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## ANNUAL MEETING BOARD OF TRADE

### Report of Retiring President Elicits Congratulations and a Spirited Discussion. Mr. J. O. Hyndman Elected President, E. H. Beer Secretary

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade was held last evening in the Board Rooms, the President, Judge Stewart, in the chair, with Mr. E. T. Higgs secretary. The following members were present: Messrs N. Rattenbury, H. V. Buntain, W. F. Tidmarsh, J. E. B. McCready, T. White, R. H. Jenkins, W. H. Tidmarsh, J. Peter McDonald, D. A. McKinnon, R. L. Cotton, Reuben McDonald, J. McNevin, C. C. E. Bell, Edwin Aitken, A. E. Morrison, Chas. Black, E. D. Stems, J. O. Hyndman, W. H. Campbell, John Messervy, J. P. Gordon, W. Moran, James Paton, F. J. Holman, A. E. Nowel, T. E. McNutt, W. L. Cotton, G. E. Hughes, Frank Stewart. The following new members were elected by ballot:—George L. Prowse, T. W. L. Prowse, E. H. Beer, George DeBlois.

The Secretary's report was read and showed a credit balance of \$377.76. In commenting on the report, Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh said it was highly satisfactory and he congratulated the management on the financial success of the association.

The President then read his report, which was as follows:—  
To the Vice-President, Council and members of the Charlottetown Board of Trade,  
Gentlemen,—It seems fitting and proper that at the end of our official term, I should call attention to some of the questions that came up before the Board for consideration during the past year, and the action taken thereon, as well as submit a few observations on some other matters affecting the business interests of the Province.

### RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES.

On his arrival Mr. Hayes met many of the members of this Board and several delegations from other parts of the Province on the 14th of April last in these rooms. After considerable discussion, it was determined that the question could be better dealt with by having Mr. Hayes meet delegates from all the Boards of Trade of the Province. This he did on the following days in the offices of the P.E. Island Railway. This Board was represented by Messrs Horace Haszard, Nelson Rattenbury, W. H. Aitken and Howard R. Hilson. Representatives from the Summerside, Alberton, English, Montague, Cardigan and Souris Boards of Trade were also present.

### VISIT OF ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Imperial Government, in pursuance of a resolution of the Imperial Conference of 1911, appointed the Dominion's Royal Commission, representing the United Kingdom and the self-governing Dominions, to investigate and report on the natural resources and facilities for the production, manufacture and distribution of articles of commerce in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland; on the trade of these Dominions with one another and the United Kingdom and with the rest of the world, and on the food and raw material requirements of those Dominions and of the United Kingdom.

### CONDENSED ADS.

#### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charges twenty-five cents.

#### GENTLEMEN BOARDERS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AT KING GEORGE HOTEL, 171 QUEEN ST. 8273-1-14M31

#### AGENTS WANTED TO SELL FOR THE OLD RELIABLE FANTHILL NURSERIES.

We teach our men to sell. Experience unnecessary. Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont. 8264-1-14ME261

#### AGENTS WANTED—To sell for "The Old Reliable Fonthill Nurseries."

We teach our men to sell. Experience unnecessary. Highest commission paid. Handsome free equipment. Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont. 8945-12-12ME521

#### Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

we were asked to forward subjects on which it was desired that evidence should be given, and to provide a suitable room in the city in which the Commission could hold a meeting. It was, moreover, intimated that it might be well to extend to the members composing such a distinguished body some attention in the way of entertainment and sight-seeing.

The Council took the matter in hand and forwarded the necessary list of subjects and the names of the persons to give evidence thereon.

Through the kindness of the Provincial Government, the Legislative Council Chamber was placed at the disposal of the Commission to hold its meetings.

The members of the Commission who came here were representatives from England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. They arrived on Saturday evening and remained until the following Tuesday morning.

