

upon our legislatures. I see from a cursory examination of the New York law that they seize nets there that are illegally used. It seems to me to be well to adopt a resolution to the effect that the laws should permit and authorize the seizure of nets illegally used. We have no such law in Michigan, and I can say from experience we were very much hampered in the enforcement of the law. Carrying out this idea I will offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the law should authorize the seizure and destruction of nets used in violation of law.

Dr. Parker: I will second that resolution.

Mr. Hampton: I have found this in this state: We have sometimes seized the nets; the man is convicted, and pays the penalty, or the Justice sometimes suspends the penalty. He takes his net and goes on the same as before, only he will be a little more careful. I have construed the law—not being a lawyer I could do so—to mean that they were contraband goods, and I have seized them, but they came with a writ of replevin and I was obliged to give them up.

Mr. Wilmot: The system pursued in Canada is substantially this: For a long period of time the nets were seized and sold. We found that such an absurdity that we came to the conclusion that the better plan was to destroy the net at once. And now, as soon as the officer seizes the nets, he burns them. There should be a limit to the length of any net used in a boat. Some persons are in the habit of using three or four kinds of nets, and they are left out in a storm, and consequently thousands of fish are destroyed.

Mr. Hampton's resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wilmot: I have been looking at these little fish and admiring them. You have designated in your motion that the fish shall be sixteen inches long. Now query: How will you measure that fish to get rid of a dispute in case of a conviction?

Chairman: From nose to tail.

Mr. Wilmot: But what part of the tail? I should say from the tip of the nose to the center of the tail. There is sometimes an inch difference between the tip of the tail and the center of the tail, taking the extreme limits. I would suggest that the measurement should be from the tip of the nose to the center of the tail, or the tail fin. A dispute might arise as to the length of the tail.

No action was taken on the point suggested by Mr. Wilmot.

Mr. Wilmot: Before we adjourn I would beg to tender to this conference the thanks of the commission of Canada who have attended for the courtesies extended to them. We feel deeply gratified that we should be permitted to come here by the kind invitation you sent, and we now wish to tender our thanks for the courtesy that has been extended to us.

Chairman Bowman: The Secretary and stenographer will make note of what has been said. It has been very kind of you; indeed, gentlemen, to come here, and we desire to make you one of us as much as we can.

Mr. Harris: I can only add my thanks. I have been very happy in attending this meeting. I shall not forget my visit to Detroit for some time and I am very glad that you gentlemen have been pleased.

Secretary: I want to make a motion that it be the sense of this meeting that further meetings of this conference are desirable, leaving it open to be called whenever the spirit moves. That it shall be subject to the call of the Chairman at any time, whenever the necessity arises.

Dr. Sweeney: I will second that resolution.

Dr. Parker: How would it be to make it an annual affair, anyway?

Dr. Sweeney: It would be very pleasant to me personally.

Dr. Parker: The question is whether there are enough subjects to come up for discussion.