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Report of the secretary and president relative to efforts to secure reduction in rates for transportation of fish cars, discussions of these reports and appointment of a committee to continue efforts in this direction with the United States railroad administration are omitted for the reason that the roads have since been returned to private control and the matter of rates will be handled direct by the several states in dealing with the railroad companies.

The auditing committee reported having audited the books of the treasurer and found them correct, the report was accepted.

The committee on time and place made no report but was authorized to confer with a like committee of the American Fisheries Society and to make its report to the president. The committee later recommended that the next meeting be held at Ottawa, Canada, on Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24, 1920.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following report of the resolutions committee was adopted:

Resolved, That the publicity committee of this association be, and they are hereby, directed to inaugurate, as soon as possible a nation-wide campaign throughout the American continent for the purpose of educating the people relative to the economic and recreational value of birds, game and fish, their relation to the comfort, the happiness and the prosperity of man, and the necessity for the preservation of this great natural resource.

Resolved, That the Bureau of Biological Survey be, and is hereby, requested to grant permits to protect the fish resources of the country from destruction by the bittern, blue heron and night heron.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this association be, and they are hereby, extended to the citizens of Kentucky and especially of Louisville and particularly to the members of the Kentucky Game and Fish Commission for the cordial welcome we have received and for the splendid hospitality which has been so graciously dispensed to us during this convention.

Resolved, That the members of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners deeply deplore the illness of his excellency, the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States, and we most earnestly hope that he may be speedily restored to vigorous health and active duty; and

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the private secretary of the president, the Hon. Joseph P. Tumulty.

Resolved, That the members of this convention hereby pledge themselves to use every influence possible toward stimulation of a nation-wide movement looking to the construction of fish ponds upon farms in which desirable species of game and food fishes, especially the basses and the sunfishes, can be propagated for recreation and for food, at a comparatively small expense when contrasted with the vast benefits which will result therefrom.

Whereas, The great service rendered through the department of agriculture, Bureau of Biological Survey, in the enforcement of the migratory bird treaty act, is, and has been of inestimable value to the nation; and

Whereas, The sum of money now appropriated by congress is obviously inadequate to give the police protection needed in each state; therefore, be it.