### POTATO EMBARGO.

In the month of September, the Council took up the question of the embargo placed by the Washington government on the export of potatoes from this Province to the United States owing to the alleged existence in our potatoes of the disease called powdery scab. A request was made on the Dominion Department of Agriculture to send here a qualified inspector to investigate and report upon this disease. This request was complied with, and, as a result of the visit and the tests made, it is declared that the disease exists here, though not generally. It is of the utmost importance that all proper and necessary means be promptly taken to eradicate this disease. It is most desirable that it be speedily obtained, harmonious co-operation on the part of the agricultural departments, farmers and shipper will be necessary.

### SATURDAY EXCURSION RATES.

The Council, having learned in the month of December that the Moncton Railway authorities had decided to abolish the Saturday excursion rates on our railway, a strong effort was put forward to induce the management to alter its determination. I am pleased to be able to record that with the able assistance of our Queens County representatives in the House of Commons this effort was successful.

It is also a pleasure to mention that, as a result of efforts made, the freight rates this season on all goods shipped from and to all L.R.C. and P.E.I. Railway stations and coming by the Georgetown-Pictou route are the same as would be charged if shipped by the Charlottetown-Pictou route. In other words freight having its inception at any L.R.C. or P.E.I. Railway point and billed by way of Georgetown to any of these points adds nothing to its cost over what it would be if it came or went directly by the Charlottetown-Pictou route. I am informed by reliable authority that at least three-quarters of the winter shipments originate at these points. The reason given by the railway officials why this concession has been so limited is that the Railway Department has not yet been enabled to arrange with the C.P.R. and G.T.R. a system of through tariff rates so that through billing over these roads can be had, and that until this is accomplished, it is impossible to extend the privilege further. What has been obtained, however, will effect a considerable saving to many and disarms much of the antagonism that was formerly felt against the often too early adoption of the Georgetown-Pictou route.

### MARITIME FORWARD MOVEMENT.

It will be interesting to know that this Board was ably represented at Amherst, on December 17th last, at the inauguration of the Maritime Forward Movement, a praiseworthy organization for advertising and making

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## FIERCE BATTLES ARE NOW RAGING IN BOTH AREAS

### 200,000 INDIAN TROOPS SERVING THE EMPIRE

(Special to the Guardian.)  
DELHI, Jan. 13.—The Vice-Regal Council opened today. Viceroy Baron Hadding in a speech before the Council disclosed the number of troops which India has contributed to the war, which he said amounted to 200,000 men. These soldiers are distributed in France, Egypt, East Africa, and along the Persian Gulf.

### FAMINE IN WAKE OF TURKISH ARMY

(Special to the Guardian.)  
RUSSIAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS (Tiflis), Jan. 13.—The Turkish army operating in north-western Persia is devastating the country and leaving a desert in its wake. Sixty thousand persons are homeless. Thousands are freezing to death in the mountain passes in Transcaucasia. The Turks have begun to slaughter Christian refugees and, according to the report, terror reigns. In Azerbaijan, a province of Persia, there is no food and thousands are famine stricken.

### RUSSIA ELECTS NEW COUNCIL OF EMPIRE

(Special to the Guardian.)  
PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—What amounts to an entirely new Council of Empire is being created to-day, the last day of the Russian year, by the annual appointment of new members. General interest in the selections is intensified by the expectation that many Russians with German names will no longer serve the Empire.

### \$127,000,000 LOAN TO RUSSIAN GOVT. FROM U.S. BANKERS

(Special to the Guardian.)  
PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—A group of New York bankers, including J. P. Morgan & Co., have agreed to lend the Russian Government \$127,000,000, according to official announcement to-day. This amount is subject to draft by the Russian Government at one, two or three months at four and a half per cent, with the half per cent, additional for acceptance. A Petrograd banker says further credits will be extended to Russia by American financiers.

### RUSSIA'S ICY GRIP CHILLS GERMAN ARBOR

WARSAW, Jan. 13.—The German attempts to force the Russian positions on the Bzura have been marked by a reckless waste of human life. It is impossible to estimate the German losses in the recent fighting along this stream. The killed and wounded sink forever under the plain, freezing waters, and those who reach the other side are easily made prisoners. Already these rash assaults are losing their force. After each unsuccessful attempt the weakening of the attacking columns is apparent.

