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Union of British Columbia Municipalities

SECRETARY R. R. F. SEWELL

576 Obed Ave.

Victoria, B.C.

AND WHEREAS in the Administration of Justice it has been found that Indians are frequent offenders, resulting in large sums having to be paid out by Municipalities for their keep at Oakalla;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest that the Municipalities should not bear this expense when the Indians provide no revenue for the said Municipalities, but such expenses should be taken care of by the Department of Indian Affairs, the Indians being wards of the Dominion Government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Convention do forthwith recommend that necessary legislation be introduced providing the Municipalities with the necessary relief in connection with Indians who are sentenced to any Provincial jail or lock-up."

Was on Motion ADOPTED.

No. 58—OKANAGAN VALLEY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Re Enemy Languages amended as follows:

"WHEREAS there are large numbers of foreigners who are naturalized and residing in the Okanagan Valley who make a practice of speaking their native language, more particularly when congregated in public places;

AND WHEREAS from a standpoint of maintaining public order it is very difficult for the police to ascertain whether such foreigners are innocent offenders in the Defence of Canada Regulations;

AND WHEREAS it would be in the public interest, in time of war, to prohibit foreigners carrying on conversation in their native tongue in public places;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Convention do recommend that the Minister of Justice be petitioned to amend the Defence of Canada Regulations to prohibit Alien enemies from speaking in their native languages in public places."

Was on Motion ADOPTED.

No. 59—OKANAGAN VALLEY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION. Re Grants.

Was on Motion NOT ENDORSED.

No. 60—OKANAGAN VALLEY MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION.

Re Weight of Bread.

Was WITHDRAWN.

No. 61—CITY OF VANCOUVER. Re Air Raid Precautions.

"Requesting that Legislation be enacted to make provision for the expenditure of money in the event of air raids, etc."

Was ADOPTED IN PRINCIPLE and REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE.

No. 68

"WHEREAS owing to the serious conditions arising from Orientals acquiring title to so much land in the Province;

AND WHEREAS it is not to the best interest of Canada that this condition should exist;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Convention go on record as being opposed to Orientals being allowed to acquire title to land in this Province."

Was on Motion **ADOPTED.**

No. 69

"THAT WHEREAS in certain Federal Departments in particular Immigration, a Reeve is not granted the same status as a Mayor in signing passport applications;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Union go on record as requesting that such discrimination between Mayor and Reeve, also Alderman and Councillor be removed."

And that this resolution be referred to the Executive.

Was on Motion **ADOPTED.**

Moved and Seconded,

"That the Resolution Committee be discharged and thanked." **CARRIED.**

Moved and Seconded,

"That the President be thanked for the manner in which he has presided." **CARRIED.**

NEXT CONVENTION

Invitations were received from:

City of Kelowna

City of Vancouver

City of Kamloops

Fraser Valley Reeves' Association at Harrison Hot Springs.

A vote was taken and Harrison Hot Springs was selected as the place for the next Convention.

ELECTIONS

Elections being in order the President appointed Messrs. R. Bolton, E. S. Fox and G. H. Dunn as Scrutineers.

Elections resulted as follows: