

# REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

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MR. JOHN KENNEDY: I fully agree with the last speaker. I think we had better continue as we are; it has worked all right and I would suggest that we go ahead as we have been.

THE PRESIDENT: Are there any other matters in the Report of the Council that the members wish to discuss?

MR. HARKOM: There is one little thing that seems to be overlooked in Mr. Jamieson's remarks, and that is the placing of the nomination by the ten members according to the privilege on a separate list. It seems to me that the Executive, or whoever is responsible for putting out these lists, should bear that matter in mind, and that the names nominated by the ten members have just as much right to be submitted to the Society as the others, without any distinction whatever.

THE PRESIDENT: That is mentioned in the by-law.

MR. HARKOM: Yes, that is a matter that ought to be looked into.

MR. JOHN KENNEDY: That has been looked into a good deal, and I agree with Dr. Galbraith when he says that when a nomination is put out we ought to be informed of the members nominated by the Nominating Committee, and who are the members nominated by others.

THE PRESIDENT: It is in order now for a motion to adopt the report.

MR. MOUNTAIN: I move the adoption of the report.

MR. JOHN KENNEDY: I would like to know if this is a recommendation to the Nominating Committee for their consideration rather than an order which would have the effect of changing the by-laws.

THE PRESIDENT: The report reads "The Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Officers and Members of Council has suggested the following procedure for the conduct of the business of the committees, and the Council has endorsed the same and recommends it to the Annual Meeting for its approval."

MR. CHIPMAN: Surely that does not empower us to change the by-laws of the Society?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I do not think so.

MR. SKAIFE: I would like to ask if the second paragraph on page 13 of the report of Council is under discussion.

THE PRESIDENT: No, not at the moment. I understand that matter will come up for discussion some time during the meeting, because we have had an offer for the property of the Society, and we will have to decide what we are going to do about it.

MR. JAMES M. SHANLY: I would like to ask a question. Mr. President, I would like to know if there is anything in the by-laws that prescribes the mode of procedure by the Nominating Committee. There is a provision in the by-laws as to the appointment of the Nominating Committee, and that the Nominating Committee are instructed to go ahead and make certain nominations, but I understand there is nothing said as to how they shall make the nominations or what their procedure shall be.

THE SECRETARY: That is right. In answer to Mr. Jamieson, I will say that the paragraph that he referred to is as follows:

"All nominations shall appear on the same ballot sheet and shall be grouped separately, the list provided by the Nominating Committee being indicated as such, and any list submitted under by-law 38 shall give the names of the members making the nominations."

MR. JAMIESON: Well, that is distinct and we will have to change the by-laws in order to bring that into force and effect.

THE PRESIDENT: It has been moved by Mr. Mountain, seconded by Mr. Fairbairn, that the report of Council be adopted. Carried unanimously.

MR. SHANLY: Before proceeding I would like to ask another question, Mr. President. Are we to understand that the Nominating Committee are in future obliged to follow out that recommendation?

VOICES: No, no.

THE PRESIDENT: The next order of business is the Library and House Committee Report.

MR. MOUNTAIN: I move the adoption of this report.

MR. SHANLY: I second the motion.

Carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The Secretary will now read the financial report.

(The financial report was here read by the Secretary.)

MR. TYE: I move that the report be adopted.

MR. DUGGAN: I second the motion.

MR. ST. GEORGE: The only thing about this that I would make an enquiry on is in regard to the value of our property. I see you have kept it at the same valuation practically every year, less depreciation. If we want to borrow any money at any time our valuation for the property is very low. We all appreciate the fact that the value of land has enhanced materially in the last few years, and is it wise to keep it at this fixed figure in our financial report? Of course the question of taxation comes in. Supposing we should want to go into a new building and we did not have enough money, and we wanted to borrow some money, we would not be able to borrow it according to this statement.

THE SECRETARY: That figure represents what that stands now at on the books of the company.

THE PRESIDENT: I understand that the property is now sold or practically sold.

THE SECRETARY: Well, it would be the assessor's valuation at all events, and it would not be our valuation that would govern it.

THE PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion of Mr. Tye, and seconded by Mr. Duggan, that the financial report be received. What is your pleasure?

Carried.

THE PRESIDENT: The next order of business is the reports from the different Branches. Mr. White will read the report of the Ottawa Branch.