It is bitterly cold here the plain, and the mud of last week now is as hard as iron. The rivers are not entirely covered with ice, as the force of the wind has prevented this, and no human being can plunge into the Bzura without becoming numb with the cold in a minute.

### JEWISH COLONISTS IN SORE STRAITS.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The "Jewish Chronicle" Jaffe Palestine correspondent who has just been expelled from the country, wires his paper from Alexandria that the Jewish colonists in Palestine are in deplorable circumstances.

### SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Battles large and small, all having an important bearing on the situation, are in progress in the war areas in Europe and Asia.

The Turks have occupied the Persian town of Tabriz, which is in the Russian sphere of influence, and are battling with the Russians in the Caucasus and making preparations for the invasion of Egypt. The Russians have resumed the offensive in East Prussia, while the Germans continue to attack in Poland and they are again trying to cross the Nida River, in Southern Poland, which is held by Austrians.

The battle, however, creating the greatest interest is in the Aisne Valley to the north-east of Soissons, where the French have been attacking the German entrenchments. They succeeded in taking important positions Friday and Sunday. The Germans, bringing reinforcements, recovered some of the lost ground, otherwise unfavourable weather compelled the Germans and Allies to confine their fighting to artillery.

Renewed activity of the Russians in East Prussia indicates the freezing of Mazurian Lakes, for which they have been waiting for an otherwise impossible advance through the narrow defiles defended by Germans. The Russians claim an advance south-west of Rawke, indicating a repetition of the attempted invasion of East Prussia, despite repeated German attacks. These attacks, made at different points, the Russians say are easily repelled.

There is no recent account of fighting in Southern Poland and Galicia, but a Bucharest despatch says the Russians have begun an attack on the Austrian fortifications in the mountains now in their possession and on Transylvania, an attack on which will likely bring Roumania into the war on the side of the Allies.

The Turks, according to a Cairo despatch, have decided to attempt an invasion of Egypt. London gives little credence to this report, as it is not believed possible the troops can cross the desert eastward from the Suez Canal, and even if they conquered the waterless waste they would be so exhausted by the effort that the British forces in Egypt would easily repel them.

Lewis Harcourt, Secretary of State for the Colonies, addressing the Australians, said it was not likely the Australians, who are guarding Egypt, with New Zealanders, Indians and British Territorials and Regulars, would have much fighting there and that they would soon be in France.

### GIRL SOLDIER IS WOUNDED

PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—Among the wounded Russian soldiers brought into the Red Cross hospital at Moscow this week is a strongly built girl, twenty years old, named Mary Izaakop. She is the daughter of a prosperous Russian, and before the war was known as an expert fencer and horse woman.

When the war broke out she offered herself and was accepted, with her own horse, as a volunteer in a Cossack regiment.

### LIPTON LOANS HIS YACHT

LONDON, January 13.—Sir Thomas Lipton has loaned his steam yacht, the Erin, for the use of the Serbian and Montenegrin wounded. He will accompany the expedition in person, and asks for assistance in stores and money.

### 11,000 GERMANS DESERTED THE ARMY

(Special to the Guardian.)  
PARIS, Jan. 13.—The real reason for the desertion of the Belgian Dutch frontier, says the Matin's correspondent, is an epidemic of desertion which began in the German ranks after the battle of the Yser. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 there were 11,000 desertions from the garrison of Bruges alone.

### REVOLUTION IN HAYTI BECOMING SERIOUS

(Special to the Guardian.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—New revolutionary troubles in Hayti have assumed such proportions that the cruiser Washington, now in Hampton Roads, has been ordered to take aboard 100 marines in addition to her present force of 46 and proceed at once to Quanaquay Bay, on the south coast of Cuba, within easy reach of Hayti.

