

MUNICIPAL UNION ELECTS OFFICERS: SOME RESOLUTIONS

Greetings Presented by Alberta
and Saskatchewan Delegates
—Assessment Act

HELP WINTER FAIR

Convention Asks Province and
Dominion to Aid Manitoba
Winter Fair

The election of officers featured the afternoon session of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities on Wednesday. John Haddow, in accepting the presidency of the Union, said that he was glad to hold a position that was second only to the Premiership of the British Isles. Greetings were received from representatives of Alberta and Saskatchewan Unions, and one of the main points emphasized by one of the visiting delegates was that members of municipal councils must take a greater interest in all public institutions.

A resolution to amend the Assessment Act of the Province raised the first general discussion of the convention. The question of assessment was a perplexing one for the delegates and it took a lot of explaining to clear up many points. Finally after many speakers had dealt with the subject the resolution was referred back to the Resolutions Committee, and will be brought before the convention again.

Officers Elected

The election of officers was the main item of business. Mr. John Haddow, present Vice-President of the Union and Reeve of Rosser, was unanimously elected President. No other candidates were nominated. For Vice-President, Reeve W. C. Wroth of Lillico and Reeve D. Couling were nominated. Alderman Marion was also mentioned, but withdrew. As a result of the ballot Reeve D. Couling of Oakland was elected. Robert Forke of Pipestone was re-elected Secretary. Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Adolph was named solicitor for the Union and the Western Municipal News the official organ.

Support For Winter Fair

Urging the consideration and help of the municipalities in solving the problems which now confront the Winter Fair, Mr. Kenneth Campbell appeared before the convention and told something of the success of the Winter show. The recent loss suffered through the burning of the old building has been a serious set back. It will cost at least \$100,000 to rebuild and before going before the governments for support, Mr. Campbell said it would be necessary to get the support of the people. He therefore urged the Union to lend their strength to the proposition of building a new arena.

Mr. G. R. Caldwell K.C. also supported Mr. Campbell in his address for the co-operation of the municipalities. He asked for the influence of the delegates in an application which will be made to the Provincial and Dominion Governments.

A resolution strongly recommending that both the Dominion and Provincial government grant such financial assistance as will enable the Winter Fair Board to rebuild, was carried unanimously.

Executive Committee

The executive committee was chosen following the nomination of no less than fifteen names. The executive as elected is W. C. Wroth, C. E. Jevens, R. D. Willis, D. D. McDonald, Ald. Marion, S. R. Henderson, J. Mitchell.

Address on Hospital Work

Dr. Geo. F. Stephens, President of the Provincial Hospital Association and Medical Superintendent of the Winnipeg General Hospital said that as it was impossible at present to give full data on the work of the Manitoba hospitals, he would confine his remarks entirely to the work of the Winnipeg General Hospital. He therefore addressed the audience at some length on the work of that institution.

Speaking of the unpaid municipal accounts on the books of the Winnipeg General Hospital, Dr. Stephens thought it was up to the municipalities to assist in the collection of these accounts. He recommended amendments to the Charities Aid Act; and particularly he suggested that the bonus and grants be increased to hospitals.

Greetings from Alberta

Mr. J. T. Jackman brought greetings to the convention from Alberta. He told of some of the municipal work being carried on in that Province. Mr. Jackman also recommended that the Western Provinces get together in an annual session and discuss some of the problems which come before the Prairie Provinces, as the Canadian convention usually confined their discussions almost solely to Eastern Canada problems.

Increase Municipal Grant

The greatest asset this country has, is the rising generation, said Reeve J. French, in speaking to a resolution Argentine delegation had passed its part before the convention. It was advocated in the League.

cated that the general municipal grant be largely increased. Following a discussion, the resolution was passed as follows: "Whereas at the time the general municipal grant, and the legislative grant were fixed, the amount of same was approximately sufficient to pay the salary of the school teacher.

And whereas the average teacher's salary has greatly increased. Therefore be it resolved that in the opinion of this convention the general municipal grant be largely increased."

