

American continent, but there is one matter in this connection which needs alteration.

That is, under the Educational Act, the Board of School Trustees possesses too much power. There is no property qualification necessary for a school trustee, but at the same time the trustees have power to expend thousands of dollars without any hindrance whatever. They have gained this power through their aggressiveness in placing their requirements, or their imaginary requirements, before the Provincial Government. It is quite true that the municipal council has to provide the funds that are necessary for the School Board, but it has no voice as to how that money should be spent. This Union should suggest that certain of the powers of School Trustees be abrogated, such as the purchase of lands, the erection of buildings, and the letting of contracts; and let them have powers only to look after education, and education only.

With reference to the administration of justice, it is essential that the police of the province, whether in cities or rural districts, be under one head, so that in cases of serious crimes the police officers of any municipality, when such occasion arose, would have to act in conjunction in the capture of criminals or fugitives from justice.

Mayor Beckwith, Victoria, moved and Alderman Nelson, West Vancouver, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Crehan for his paper. Carried.

A telegram was read by the President from Mayor Findlay, expressing his regrets at not being able to attend the Convention as he found it impossible to get away.

The Resolution Committee reported:

Moved by Mayor Robinson, Kamloops, seconded by Mayor Beckwith, Victoria:—

Your Committee respectfully, but urgently recommend to the Convention that the municipalities co-operate in the appointment of a "Select Committee" with power to appoint a Solicitor to watch all legislation with a view of guarding every portion of the province from adverse enactments, and foster all measures tending to the advancement of the whole or any part thereof. The cost incident thereto to be apportioned in an equitable manner by the Convention." Carried.

New Subjects Dealt With.

Corporation of Penticton:—

1. Laid over.
2. Struck out.
- 3 and 4. Already dealt with.
5. Struck out
- 7 and 8. Already dealt with.
- 9 and 10. Provided for in new draft of Local Improvement Bill.

Surrey Municipality:—

Asked to state more complete case.

Mission Municipality:—

Asked to make a stated case.

City of North Vancouver:—

1. Change the word "two" in first line to read "one." Adopted.
2. Adopted.
3. Provided for in new draft of Local Improvement Bill.

City of Vernon:—

Executive to take up and ask to have the two sections struck out in 1910 replaced.

City of Nelson:—

1. Already dealt with.
2. Struck out.

District of Chilliwack:—

Considered already covered by Act. Moved and seconded that this be referred to Executive. Carried.

City of Kelowna:—

- 1, 2 and 3. Already dealt with.
4. No action taken.

North Vancouver:—

"That where a municipality is subdivided into wards persons otherwise entitled to vote shall be entitled to vote for councilmen or aldermen in each and every ward where they have the proper property qualification." Adopted.

Langley:—

"That the regulations of the Liquor License Act be made applicable to steamships and railways as well as to licenses on land, as far as practicable." Adopted.

Nanaimo:—

Municipal Clauses Act, Section 16, add "provided that any candidate must have served at least one year as Alderman." Struck out.

Section 68; Strike out the word, "value" in the fifth line and insert the word "Frontage." Referred to Executive.

Section 259, Sub-section 2; Rearrange this sub-section making it necessary to notify each person whose name appears upon the real estate assessment roll, as the owner, of the amount of the special rate. Notice that the schedule is ready for inspection may be given. Now before Commission—Local Improvements.

Section 258, Sub-section 3; Add to the end the following:—"Provided, however, that the appeal from the decision of the Court of Revision shall be limited to the question whether the assessment in respect of which the appeal is taken is or is not equal and rateable with the assessment of other similar property in the municipality, having equal advantages of situation, against the assessment of which no appeal has been taken." (This proviso was in the Municipal Clauses Act until the Legislature of 1903-4. Now before Commission.

Section 338. Strike out the word "retail" in the first line. Adopted.

South Vancouver:—

"That it is the opinion of the Union that no lands should be exempted from taxation." Carried.

Victoria:—

To take steps to have the Municipal Act amended by striking out sub-section 106 of Section 53, and substituting the following:

"For licensing and regulating pool rooms, billiard halls, bowling alleys, moving picture shows, dance halls, skating rinks, theatres and all other place of amusement with power to prohibit the same in certain portions of any municipality where the existence of the same will diminish the value of assessable residential property, and with power to investigate the fitness of applicants for licenses in respect of same and to refuse licenses, if applicant deemed unfit, and with power to delegate investigation as aforesaid and refusal of licenses to an Inspector."

To amend sub-section 7 of Section 318 by striking out the word "five" and substituting the word "ten." Carried.