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NEW ORLEANS MEETING, OCT. 12-14, 1916.

The Annual Convention of the National Association of Game and Fish Commissioners convened in the Saint Charles Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 12, 1916, at one o'clock p. m., President Geo. H. Graham, Springfield, Mass., presiding.

Eloquent addresses of welcome were made by the Governor of Louisiana, Hon. R. G. Pleasant and on behalf of Hon. Martin Behrman, Mayor of New Orleans, by Hon. John C. Waldo, Asst. City Attorney, to which appropriate response was made by President Graham.

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Stanley Clisby Arthur of Louisiana was appointed Secretary Pro Tem and read the minutes of the annual meeting in 1915 which was held at San Francisco, Cal.

After roll-call of delegates, President Graham read the President's address. The Chairman appointed committees on Nominations, Resolutions, on Membership and Organization, and on Time and Place of Meeting, and on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer, John P. Woods was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Membership and Organization recommended a change in the qualifications for membership in the association to confine the membership to officers and regularly employed assistants and to delegates from State Game Protective Organizations which was submitted and after considerable debate, was adopted.

The session adjourned to convene Friday morning, October 13, when a very valuable and interesting paper was read by A. S. Houghton of New York on the work of the Conservation Commission of the State of New York. Extended discussion followed Mr. Houghton's paper.

The work of conservation of game and fish in Minnesota was discussed by Carlos Avery, in Connecticut by J. L. Crampton, in Wisconsin by W. E. Barber, which was followed by general discussion.

J. Quincy Ward of Kentucky submitted a paper discussing at length the operation of the Migratory Bird Law. At the following evening session a very able and extensive paper on "Game Reservations of Pennsylvania" was submitted by Dr. Jos. Kalbfus, which was followed by an address by Dr. George W. Field of Massachusetts on the need for bird sanctuaries.

Moving pictures of Forest Protection in New York were shown by A. S. Houghton and Louisiana Wild Life Pictures were shown by Mr. Stanley Clisby Arthur.

Saturday, October 14, was entirely taken up by a most delightful excursion on the Mississippi River, Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain. on the Louisiana Conservation Commission's yacht through the courtesy of Commissioner Alexander. A stop was made at the "Chef Menteur" where an elaborate banquet was served the excursionists and where, during the progress of the dinner, the business of the convention was continued.

George A. Lawyer spoke at considerable length on the "Policy of the Biological Survey with regard to the Operation of the Migratory Bird Law," which was very enlightening to the delegates.

Pursuing a policy of honoring distinguished conservationists, Mr. Ed-

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.