

and constitution of the Federation) for carrying on the business pertaining to each.'

This clause was passed as printed with the substitution of the word 'Council' for 'Executive' in the first line, and the insertion of the words 'Dominion Executive' immediately thereafter.

Clause 15. 'The Dominion Council shall have power to make, from time to time (either at the suggestion of the Diocesan Councils or on its own initiative), such changes in the constitution, rules, and regulations of the Federation, as it may think fit.'

On the motion of Mr. Casey, seconded by Mr. Callaghan, it was decided to insert the word 'only' at the beginning of the clause, also to add the following at the end of the clause: 'Provided that two months' notice of such intended change shall be given to the Diocesan Councils.'

At it was now 10.30 p.m. the Council decided to adjourn until 2 p.m. on the following day.

On resuming on the afternoon of the following day the chairman explained that he had overlooked on the previous day that the provisional Executive had been allowed to be present to explain matters in connection with the report of their period of office, but not to propose any motion or to vote. They were simply there as members of the provisional Executive.

FINANCES.

In connection with the sub-committee set up to go into the matter of finance, the chairman stated that he and Mr. Callaghan had met and conferred: he submitted the following statement:—They estimated the receipts and expenditure on the present indicated strength of the Federation—namely, 12,500 at 8d—would net to the Council the sum of £416 as the total revenue.

Expenditure.

Literature, pamphlets, monthly bulletins, etc. ...	£ 75
Printing, stationery, postage telephone, etc. ...	75
Expenses of Dominion Council meetings ...	100
Office rent ...	50
Sundry expenses ...	20
	£320

Leaving a balance for salaries, etc., of ... £96

If the strength can be maintained at 20,000, the revenue of the Dominion Council would be £666, leaving a better balance, from which a proper salary could be paid to a secretary, who could devote the whole of his time to the business of the Federation.

Travelling expenses to two Dominion Council meetings annually:—

Dunedin—3 delegates at £6 per meeting ...	£36
Christchurch—3 delegates at £4 per meeting ...	24
Auckland—3 delegates at £6 per meeting ...	36
	£96

Mr. Shiel was of the opinion that every Catholic in the Dominion should be netted. His Grace Archbishop O'Shea had stated that there were 80,000 voters in the Dominion. If all these became members of the Federation a larger income would result. If not, the subscription must be increased. He said that practically nothing had been done to enrol members, and instanced Dunedin, where no efforts whatever had been made.

Rev. Father Coffey said this was not so, every effort had been made, even to a house to house canvass over most of the town.

Mr. Poppelwell said that people in the south knew practically nothing about the Federation. He suggested that the Dominion Executive should appeal to the parishes by means of circulars.

After further discussion Mr. Poppelwell moved, and Mr. Casey seconded, that the report be received.—Carried.

Mr. Casey suggested the postponement of consideration of the motion on the order paper to be moved by Christchurch, re the distribution of contributions to be paid to Parish Committees, Diocesan Councils, and the Dominion Council. He thought that the Dominion Executive should go into the matter of finance and report in six months.

Mr. Hayward considered that there should be a fairer distribution of the amount. He opposed the postponement suggested by Mr. Casey. He contended that the figures submitted proved that on the revenue quoted the Diocesan Councils should be granted another 1d per member. He suggested that the Dominion Council should receive 6d, the Diocesan Councils 3d, and the Parish Committees 3d out of each 1s. Should the Dominion Council find the revenue insufficient to pay expenses, he thought wealthy Catholics would come to the assistance of the Federation.

Mr. Callaghan thought there should be no difficulty in raising the membership to 30,000. He agreed with Mr. Casey that consideration of the distribution should be left over.

Mr. Hayward did not agree with the proposal for Diocesan Councils to pay delegates' expenses, as suggested by Mr. Casey; that body should be granted another 1d per member.

Rev. Father Edge said there was another matter to consider, and that was the question of the payment of a salary to the secretary.

Mr. Callaghan, in reply, said that in connection with the payment of a salary to the secretary, if a revenue from 20,000 members could be depended upon payment of salary to the secretary could be made at the rate of £250 per annum.

Rev. Father Edge said that if the Catholic population of New Zealand was 120,000; there should be no difficulty in obtaining 20,000 members.

Mr. Callaghan suggested that the proportion remain as stated in the constitution.

Rev. Father Coffey moved, and Mr. McLaughlin seconded, 'That the subscription for adults over 16 be 1s, and that life members be charged a subscription of

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