opened for the afternoon session at 2.20 p.m., the new president, F. M. Gates, presiding for the first time.

Thos. Conlan—J. A. Murray—

"That a system of district associations be organized to carry on the work of the association, and assume the duties, and be a central association in the said district, and the central association's name be changed from 'central' to 'provincial'.

To be known as 'district associations', and shall consist of the same number of officials and directors as at present, who will be elected yearly from delegates to the annual convention duty elected by the district association at district conventions of delegates from the sub-associations."

The following amendment was moved by J. B. Musselman, seconded by Geo. Edwards:—

"That a system of district associations be organized to carry on the work of the association, to assume the duties of, and to be central associations in the said districts, That these shall be known as district associations,

"That their respective executives shall consist of the same number of officers and directors as the executive of the local associations now do,

"That the said officers and directors be elected by the district annual convention, which convention shall consist of the district executive and delegates duly elected by the local associations,

"That the provincial executive in session divide the province into districts along the lines of easiest access to central points, and that the executive at the same time name a pro tem secretary for each of the said districts, and instruct him to call an organization meeting of the said districts, at a point also to be named by the said executive.

"That the district convention elect delegates to the provincial convention, but that each sub-association shall be represented by at least one delegate."

It was moved as an amendment to the amendment by Mr. Simmons, seconded by L. M. Cameron:—

"That the original motion be considered six months hence. On the vote being taken the amendment to the amendment was carried.

The president called upon T. A. Cregar, president of the Grain Growers' Grain Co., who addressed the convention on the Grain Growers' Grain Co. and the Home Bank.

F. W. Green read a long letter from E. A. Partridge, in which Mr. Partridge dealt with a number of the most important questions that had come before the convention. The letter from Mr. Partridge was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

H. Darrell presented the report of the scrutineers on the election of the directors, as follows:—

At Large. Geo. Langley, F. W. Green, F. C. Tate, A. G. Hawkes and W. Noble.

District No. 1.—Jas. Robinson.

District No. 2.—J. A. Maharg.

District No. 4.—Chas. Dunning.

District No. 3.—John Evans.

District No. 6.—Dr. Hill.

W. Simpson—R. T. Gray—

"That the convention endorse the election of the district directors." Carried.

W. Simpson—C. W. Hankins—

"That this convention endorse the nomination of Andrew Graham, of Pomeroy, Man., for the vacancy on the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada." Carried.

"That clause 31, sub-section 1, of the Manitoba Grain Act be amended by extending the time for surrendering cash tickets from twenty-four hours to six days." Carried.

Frank Sheppard—W. Simpson—

"Whereas at the present time the Demurrage Law only acts in favor of transportation companies,

"Therefore be it resolved that legislation be enacted enforcing reciprocal demurrage, and further, that all freight shall move at a certain rate per twenty-four hours until destination is reached." Carried.

Levi Thompson presented a verbal report from the auditors to the effect that the accounts of the association were correct and in good shape, and that much credit was due to the secretary-treasurer, F. W. Green. He also recommended that an official auditor be appointed to audit the accounts of the association. The report was adopted unanimously.

S. Armstrong—A. Anslow—

"Whereas railway companies are guilty of gross negligence in not providing proper cattle guards at the various points where their roads cross public highways, and whereas the railway companies show no disposition to compensate the owners of stock that get on their tracks where there are no cattle guards, and are thus killed or injured,

"Therefore be it resolved that this association urge the executive to make a test of one of the many that have come to their notice, and if the present law dealing with the matter does not properly protect the public interest, that they take the necessary steps towards securing the necessary amendment of the Railway Act."

The following amendment was moved by W. Simpson, seconded by Geo. Boerma: "That this resolution be referred to the proposed Canadian Council of Agriculture. On the vote being taken the amendment was carried.

W. E. Mott—W. H. Lawrence—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the Mayor and Civic Officials of the City of Prince Albert for the splendid treatment which had been accorded the Grain Growers during their stay in the city." Carried.

Mayor Holmes was present, and made a brief reply.

Frank Durrick—R. H. Henderson—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the officials of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their building in which to hold the meetings of the convention." Carried.

G. H. McKeague—F. B. Johnson—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the lady members who attended the meetings, thereby greatly assisting the Grain Growers." Carried.

A. Knox—E. Mylrea—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the retiring president, E. M. Hopkins." Carried.

John Shier—A. C. Moynes—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to F. W. Green, secretary-treasurer." Carried.

Geo. Edwards—S. Cameron—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the executive and officers of the association." Carried.

G. Carson—A. Switzer—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the visiting delegates from Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario for the valuable assistance rendered to the convention." Carried.

A. H. Salmon—W. H. Sleuen—

"That the thanks of the convention be extended to the members of the Prince Albert branch for the accommodation provided." Carried.

The thanks of the convention was also extended to the Press.

The convention adjourned at 4.00 p.m. and dispersed to the singing of the National Anthem.

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