

# IMPORTANT READING MATTER SELECTED FROM THIS WEEK'S NEWS FOR THE GUARDIAN'S SATURDAY SUBSCRIBERS

Special from Guardian Branch.  
**SUMMERSIDE, Jan. 17**—The annual meeting of the Summerside Board of Trade was held in the Council Chamber last evening and owing to the disagreeable weather was rather poorly attended, the vice-president, H. L. Holman, in the chair. The secretary's report showed a membership of 70 with a small balance on hand after all bills were paid. The auditors reported the secretary's account correct. In the absence of the President, Wm. Stewart the Chairman read the President's annual address.

It is my privilege once again to review with you the result of our efforts during another year. When last I had the pleasure of addressing you in annual session submitted for your consideration certain promises made to a delegation of our Board to Ottawa, of which I had the honor to be a member. These promises included: (1) The erection of an Armory at Summerside. (2) An addition to the post office at Summerside. (3) Making Summerside a port of call for one of the subsidizes steamers plying between Montreal and Newfoundland. (4) The supplying of the Railway at Summerside with water from the Town System. (5) Upon the railway authorities there and Tormentine for a reasonable time after withdrawal of the Summer Steamers. (6) Dredging of Summerside harbor.

During the year just closed we have seen a partial fulfillment of these promises. The contract for building the Armory has been awarded, an appropriation has been made in the supplementary estimates for the addition to the post office; Summerside has been made a port of call for the "Black Diamond" line, and although the service has been of great benefit it has not been satisfactory, but we have a promise of a more satisfactory service next season and it is up to this Board to see that this promise is

fulfilled. The unfulfilled promises relate to the supplying of the Railway with water from the Town System; the unsatisfactory temporary winter service at Summerside; the supplying of the Railway at Summerside with water from the Town System. In connection with the railway water supply, there are good prospects of an early settlement. The latter has developed into the usual form, and I shall leave you to deal with it as you may deem best.

During the past summer a delegation of this Board in conjunction with a similar delegation from Charlottetown visited Moncton to urge upon the railway authorities there the need of a more accommodating railway time table. As a result, we have had a fairly satisfactory train service during the summer. It has been greatly improved by changing the hour of departure from Tignish on the three Cape Traverse days to Charlottetown, to one hour later.

In August we had a visit from the Royal Commission on Technical Education and Industrial Training. We laid before this Commission a mass of evidence and had the pleasure of learning that the evidence submitted and the meetings held were in every way satisfactory to the Commission.

tem has been increased and the finances of the Board are in a satisfactory condition. While our meetings have been somewhat irregular and not as largely attended as might be desired, the officers of the Board have been continuously active and in constant touch with the Provincial and Federal authorities. In every case the representations of the board have been accorded the most courteous consideration, and we feel that our work has been largely successful and that our town is distinctly the better for the efforts of the Board.

We also had an official visit from the I. C. R. Board of Management, when matters relative to railway accommodation at Summerside were laid before them. Two of our members, Captain Joseph Read and Creel McArthur, attended the annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, held at Chatham, in 1910. Their report will be submitted at this meeting.

And what of the future? Our town is growing as a commercial centre, the products of the richest farming community in the Province; its requirements are increasing yearly; its interests are inextricably interwoven with those of the rural districts surrounding it. The town can grow only as the surrounding country feeds it. The energies of the Board of Trade, therefore, should be expended in the direction of mutual help between town and country.

And right here let me say that one of the great needs of this or any town or city is a live Board of Trade and a live Civic Council. Our town must provide for its rural neighborhood a good, local market and the best possible shipping and railway facilities. It should encourage industrial activity; it should not only conserve but develop our natural resources and see to it that all our resources, natural and artificial, are developed with a view to building up our own town and our own Province. Today we are educating, at great expense, our young men and young women, not with a view to fitting them to share in the activities of our own Province and to build it up, but to shine in the universities; to take their places in the big cities and to build up other Provinces and even countries. The more successful our schools, under our present system, the more they rob the country of the young blood that should help to build it up. Dr. Robertson, one of the most practical educationalists of our day said, during his visit here last summer, that education should include three departments: Domestic science for the women who manage the homes; nature study for the farmers, and manual training for those in industrial life. He also emphasized the fact that the best class of men the world has produced are those who have been obliged to rely on their own efforts in acquiring the higher education. And I believe the time has come when those who aspire to collegiate education should do so at their own expense, not at the expense of a government, which has no

limited a revenue as that of this Province. If we are to support a college at the expense of the rural population the business of that college should be to train our young men and young women for the activities of their own province. This can be done best by making our Prince of Wales College purely and simply an agricultural, technical and domestic science school along the lines suggested by Dr. Robertson. If this system were adopted in our Province there would be less cause of complaint about abandoned farms and a depopulated country.

There are several suggestions that I wish to make in conclusion and I would recommend that, if approved of, you would appoint committees to carry them to a conclusion.

(1) To make arrangements with the P. E. I. R. for a number of Merchant's Day excursions during the coming spring and summer.

(2) To wait on the Commissioner of Public Works by delegation or through our Provincial representatives and insist upon some means of improving the roads in the immediate vicinity of Summerside, particularly during the winter, and to insist upon the Road Supervisors doing their work.

(3) To lead a campaign having for its object the enactment of legislation, Provincial or Federal, or both, to secure thorough and efficient inspection of milk, meats, butter, including poultry, eggs and other products; also of stables, of milk vendors, slaughter houses, grocery stores and meat shops, where food products are offered for sale. Also to take such steps as will insure the highest quality of all exports from the Province along similar lines to action taken by Montreal and Toronto Boards of Trade, as per resolutions hereto attached regarding eggs.

In conclusion permit me to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in electing me your president for a second term, and in the loyal support I have received from all members during my tenure of office. In retiring from office I solicit the same generous support and co-operation for my successor.

Yours Truly,  
 Wm. Stewart.

A lengthy discussion followed the reading of the address after which Neil McLeod in complimentary terms moved that the address be received and laid on the table. This motion was seconded by Capt. Read and carried unanimously. A committee composed of Neil McLeod, J. H. Bell and Capt. Jos. Read were appointed to prepare a report of this address. On motion of Capt. Read the election of officers was postponed until a future meeting when there should be a larger attendance. Capt. Read drew the attention of the Board to the disadvantages attending the services given by the Black Diamond Line of steamers on account of the steamers being loaded before arriving at Summerside thereby preventing the shippers from getting away large quantities of produce. He thought that steamers subsidized by the Government should be obliged to retain space when application had been made for same before sailing. S. M. Hicks, Agent Black Diamond Line, Summerside, reported that he had received his communication from the Black Diamond Steamship Co., stating that

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**ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19**—The Emperor Nicholas was present at the annual ceremony of blessing the waters of the Neva today for the first time since the eventful day in January, 1905, when the whole Romanoff family was threatened with death from a rain of grapeshot which had been substituted by the anarchists for the saluting charge in one of the guns of a battery of horse artillery.

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