

Convention of B. C. Municipalities—(Continued).

together with the recommendations contained therein and the report be placed in the minutes — further that the Convention place on record their esteem and appreciation of his increasing work during the past year.

Carried unanimously.

Suggestions From the Councils Either Adopted or Referred to Executive.

PRINCE RUPERT.

I submit that sections embodying the following ideas should be inserted in the Municipal Act:

- (1) A clause authorizing the passage of a by-law to either increase or decrease the number of Aldermen or Councillors; mentioning, if it should be thought advisable, a minimum.
- (2) Providing that such by-law should be submitted to the ratepayers;
- (3) That such by-law may be submitted to a vote of the ratepayers at any time in the year;
- (4) When such by-law is passed and carried by vote, say by a majority vote, to be stated in the section, that the by-law shall then take first effect at the next election.

Referred to Executive to deal with when they meet in Victoria.

NANAIMO.

To Regulate Sources of Milk Supply.

Whereas it has been scientifically demonstrated that untreated milk is one of the readiest and most effective media for the propagation and the dissemination of disease-breeding germs, and then produced from diseased animals or amidst unclean or insanitary conditions or surroundings, is a most fruitful source of tuberculosis and many other diseases, especially amongst young children, and

Whereas it has been proved beyond the possibility of doubt that the dairy herds in practically all sections of the Province have been and are now more or less affected with tuberculin diseases, and

Whereas the work carried on for the last few years by the Department of Agriculture, in the inspection of dairy premises, the testing of dairy cattle and the destruction of affected animals has considerably reduced the percentage of diseased animals in the dairy herds, and

Whereas the amount appropriated for the carrying on of this work is entirely inadequate and there is grave danger that the large amount already spent will be utterly lost, and that conditions may shortly be as bad or worse than before, and

Whereas it is reasonably certain that if this work is carried on for a few more years, and effective measures taken to prevent the importation into the province, of any but tested animals, certified free from disease, bovine tuberculosis at least, and probably most other diseases affecting dairy and other cattle, will be entirely eradicated, to the great and lasting benefit of the province, and

Whereas there is a lack of necessary information amongst some of the dairymen and others, as to the best and most effective methods of producing, caring for, handling and using milk and milk products.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Government be strongly urged to continue the present or an improved system of inspection and testing of dairy and other cattle, inspection and grading of dairy premises, buildings, machinery and appliances used in the production and handling of milk and milk products; that such testing and inspection be carried out by properly qualified inspectors; that it be compulsory that it be carried out at intervals of not more than six months, and that reasonable compensation be paid for all animals it may be found necessary to condemn and destroy.

Resolved that we consider it imperatively necessary for the Government to take immediate steps to inspect and test all cattle imported into the province and when such cattle are not certified by competent authorities to have them tested and found free from disease immediately previous to their shipment.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Council it is the duty of the Government, in order to safeguard the public health, to take every other necessary step to more effectively control and regulate the conditions under which milk is produced for sale and use, and also the conditions under which milk and milk products are manufactured, transported, stored and used, and to this end would suggest:

- 1—That such regulations be formulated and enacted

into law, as will compel the use in every case of proper methods, appliances and buildings for the production, handling, storing, transportation and sale of all milk and milk products, and also the observance of such sanitary measures as will tend to preserve the health of the herds and prevent the contamination of all milk and milk products;

2—That such regulations and sanitary measures be enforced by frequent and rigorous inspection by qualified inspectors, and by the infliction of adequate penalties for violation of the same;

3—That accurate scientific knowledge, as to the best methods of producing, transporting, storing, handling, preparing and using milk and milk products, be compiled, arranged and disseminated throughout the province for the better information of the people.

Resolved that copies of above preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture at Victoria, and that the Government be urged to consider and act upon the same at once.

Resolved that copies be also forwarded to the Executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, and to each of the Municipal Councils of the province, requesting that the same be endorsed and forwarded to the Government at Victoria, urging immediate consideration and action thereon.

This was adopted.

Merritt.

That all sections of "Municipal Act" relating to levying rates be grouped under one heading together with sections relating to discounts and interest.

As to levying rates, Section 201 to stand as at present down to the words "for such year" the first proviso to be omitted and the following added as follows:—

(1) For general purposes, not exceeding 15 mills (2) for debenture interest and sinking fund (3) for school purposes, ordinary and extraordinary (4) for board of health and hospital purposes not exceeding one mill.

That section 243 be repealed and an uniform discount, as may be determined by the Council up to but not exceeding one-sixth of the total amount of taxes for all purposes, be submitted.

That the ambiguity of the financial sections of the "School Act" as far as they concern the Municipal Council, be cleared up and that the following points be observed in drafting the new sections;

Municipal machinery to be used in collecting and receiving school taxes, grants and other monies; ditto re disbursements.

Separate account to be kept by the Municipal Treasurer of all monies received for school purposes and of all school disbursements.

Council to have power to hypothecate school taxes; proceeds to be used solely for school purposes.

Separate school bank account to be kept; all monies received on behalf of School Board to be paid into such account except such school taxes that may have been hypothecated to secure an advance.

School Board expenditures not to exceed estimates, and in cases where no funds are available to meet legitimate expenditures, and action is brought and judgment obtained for recovery, a special rate to be levied and such judgment satisfied from the proceeds of such levy.

Referred to Special Committee.

That the "Municipal Act" be rearranged so that all sections relating to one subject be under one head and follow in correct sequence, and that a comprehensive index be provided. Also that marginal reference be made to other provincial acts affecting any section or the subject matter dealt with.

Adopted—Carried.

Revelstoke.

Whereas, the rebate on taxes as provided for in section 242 of the "Municipal Act" and limited by section 38 of Chapter 46 of the 1915 statutes of B. C. is insufficient and no inducement for the prompt payment of taxes;

Be it therefore resolved: That the Provincial Government be petitioned to repeal said section 243 of Chapter 243 of Chapter 52 as amended by section 38 of Chapter 46 of the 1916 municipal amendments, and to substitute the following:

"The abatement provided for by the two next preceding sections shall not apply to (a) road taxes (b) special rates provided for in any bylaw under which a

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