Saskatchewan Greetings

Mr. R. Douglas, of Redvers, representing the Saskatchewan municipalities brought the greetings from that body. He said that the Saskatchewan convention sometimes had as many as nine hundred delegates present at their sessions. Mr. Douglas declared that all the representatives present are leaders in their community, and they have a great responsibility in carrying on the work. The real good men come from the farms, and he urged all the delegates to take an active interest in all public institutions. If each community made itself a centre for better conditions and living then Canada's future would look after itself.

Mr. W. Anderson, Chief Municipal Inspector, also brought his greetings from Saskatchewan.

Special "Weed" Train

A special "weed" train is being made up by the three prairie provinces, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, declared Prof. S. A. Bedford, in issuing an invitation to all municipal delegates to attend these exhibitions. The Russian Thistle is threatening an invasion of Manitoba and he urged the hearty support and co-operation of the municipalities in combating the spread of weeds in the Province. He also recommended that the municipalities appoint capable men as weed inspectors and pay them adequate salaries.

Suggests Changes in Assessment
One of the most important resolutions to come before the convention was that submitted by the Rural Council of Portage regarding a suggested change in the Assessment Act of the Province. Several members from Portage spoke in favor of the resolution which was as follows:

"Whereas this Convention is of the opinion that to put into operation, in its present form and wording, the Act to establish a Tax Commission, and recent Assessment Act, will impose upon the Rural Municipalities of this Province the unnecessary expenditure of large amounts of the ratepayers' money.

And whereas it will necessitate an increased staff of Assessors with increased salaries in securing information and statistics already obtained from several sources and agencies; And whereas the various and numerous forms to be filled by the Assessors, annually instead of once in three or four years, require a great amount of work which we deem to be a foolish expenditure of time and money;

And whereas a large number of the Rural Municipalities of this Province, during the past summer, passed strong resolutions dealing with the undesirable features of the Act; Therefore be it resolved that this Convention ask for an amendment to the Act, so as to simplify the Act and greatly reduce to the Municipalities the expense of putting the Act into operation.

Present Act Explained

Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong spoke in favor of the present Act as it stands. The Department is at all times the friend of the municipalities. He urged a uniform assessment all over the Province, and the assessment of all land on the actual value. He wanted one good assessment all over the Province.

Mr. Leo, Donnelly, Chairman of the Tax Commission, also addressed the meeting on the resolution before the convention. He outlined the workings of Manitoba Tax Commission since the time of its appointment. It did not matter so much what the tax is as it is to assure that everyone is taxed fairly and equally, said Mr. Donnelly. He explained fully how assessment throughout the Province was to be made. He assured the Union that they would be given an equitable system of taxation as it would be possible to give.

Questions regarding the system of assessment rose from all over the hall, and Mr. H. L. Adolph, the Solicitor was called upon to explain the system as it is at present. Mr. Robert Forke of Pipestone also added a lucid explanation. However it was finally decided to refer the question back to the Resolutions Committee, and the resolution will probably be amended.

ARGENTINE QUILTS LEAGUE

Genova, Dec. 4.—Argentine's Foreign Minister today handed the President of the League of Nations Assembly a letter announcing that the Argentine delegation had ceased its participation in the League.

PORTAGE CHOSEN BY UNION FOR THE 1921 CONVENTION

Hon. Dr. Armstrong Explains
Large Levy For Provincial
Government Revenue

GREATER ASSISTANCE

General Meeting is to Be Held in
the Insane—Pycopathic
Wards Suggested

Portage la Prairie was chosen as the location for the 1921 convention of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities. This decision was made by the convention sitting this morning, the delegates unanimously accepting the invitation extended by Mayor Metcalf of that city. No other invitations were extended this morning, although it had been expressed on previous occasions by Mayor Dinsdale and other members of the City Council that Brandon would give a hearty welcome to the convention if held here next year.

The morning's business was mainly given over to the passing of and discussions on resolutions. The resolution regarding a suggested change in the Assessment Act which proved so troublesome on Wednesday, was amended overnight and again presented this morning. This time it carried with little opposition. An explanation as to why the "Provincial Government Revenue" should form such a large part of the Municipal Commissioner's levy, was given by the Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong, the Municipal Commissioner. The Commissioner's explanation resulted in the defeat of the resolution.