### UNITED STATES ADDS TO NAVAL PROGRAM

(Special to the Guardian.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—A naval building programme of two battleships, six torpedo boat destroyers and seventeen submarines was adopted and incorporated into the Naval Bill to-day by the House Naval Committee. The Bill was reported at once to the House.

### VON HINDENBURG SLATED FOR WESTERN FRONT

(Special to the Guardian.)  
LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Amsterdam Despatch and Exchange Telegraph Co. says that travellers arriving there from Germany report that, in response to a popular demand, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, Commander of the German campaign against Russia, and the popular hero of Germany, is likely to be transferred to the western front in the spring.

### ANOTHER STEP TO ELIMINATE DRINK FROM THE ARMY

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 13.—The Militia Department has sent out orders to all commanding officers throughout the country that any recruit found under the influence of liquor must be summarily dismissed.

This is in pursuance of the policy instituted by General Sam Hughes when he became Minister of Militia of eliminating drunkenness from the Canadian militia. He drove liquor from the canteen, one of his objects being to prevent the canteen from becoming a place where young men might learn to drink.

### THE WEATHER THE TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
TORONTO, Jan. 14.—Maritime: Decreasing northerly winds; fair and moderately cold.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday the weather was disagreeably windy and cold; clearing at night.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 26 deg. above zero, and the lowest 19 deg. above. The lowest the previous night was 25 deg. above. At 9 a. m. yesterday it was 25 deg. above and at 9 p. m. 19 deg. above.

## DOVER ATTACKED BY AIR AND SEA

### German Submarines and Air Craft Attempted Raid on British Ships but Were Repulsed—Two German Submarines Reported Sunk.

(Special to the Guardian.)  
DOVER, via London, Jan. 13.—Two German submarines were fired upon and sunk by shore batteries of Dover, according to persistent rumours current in the city this afternoon.

The presence of hostile airships over the English Channel during last night was reported to-day at various points on the coast. The reports have not yet been confirmed. Dover has been assailed by Germans from the air on two occasions. Ships in Dover harbour, it is believed, have been the objective of the raid by German aeroplanes. The bombs from above never did much damage, nor was the attack from the craft under water successful. Three days before Christmas a German aviator, according to a Berlin despatch, flew over Dover, threw bombs and reconnoitered the position of British warships. The day after another hostile aeroplane appeared over the city and dropped a bomb, which exploded in a garden. This aviator eluded the British airmen and flew safely to sea. A submarine attack was reported December 22. That morning a vessel supposed to be the tender of a submarine appeared off Dover, but retired when fired on. Shortly after submarines were seen at sea. The Channel forts opened fire and kept it up for half-an-hour. At the same time a flotilla of destroyers put to sea, but the submarines were not seen again.

### 8,000 PEOPLE PERISH BY EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

(Special to the Guardian.)  
ROME, Jan. 13.—The town of Avezzano was virtually destroyed by an earthquake. The death toll is estimated at 8,000. One thousand persons escaped from the ruins, but most of them were injured.

### MOROCCANS INFLICT HEAVY DEFEAT ON FRENCH TROOPS

MADRID, Jan. 11.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—According to private advices received here from Northern Africa, the position of the French troops in Morocco is very critical. A letter from Tangier says the French have been obliged either to surrender or evacuate the last of their fortified ports in the Moroccan interior.

General Lyautey, the commander of the French troops, has therefore given orders that the Hinterland and central parts of Morocco be abandoned, it is asserted by these advices. The losses of the French troops have been very heavy.

In the vicinity of Taurirt, and along the Wergla River, engagements between the French and Moroccans are said to have led to a rout for the former. That part of Morocco is now held by the Holy Warriors.

