

and the reimbursement of those whose herds are being destroyed in the interests of public health, and the enactment of such legislation as may be deemed expedient, and that such committee have power to act in the matter." Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cunningham :

"Whereas the disastrous freshet in the Fraser Valley, during the present year, has fully demonstrated the absolute and pressing necessity of immediate steps being taken to protect the rich and fertile lands in said Valley, by a thorough system of dyking ;

"And whereas, the Provincial Government is in a position to obtain the necessary funds for this undertaking at a much lower rate of interest than either private individuals or corporations ;

"And whereas, the permanent prosperity of this Province depends on the immediate development of our agricultural resources by the cultivation of the soil and the production of such food supplies as are now imported into the Province and paid for in cash ;

"Be it therefore resolved, that this Convention, composed of agriculturists from every portion of the Province, respectfully request the Provincial Government to take such action as is necessary to obtain the needed capital by the guarantee of a loan or otherwise, so that the work may be prosecuted before the recurrence of another flood. It is the opinion of this Convention that this is the most urgent and vital question to which the Government can devote its energies at the present time, for the dyking of the Fraser really means the restoration of confidence in the future permanent prosperity of the Province by an increase of the producing population, the investment of a large amount of capital in farming operations, and the prevention of the heavy importations of farm and dairy produce which is draining the country of its financial resources to an alarming extent. We plead urgency in this matter and earnestly pray that no further time may be lost in meeting and overcoming the difficulties and perplexities of the situation." Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Chairman and Members of the Farmers' Convention :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee appointed to report upon the causes which most seriously affect a thorough development of the agricultural possibilities of this Province are of the opinion that any legislation, agitation or co-operation that will lead towards the removal of the following will be beneficial :

1. Large areas of land suitable for cultivation are held for speculative purposes ;
2. The high price at which land partially cleared is held ,