

Callaghan, to draw up rules in substitution of the above rules, and report to the meeting subsequently.

Clause 9 (a) 'Representatives on all Parish Committees, local committees, Diocesan Councils, Dominion Executive, and Dominion Council, shall be elected or appointed annually, and must all be members of the Federation.' It was decided to strike out the words 'or appointed' in the above clause.

Clause 9 (b) It was decided that this clause stand as printed.

Clause 9 (c) 'A deputy may, from time to time, if properly authorised in that behalf, attend meetings and act generally in the place of any representative of the general body of parishioners, a society, local committee, Parish Committee, or Diocesan Council, who is, for valid reason, prevented from attending or acting personally.'

On the motion of Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Poppelwell, it was decided to strike out the words 'the general body of parishioners, a society, local committee, Parish Committee, or Diocesan Council' and insert in lieu thereof the words 'any body or committee under the Federation.'

On the motion of Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Poppelwell, Rule 10—Annual Conference—was deleted, and the following rule substituted therefor:—

Annual Meetings.

Rule 10 (a) 'The annual meeting of parishioners in the first week in June of each year to receive reports and balance-sheet, and for the election of officers, and the transaction of general business.' (b) 'The annual meeting of the Diocesan Councils shall be held during the first week in July, and the annual meeting of the Dominion Council shall be held during the first week in August in each year.'

Mr. Poppelwell reported on behalf of the special committee appointed to deal with Clauses 8 and 13. The committee had gone into the matter carefully, and had drafted rules which he thought would commend themselves to members. Clause 8 had been recast. The clauses were as follow:—

The Dominion Council and Executive.

'The Dominion Council shall consist of the Archbishops and Bishops of the Dominion *ex officio*, and three representatives elected by each Diocesan Council, and shall meet half-yearly in Wellington, in the months of August and February. The Dominion Council at its annual meeting shall elect a president and three vice-presidents, and a secretary and treasurer (neither of whom need necessarily be a Diocesan Council representative, but both of whom shall hold office respectively at the pleasure of the Dominion Council.)'

Dominion Executive.—'The Dominion Council at its annual meeting shall elect a Dominion Executive, consisting of the members of the Dominion Council resident in Wellington, together with seven other members, all of whom shall be residents of Wellington. The Dominion Executive shall select one of their number to be chairman thereof. The general control of the Federation shall be vested in the Dominion Council, which body shall be empowered to initiate all work coming within the scope of the aims and objects of the Federation as set forth in the constitution, and whose decision in all matters pertaining thereto shall be final: Provided always that during such time as the Dominion Council is not in session, the powers of such Council shall be vested in the Dominion Executive, who shall be responsible to the Dominion Council, and shall report to each half-yearly meeting of that body: Provided further that the Dominion Executive shall have no power to make any alteration in the constitution.'

Mr. Poppelwell explained that the effect of these rules, if adopted, would be that there would be three diocesan representatives from Wellington, who with the Archbishops, the secretary and treasurer, and the seven other members, would give an executive of fourteen in the aggregate, to manage the work of the Council when that Council was not in session. Of course they would be under the instructions of the Council. While this

proposal would have the effect of preserving intact the representation of the Diocesan Councils, it would enable the affairs of the Federation to be managed in Wellington during such period as the Dominion Council was not in session. He moved formally that these clauses be adopted and form part of the constitution. Mr. Callaghan seconded the motion, which was carried.

The chairman in declaring the motion carried, remarked that the rules just read would be substituted for Rule 8 and 13 (a) and (b).

Clause 11 (a)—Parish Committees.

'The parish priest, or such other priest as may be, from time to time, nominated by him, shall be the president of the Parish Committee. Two vice-presidents and a secretary and a treasurer, shall be elected or appointed by and from the Parish Committee. Meetings of the Parish Committee shall be held at least monthly.'

Rev. Father Coffey suggested the substitution of 'person' for 'priest.' That would give him the right to act if he wished to do so.

Mr. Hayward desired to alter the clause a little further. While he quite agreed with Father Coffey's proposed alteration, he would suggest that the words 'elected by the committee' be substituted for 'nominated by him' for this reason, that if the parish priest did not wish to act himself he could leave it to the committee to elect their own president.

Mr. Callaghan agreed with Father Coffey's amendment; the parish priest should have the right to put someone else in that position if he so desired. He would most likely know the most suitable man for the position.

Rev. Father Coffey added to his motion the deletion of the words 'from time to time,' and the substitution of the word 'quarterly' for 'monthly.'—Carried.

It was decided to defer the consideration of Clause (b) as same dealt with the question of finance.

Clause 12 (a)—Diocesan Councils.

'The Diocesan Council shall elect a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer, and shall have control of the work of the Federation within the diocese. Meetings of the Diocesan Council shall be held at least once a quarter.'

Mr. Casey moved that 'The Diocesan Council shall consist of the Bishop *ex officio*, as president, or such other member as may be nominated by him, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer.'

The motion was seconded by Mr. McLaughlin.

Mr. Hayward objected. He did not think the Bishop would wish to be forced to nominate anyone to act as president. As Rev. Father Coffey had said, the parish priest would prefer to leave the nomination of the six members to the Parish Committee, so also he (Mr. Hayward) thought the Bishop would prefer not to have to nominate the president of the Diocesan Council. He moved accordingly that the words 'who shall be the Bishop of the diocese if he shall so act' be added after the word 'president' in the printed clause. He also moved that the word 'half-yearly' be substituted for the words 'once a quarter' at the end of the clause.

Rev. Father Coffey seconded the amendment.

Mr. Casey's motion, on being put to the meeting was lost, and Mr. Hayward's carried.

Clause 12 (b) As this clause dealt with a question of finance, consideration of same was deferred.

Clause 12 (c) Mr. Poppelwell moved that the following new clause be substituted for this clause:—

'No motion, having for its object the repeal or alteration of any rule, or the promulgation of any new rule, shall be considered at any meeting until at least one month's notice of the intention to propose such repeal, alteration or new rule, shall be given to the secretary of the Diocesan Council, who shall forthwith transmit a copy to each delegate.'—Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Poppelwell, seconded by Mr. Hayward, the word 'Council' was substituted for the word 'Executive' in the first line of the clause.

Clause 14. 'The Dominion Executive, Diocesan Councils, and Parish Committees shall respectively frame by-laws (consistent with the rules, regulations,