### CHIEF JUSTICE AND PROHIBITION

In his address to the Grand Jury at the opening of the Hilary Term of the Supreme Court, Charlottetown, Chief Justice Sir W. W. Sullivan remarked: that if it were not for the use of liquor in Charlottetown there would be very little crime. Queen's County is a splendid county and very few criminal cases come up outside of the city. Prince County is also a law abiding county, the principal criminal cases coming from Summerside and a section near Alberton. King's County is remarkably free from crime. There are in the Queen's County Jail at present fourteen persons, including the lad Creaghan already referred to, and another named Woods, who was found guilty of petty larceny. Of the other fifteen, five were there because they were guilty of breach of the Prohibition Act, and seven for drunkenness. Here are twelve able-bodied men confined there doing no work for themselves or anybody else—all the result of liquor. The temperance works in the province should receive strong support in their present efforts to stamp out this evil, which is the source of so much crime. It should be the duty of the Grand Jury also to visit the public institutions, including the Jail, Hospital for the Insane, and the Infirmary, and report on their condition.

The Grand Jury, after visiting the institutions referred to, presented the following report:—  
To the Honorable Sir William Wilfrid Sullivan, Chief Justice of Prince Edward Island and associate Judges: We the Grand Jury report that we have to-day visited the Hospital for the Insane, the Provincial Infirmary and Queen's County Jail.

In all these three institutions we found everything in first-class order. The apartments were scrupulously clean and well kept, and apparently all possible efforts are made for the comfort of the inmates. The quality of the food and the manner in which it was kept appeared especially good. In connection with the Hospital for the Insane we find that the continually increasing number of patients seriously overtaxes the present medical staff and we would strongly recommend in the best interests of the institution and for the safety and comfort of the inmates, that an assistant medical officer be appointed.

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(Special to the Guardian.)  
ROME, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome, occurred early to-day. It lasted several seconds and caused the panic, people everywhere rushing from their houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged by the shock.

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LONDON, Jan. 13.—According to French despatches to the London morning papers fifty bombs were dropped on Dunkirk Sunday by aeroplanes which were cruising over the town from eleven o'clock in the morning until nearly four o'clock in the afternoon. They came from all directions, and were met by a heavy shrapnel fire. Two of the raiders were brought down, one outside the town and the other twenty-five miles away.

In spite of the long ordeal the populace displayed no panic. The bombs included some of incendiary type, but little material damage was done. Six persons were killed at Dunkirk, and the suburb of Malo, and it is reported that several persons were killed at St. Pol and Adinkerke, but this has not been confirmed. It appears that the absence of a large number of French aeroplanes from Dunkirk must have been known to the Germans.

too comfortable for violators of the law, and we would strongly urge that these violators be put to work where they may be of some use, rather than being fed at the expense of the Province.

We entirely agree with your Lordship's reference to the liquor traffic. It is deplorable to see the evidence both in town and country of the awful ravages. No excuse can be given for its being permitted in our midst, as it brings nothing but desolation to its victims and their unfortunate families, many of whom at this season of the year are suffering from cold and hunger. If within our province, may we recommend the press and every good man and woman in town and country, to greater activity in driving out this awful traffic.

JAS. H. CUMMISKEY,  
Foreman,  
For self and fellows.

### COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

ONE CENT per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany orders. Minimum charge twenty-five cents.

\*\*POULTRY NOTICE.—I am still buying good fowl and chickens. J. D. Jenkins. 8234-1-13M3pd.

\*\*BOOTS.—To the Merchants of P. E. Island: Our traveller will see you shortly with samples for spring. See big advertisement for interesting particulars. Goff & Co., 8246-1-12M41.

\*\*POULTRY MEETING.—Annual Meetings of Egg Circle will be held as follows:—Palmer Road, Wednesday, 20th January, Bloomfield, Thursday, 21st January, Coleman, Friday, 22nd January. Mr. T. A. Benson, Dominion Poultry Representative, will address the Meetings, and every member should make a strong effort to attend. Important business will be transacted. Those who are desirous of obtaining a clear understanding of the Egg Circle Movement should not miss this opportunity. The past season's work will be reviewed and plans for the future clearly outlined. All are welcome and ladies are especially invited. 8259-1-14M1E21.

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