

THE QUEBEC MINING ACT.

The meeting then proceeded to discuss the Quebec Mining Act.

THE SECRETARY called attention to the presence of reporters, and asked if it was advisable that the deliberations of the meeting should be made public.

MR. W. H. IRWIN, seconded by Mr. E. Wertheim, moved that discussion of the Bill be private.

CAPT. ADAMS, seconded by Col. Lucke, moved in amendment, that the proceedings be public.

Capt. Adams' amendment was carried by a two-thirds vote.

THE CHAIRMAN reviewed at some length, the legal weaknesses and inconsistencies of the Act, and read a Draft Petition which might be submitted to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying either for an Order-in-Council vetoing the Bill, or an opportunity of arguing their case before the Privy Council.

After discussion by Messrs. Stevenson, Col. Lucke, J. Lavergne, M.P., W. H. Irwin, Ed. Wertheim and others, it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Hon. Mr. Mercier, and if possible arrange for an interview, the following to be a deputation :—

Hon. Geo. Irvine, Q.C.
R. Prefontaine, Q.C.
Mr. J. Lavergne, M.P.
Mr. B. T. A. Bell.

Robt. N. Hall, Q.C., M.P.
Capt. R. C. Adams.
Mr. James King.
Dr. C. Killing.

The meeting then adjourned.