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Smithers Convention Notes

School Problems Discussed; Alder's Proposal Popular; Cariboo Member Frank; Radio Station Needed For Central B. C.

SMITHERS, Aug. 9—During the debate on a resolution which asked for certain revisions of the School Act, at the Board of Trade Convention here, L. B. Warner of Smithers pointed out what he considered a grave injustice under the Act as it stood at present whereby an extensive property owner was barred from either voting at a district school meeting or standing for the office of school trustee if he owed a single dollar in tax arrears whereas a person, amounting virtually to a transient, was in good standing to vote after paying a mere dollar or so on small property interest. The person with thousands of dollars invested was virtually placed at the mercy of those whose financial stake amounted to practically nothing at all.

In addition to protesting at this condition of affairs, the resolution, which was approved by the convention, asked that country school boards be given greater control in the matter of appointment and dismissal of teachers, suggested that more advantageous statutory dates be set for the holding of annual school meetings and implied approval of the raising of the statutory school age from six to seven years.

City Commissioner W. J. Alder of Prince Rupert spoke more specifically in favor of the last-mentioned clause.

E. T. Kenney of Terrace expressed opposition to any move to raise the age for beginners or to force children of sixteen years out of High School into the streets by imposition of fees for their education.

The blanket resolution was ultimately passed on majority vote. The resolution was brought up late in the convention and there seemed to be some doubt as to whether the majority of the delegates were in favor of all the clauses embraced in the resolution.

There was no question as to the popularity of the movement instituted by City Commissioner Alder of Prince Rupert to encourage the marketing of central interior produce and goods in the coast city. Quite possibly, this may turn out to be the most important accomplishment of the convention. Mr. Alder declared that people of Prince Rupert were buying to too great an extent in the south of products which could be obtained in their own interior district. On the other hand, people of the interior were sending money away for goods which Prince Rupert business men should by rights be selling them. Mr. Alder offered to put the already established city market building in Prince Rupert at the disposal of the interior producers rent free and in good shape providing they undertook the organization of delivery and marketing. The offer was unanimously accepted on motion of Frank Dockrill of Telkwa whose resolution was that various of the member boards and each of the Farmers' Institutes of the district appoint one member to a central committee to get the marketing proposal actually under way.

Appreciation of the Prince Rupert commissioner's offer of co-operation was expressed in a resolution moved by J. A. Fraser and Olof Hanson, federal members for Cariboo and Skeena respectively.

While no exception could be taken to such a request, John A. Fraser, the Cariboo federal member, warned the convention that it need not be hopeful of any result being obtained from the "hardy perennial" resolution asking for the establishment of an experimental farm in Central British Columbia. The present minister of agriculture, Mr. Fraser pointed out, was frankly in favor of fewer rather than more experimental farms. The ultimate cost of each such a project was $100,000 and there was quite obviously not the money at present for such outlays.

During discussion of a resolution asking for the establishment of a radio broadcasting station in Central British Columbia as a link of the proposed Canadian National network, delegates from various interior communities told of the present general difficulty of getting clear reception from Canadian stations with the possible exception of Calgary.

A station of adequate strength situated in central British Columbia, possibly between Terrace and Prince George, might meet the requirements of the Yukon as well as British Columbia. The convention was informed of tests along this line which were contemplated by the new Canadian Broadcasting Commission which, it was expected would ere long have its technical men in the field.

L. S. McGill of Smithers told of recently interviewing Hector Charlesworth, chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Commission, in Vancouver.

Olof Hanson, M.P. for Skeena, felt that owners of radios in these parts were entitled to something in the way of return on their licences they were required to pay.

A. M. Ruddy of Burns Lake was critical of the dilatoriness of the commission in getting something done.

In regard to the selling by the provincial government of lands for reverted taxes, a resolution by the Vanderhoof and District Board requested that all purchasers of reverted lands, both past and present, be treated alike and that no interest be charged except on overdue instalments of principal. It was held that those who had acquired land under the original system whereby purchases were made on the terms of ten percent cash and the balance in nine equal instalments with six percent interest on all payments were under a considerable handicap as compared with those who had purchased later on the basis of no payments for two years except taxes and thereafter ten percent of the assessed value down and the balance in nine annual instalments with no interest except on overdue payments.

Rev. E. S. Fleming, delegate from Burns Lake, brought forward but did not press a resolution which would have urged the institution by the railroads of a motorvehicle type of rapid transit both for freight and passenger traffic in order to keep the railways from becoming obsolete in service. Other delegates considered that it would be unwise to act with short notice upon a question of such magnitude as this.

The convention agreed that, in future, resolutions, to be considered by the annual convention, should be in the hands of the secretary of the Associated Boards at least a month and a half ahead of the date of the annual convention and that such resolutions should the approval of at least one member boards. This understanding, however, was not to be ered as implying that it was possible for the Associated to take up matters of current est and importance such as arise unexpectedly from time.

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