

WANT ALIENS TO BE NATURALIZED FIRST

Associated Boards of Trade to Memorialize the Gov- ernment

USE OF VACANT LAND

Meeting in Favor of Cultivation —Election of Officers

At the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario to-day a resolution was passed to memorialize the Ontario Government to pass legislation to make it impossible for the names of aliens to be placed on voters' lists. The grounds for this request were that many aliens have been enfranchised and cast their votes and the resolution had been substituted for one which asked for the registration of aliens before elections.

A resolution was introduced by Mr. R. A. McClelland, of Kingston, asking for the addition of an Eastern Ontario representative on the Hydro-Electric Commission. Mr. McClelland stated that the East and North had been neglected by the commission and that it was impossible for one man to do all the work that was required. Mr. A. B. Scott, of Smith Falls, seconded the resolution. Mr. Cook, of Brantford, opposed the resolution, believing that the Government was the best judge of whom to put on the commission. He also objected to the statement that the commission was unable to cope with its duties.

Chairman's Ruling.

Mr. A. J. Young, President, ruled that no sectional matter could be introduced, but that a recommendation could be passed asking for the enlargement of the Hydro commission. The discussion was adjourned to allow the motion to be amended to eliminate any sectional reference and it was passed as amended.

Vacant Lands.

Mr. J. W. Tyrrell, of Hamilton, introduced a resolution for the cultivation of vacant lands in municipalities.

Mr. T. A. G. Gordon, of Sarnia, pointed out that the country had a much larger percentage of vacant land than the city and advised that the Boards of Trade assist the farmers in procuring proper labor. He pointed out that there were many unemployed in the cities who were from the farm and willing to go back to the land even among the foreigners. The motion was carried.

Date of Meeting.

Colonel W. R. Brock, of Toronto, introduced a motion to change the date of the meetings of the Associated Boards of Trade to November. The motion was carried.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. R. Home Smith, Toronto; 1st vice-president, Mr. R. L. Frost, Hamilton; 2nd vice-president, Mr. R. Meek,

Kingston; 3rd vice-president, Mr. Wm. Taylor, Owen Sound; secretary-treasurer, Mr. F. G. Morley; executive, Messrs. A. Hewitt and Lieut. Col. Brock, Toronto; J. F. Black, Sudbury; D. L. Jammett, Cobalt; W. B. Burgoyne, St. Catharines; D. B. Wood, Hamilton; Alex. Stewart, Guelph; D. L. Darroch, Collingwood; T. A. G. Gordon, Barrie; W. J. Taylor, Woodstock; E. A. Horton, St. Thomas; and L. J. Breithaupt, Berlin.

The honorary presidents are ex-officio, and are as follows:

Mr. W. J. Gage, Toronto; Dr. H. T. Reason, London; Col. W. N. Ponton, Belleville, and Mr. A. J. Young, North Bay.

Mr. G. C. Martin, of Hamilton, introduced resolutions in favor of the commission and general manager forms of government for municipalities.