The work of the Salvation Army, in Manitoba especially, was shown in an address given by Brigadier L. D. Taylor, of Winnipeg. Dr. J. H. Stewart, Superintendent of the Ninette Sanatorium also addressed the morning session on the work of that institution.

As the result of a resolution passed this morning, the Provincial Government will be asked to render more medical assistance at the Brandon Hospital for the insane, and also to introduce pycopathic wards at both the Brandon and Selkirk institutions. This resolution was carried unanimously and received the support from many delegates present, who spoke to the measure.

The convention will probably be concluded this afternoon, but there are still many resolutions to be presented, and the discussions, if long on these resolutions, may carry the convention over until this evening.

Change in Resolution

Further debate on the resolution submitted by the rural Council of Portage la Prairie on Wednesday in connection with the suggested amendment to the Assessment Act, was reopened. Reeve E. H. Muir of Portage, revised his original motion, making the active clause provide "That the Executive be instructed to ask for an amendment to the Act eliminating overlapping, and empowering Municipalities, to use approved tax rolls for three years, subject to the annual Court of Revision."

Explanation of Item

The Municipality of Argyle presented a resolution which read as follows: "Whereas in 1918 the Municipal Commissioner's Levy was increased by the addition of an item entitled Provincial Government Revenue;

And whereas no explanation of the Government Revenue;

Increased over one hundred per cent, so it forms over three-fourths of the entire levy for 1920;

And whereas no explanation of the purpose of said levy has been given the Municipalities;

Therefore the Union of Manitoba Municipalities would respectfully ask the reason for said levy, and how long it is likely to be a charge on the Municipalities of the Province.

An explanation was made by the Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong, who said that there are increased costs of Mothers' Allowance, Health and increased overhead expense in regard to debentures. Of the annual levy, 1 1/2 mills yielding \$1,020,000 was for supplementary revenue purposes. The need for increased revenue was as great on the part of the Government as it has been found in private undertakings, stated Dr. Armstrong.

The speaker did not know when the levy would stop, but he believed that the peak of prices had been reached. He would not hazard a guess as to when the cost decline would commence however. Dr. Armstrong said he would welcome any motion suggesting to the Government some new form of taxation by means of which the direct tax could be replaced.

Following the explanation given by the speaker and a vote taken, the resolution was defeated.

Resolution Defeated

A resolution submitted by the Municipality of Blanchard caused considerable discussion. The resolution as presented was as follows:

Be it resolved that this Convention

ask the rescinding of Section No. 26 of the Regulations of Provincial Board of Health respecting slaughter Houses.

A farmer or other person desiring to slaughter for sale or food animals raised by himself, in which case application shall be made to the local health officers, who may recommend to the Board that a permit to so slaughter be issued. The permit of the Board shall be in writing, and shall have force only from the first day of December in any year to the first day of March following.

Several delegates thought that the resolution would interfere with the "beef-trimms", and that the farmers would not be allowed to carry on with this system. Dr. Armstrong explained that it was entirely a health measure. Following a discussion on the resolution, the motion was defeated.

Brigadier L. D. Taylor

Brigadier L. D. Taylor, of the Salvation Army expressed his appreciation on being able to present thanks for the sympathy of the municipalities to the Army. This was evidenced by the grants made, and these are an incentive to carry on the good work. "We are called to serve," said Brigadier Taylor, "and we are more ready now to carry out that service than ever before." He made reference to the training service of the Army. Theatrics are no good without service, and the speaker declared that the Army believed in putting it into practice. "We are concerned greatly with the output and the result of our work," he said.

Mayor Geo. Insdale spoke of the work done by the Salvation Army in relief in Brandon. He spoke a few words regarding the success of the convention and trust that Brandon would be the scene of another convention of the Municipalities in the near future.

Ninette Sanatorium

An address on the work of the Ninette Sanatorium was given this morning by the Superintendent of that institution. In the first ten years the sanatorium has received and taken care of no less than 3,333 patients. He said that the Province of Manitoba has reason to be proud of the institution as it ranked among the leading sanatoriums in Canada.

