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ward McIlhenny and Mrs. Edward McIlhenny of Avery Island, Louisiana, and Mrs. Russell Sage of New York City were unanimously elected to Honorary Membership in the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, in recognition of the distinguished services rendered by them to the cause of preservation of wild life.

Resolutions were presented and adopted as follows:

Game Sanctuaries.

Favoring national legislation for the better protection of wild game by the establishment of game sanctuaries in national forests and favoring the passage of the so-called Chamberlain bill, then pending in the United States Senate.

Preservation of Feeding and Breeding Places.

Favoring a definite and comprehensive policy of national bird reservations for the proper maintenance of wild bird life, of sufficient size and number to furnish adequate resting, feeding and breeding places for migratory birds and urging Federal legislation and appropriations to make possible the development of such a system and to prevent the economic loss now resulting from the unnecessary decrease in the food supply naturally derived from wild birds and the loss to agriculture resulting from depredations by insect pests.

Establishment of Game Commissions.

Recommending and urging the establishment and organization of Game and Fish Departments in such states as do now maintain such departments.

Opposing Unnecessary Drainage.

Recommending the use of every legitimate means to check the unnecessary drainage of such areas as promise to be of less use for agricultural purposes than as breeding grounds or sanctuaries, such as Malheur Lake in Oregon, the Kankakee Marshes in Illinois and Indiana, and Swan Lake in Minnesota.

Requesting Wider Representation of Sportsmen on the Advisory Board,

and asking for the privilege of recommending through the President of the Association, the names of ten or more candidates for appointment of such Board, of whom at least five shall be selected by the Secretary of Agriculture for such appointment.

Federal Law for Non-sale of Game.

A resolution recommending a Federal law prescribing bag limits and prohibiting the sale of migratory birds was debated fully and in view of the present litigation of the Migratory Bird Law and pending Federal Enabling Act under the Treaty with Great Britain, was laid over until the next annual convention.

The Committee on Nominations reported, recommending the following officers who were unanimously elected to serve for the next two years:

President—M. L. Alexander, New Orleans, La.

Vice President—J. Quincy Ward, Kentucky.

Vice President—Fred W. Chambers, Utah.

Vice President—W. E. Barber, Wisconsin.