

delegates have not attended the convention, and we considered that, if we are ready to help small branches to send delegates, it is with the understanding that they are going to be delegates and to be at the convention and not on a joy trip."

Mr. Gallagher: "That is satisfactory, Mr. President. I concur in that."

Mr. Crate: "I move that the explanation given by Mr. Jacques be embodied in the minutes."

The president: "I think the secretary might take a note of that explanation given by the chairman of the committee."

Clause 4.—The president, while appreciating the sentiment which prompted the recommendation, protested that the first part of the clause ought to be deleted.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. by Mr. Lamontagne, that Clause 4 be adopted.

It was moved in amendment M. Mr. Dumphey, seconded by Mr. Falvey, that this clause be divided into two parts, and that each proposition be taken up separately. The amendment was agreed to.

Clause 4, b.—It was moved by Mr. Kinment by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Blackeby, that the president be given the sum of \$500 instead of \$400. The amendment was put by the vice-president and adopted unanimously.

Clause 4, b.—It was moved by Mr. Kindelan, seconded by Mr. Paquette, that this be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Lamontagne, that the secretary-treasurer be paid \$300 instead of \$200.

Moved by Mr. Falvey, seconded by Mr. Dumphey, in amendment to the amendment, that this clause be struck out, in view of the auditors' report.

The secretary remonstrated against what he regarded as an unfair reference to the auditors' report, and pointed out that the convention had endorsed the attitude taken by the finance committee in accepting his verbal statement. Mr. Falvey disavowed any intention to cast reflections on the honesty of the secretary-treasurer, but declared that as a matter of business it was the duty of the secretary-treasurer to bring in an audited report at the close of the year.

Mr. Jacques contended that the amendment to the amendment was not in order, because the report of the auditors and also Clause 1 of the present report had been adopted. Mr. Guy dissented from this view.

The chair ruled that amendment was not in order, but suggested that any member disagreeing with this decision might question his ruling and have the matter decided by the convention.

It was moved by Mr. Crate that the chair be not sustained.

The mover and seconder of the amendment to the amendment altered the motion to read: "That this clause be struck out." This motion was accepted by the chair, and the motion of Mr. Crate was withdrawn.

The amendment to the amendment was negated: Yeas, 19; nays, 27.

On the amendment: "That the secretary be paid \$300 instead of \$200."

Mr. Jacques explained why the committee recommended \$200 to the present secretary-treasurer and a salary of \$300 for the secretary-treasurer for next year. He said it was because, owing to the peculiar circumstances, a great part of the secretary's work had devolved upon the president.

The amendment was negated.

The main motion, that the clause be adopted, was carried on the following division: Yeas,—Messrs. Sparks, Stewart (2), Kindelan (2), Jacques, Lamontagne (2), Paquette (2), Leduc (2), Ste. Marie, Patrick, Wooding, Littlefield, Meagher (3), Walsh, Gignac, Elsam, McKeen, Hartley, St. Cyr, Kane (2).—Total, 29.

Nays: Messrs. Carrothers (2), Dumphey (2), Falvey (2), Gallagher (3), Crate (2), Blackeby (2), Hall, Way, Guy (2).—Total, 17.

The secretary asked that the money be not paid to him until such time as the auditors reported that his affairs were perfectly in order.

Clause 5.—It was moved by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Guy, that this clause be adopted.—Carried.

### Election of Officers

Mr. D. P. Halpin was appointed returning officer.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President.—Mr. W. J. Cantwell, of Ot-of Hamilton, (acclamation).

Past President.—Mr. A. Jacques, of Montreal.

Dominion Vice-President.—Mr. R. Guy, of Hamilton, acclamation).

Secretary-treasurer.—At the request of Secretary Green, of Winnipeg, who was at the moment absent, Mr. Jacques announced that Mr. Green was not a candidate for office.

Mr. W. E. B. Mann, of Ottawa, was elected by acclamation.

Vice-President for Ontario.—Mr. A. Carrothers, of London, (acclamation).

Vice-President for Quebec.—Mr. J. A. St. Cyr, of Sherbrooke, (acclamation).

Vice-President for Nova-Scotia.—Mr. J. N. Meagher, of Halifax (acclamation).

Vice-President for New Brunswick. — Mr. T. F. Walsh, of St. John (acclamation).

Vice-President for Prince Edward Island.—It was moved by Mr. Blackeby, seconded by Mr. McKeen, that the selection of the Vice-President for Prince Edward Island be left to the incoming committee.—Carried.

Auditors.—Messrs Christie and Woodstock, of Toronto.

It was moved by Mr. Crate, seconded by Mr. Carrothers, that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Halpin for his services as returning officer.—Carried.

The president, referring to the early struggles of the association, spoke of the splendid pioneer work done by the retiring secretary, Mr. Green. "The efforts that he put forth at that time", said the president, "can never be forgotten by the postal clerks of the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Green, before he came here, intimated to me that under no consideration would he be candidate again for the office of secretary. In Winnipeg there is no branch of our association, and relieving Mr. Green from the duties of secretary practically releases him from membership in the association. The association owes him much—a great deal more, perhaps, than the average member realizes; and I think there should be some way of placing him on the membership roll; perhaps by vote of the convention."

It was moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Blackeby, that Mr. Green be continued on the roll as a regular member of the association. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Cantwell, in expressing his thanks for the honour of re-election, mentioned that circumstances might make it necessary for him to retire before the completion of his term of office. He promised, however, that his retirement, if it became necessary, should not occur at such a time as to cause embarrassment to the association, and if possible he would finish the full term. This explanation he desired to make in order to prevent his possible resignation from being misunderstood.

Dominion Vice-President Guy and Past President Jacques also returned thanks for the honours conferred upon them.

It was moved by Mr. Guy that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to the Ottawa branch for the manner in which the convention had been entertained. The motion was seconded by Mr. Santerre and adopted unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Santerre, seconded by Mr. Jacques, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the retiring officers.—Carried.