Tuberculosis is one of the hardest diseases to diagnose, said Dr. Stewart, and he believed that a great work is being done by the examinations carried out by the sanatorium. The institution has also done much to assist medical students in a study of tuberculosis. Senior medical students have been received into the residence for instruction purposes, and 106 students have received training in this manner. There is enough knowledge as to human tuberculosis to stamp out the disease entirely, but in order to do this the entire community would have to be revolutionized. "We are all agents of the millennium," said the doctor, "it we are doing our duties as citizens." He did not ever expect tuberculosis to be stamped out completely, but he did believe that conditions can be greatly improved.

The Municipality of Archie brought in a resolution asking that an extension of pycopathic wards to Brandon and Selkirk Hospitals for the be made and also for more medical assistance. The resolution submitted, and which was carried unanimously, was as follows:

"Whereas there is an increasing number of patients admitted to the insane asylums of Selkirk and Brandon;

"And whereas the experience gained at the pycopathic ward of Winnipeg General Hospital gives reason to believe that many patients can be wholly or partly recovered;

"And whereas these institutions are seriously handicapped owing to insufficient medical staff, the staff at Brandon being three doctors whereas

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MAKING NAILS OF BARBED WIRE

In Riga From Vast Quantities of
Wire Left on Battle-
fields

Riga, Latvia, Dec. 4.—A use has at last been found here for the vast quantities of barbed wire left on the battlefields of Eastern Europe. Riga inventors have devised machinery for stamping nails out of the wire and hope by this method to relieve the shortage of nails in the Balkan states.

Riga has been the center of so much fighting throughout the war that most of the lakes, streams and roads about the city are thoroughly lined with barbed wire entanglements and great numbers of full spools of wire are lying about. The expense of collecting wire for making nails is thus made light. Many of the piers at this port are stacked high with wire suitable for nail making.

BRANDON HEBREWS TO CELEBRATE "HANUKKA"

Commencing Monday, December 6th, and lasting for eight days, the Hebrews in Brandon and all over the world will celebrate "Hanukka," the Feast of Lights. In many religions, light is the symbol of joy and life-giving power, and while business will not cease for the celebration, many festivities will occur during the eight days.

In the ritual of the Jewish temple, fire and light played a conspicuous part long ago. In the Holy of Holies was a "Cloud of Light" (Shekinah) symbolical of the presence of Yahweh, and before it stood the candlestick with six branches on each of which, and on the central stem, was a lamp eternally burning; while in the foreground was an altar on which the sacred fire was never allowed to go out. Today, many of the Jewish synagogues have each their eternal lamp.

During the celebration of the celebration in Brandon special lamps will be lighted each night in many of the Hebrew homes in this city.

ONTARIO PEOPLE MAY HAVE TO GIVE WEEK'S NOTICE OF MARRIAGE

Toronto, Dec. 4.—In the near future, all persons intending to be married in Ontario may be required to give public notice one week in advance of the proposed nuptials. This is the effect of legislation under consideration.

ELEVATOR CO. ASKS REINSTATEMENT OF WHEAT BOARD

Resolution Passed by Shareholders
Saskatchewan Co-operative
Elevator Company

Regina, Sask., Dec. 4.—A demand that the Canada Wheat Board be immediately reinstated, was the subject of a resolution passed by the general meeting of the shareholders of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator company, held here last week.

"The future is difficult for agriculture," said Hon. C. A. Dunning, "and there is little immediate hope in sight for improvement. As far as wheat is concerned, the Saskatchewan farmer is less advantageously placed than any of his competitors in placing his wheat on the markets of the world, for it has cost him more to produce and ship his wheat."

The company's annual report showed that during the year ended July 31, the profit had amounted to \$224,988.91. The directors recommended a dividend of 8 per cent., amounting to \$90,250.60, leaving a balance of \$134,738.31, making a total when added to the balance at the credit of the general reserve account, of \$247,028.53.

The report went on to state that new elevators have been erected at Mantario, Rosthern, Bateman, St. Boswells, Lucky Lake, Birsay, Eaton and Leroy and one purchased at Kennedy.

A total of 19,512,000 bushels had been handled through the company's country elevators and 812,772 bushels shipped over platforms. The terminal elevators together handled 16,506,634 bushels, or approximately 15 per cent of the grain handled through public elevators at the head of the lakes.

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