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ANNUAL MEETING POULTRY ASSOCIATION

Large and Most Representative Meeting in History of Association Reviews its Most Successful Year and Lays Broader Founda- tions for Future.

The fourth annual meeting of the P. E. I. Egg and Poultry Association opened yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Prince of Wales College, Chemistry Lecture Room a large attendance of the island's most progressive farmers being present.

After President P. P. Arsenault had taken the chair, Secretary Wm. Kerr read the minutes of the past session. These, after the customary acknowledgment of Rev. J. J. MacDonald, Kig-Kora to take the chair, the contribution of \$200 given to the Patriotic Fund, were adopted unanimously.

Secretary William J. Kerr then called the roll, practically every member being present.

MR. LEIGHTIZER'S REPORT.

Mr. George Leightizer, Manager of the Central Egg Station, Charlottetown then submitted his annual report.

He touched on the transportation problem, the storage of eggs at various points, and the condition of the egg market.

He said that 675 cases of eggs which had been placed at St. John for 35c per dozen had been sold for 42c f.o.b. St. John an additional 450 cases had been sold for 43c f.o.b. St. John.

It was confident that P.E.I. eggs would bring 27 shillings overseas and stated that several inquiries had already been received.

The Manager's report showed a working stock on hand worth \$6,952.50 and property valued at \$10,144.44 and the net profit for the past year would total \$27,579.00.

On the 17th day of December last surplus profits to the amount of \$18,498.32 had been distributed to the various members of the Association.

Mr. Leightizer closed with the suggestion to the members to keep the Central Station informed of their operations as it would make for more efficiency and better cooperation.

The report of the auditors, Messrs. Jas. Gass and Wm. Moran, was read showing a stock on hand valued at \$46,018.01 and complimented the executive on the well conducted business and the splendidly kept books.

On motion of Mr. Howatt, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the report of Mr. Leightizer was adopted.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following report was read by the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Kerr:

I have the honour to submit the following report of the activities of the P. E. I. Island Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association for the year 1917.

Whoever men convene today, the shadow of the war is present. We opened our business year on December 16th, 1916, many of us expecting that twelve months hence we might perhaps expect peace to be at least in sight. To-day we still face our enemy on the field and the resources of the nation are being drawn upon as never before in the cause of liberty and justice and the principles of democracy. In presenting my report for 1917 I rejoice that the ideal for which our Association stands is the ideal for which our soldiers fight. Commercial aggressiveness and commercial autocracy is the law in all nations. Righted by might in business is legalized in every land. It is to prevent this thing from ravaging the earth that our men have gone out to fight. (Applause.)

The year has been a good one from a business point of view. Production has been fairly good and prices have ruled high.

Receipts for 1917 totalled \$39,654.22, exceeding 1916 by 137,059 dozens. The average price per dozen has averaged 7.21c, higher than in 1916. (Applause.)

A comparison of the year 1917 with the season of 1916 shows the following in favour of 1917:

Excess of total sales	\$101,794.47
Excess of total dozens	127,059
Excess of gross returns to the country	\$99,864.67
Average price per dozen 1916-25.35	
Average price per dozen 1917-32.56	

The cost of collecting has been higher during the year, but this has been offset by an increased membership in many circles.

Seventeen organizations have lost membership while 23 have made gains.

The total losses have been 105 members. Total gains have been 434 members, leaving a net gain of 329 members for the season.

A new Act of Incorporation has gone into force during the year and an attempt of registration has been initiated in connection with membership. All circles are now corporate bodies and all members are registered under the Act. Members are admitted to membership under contract, duly signed and witnessed. The result of this departure is seen in a stable membership, 288 members being recorded as "not in good standing" Dec. 31st, 1916, and only 9 members, Dec. 31st, 1917.

The new legislation provides for a "Capital Fund" which is distributed annually on a pro rata basis among the membership. The first payment to the country on account of this fund was made on Dec. 17th and amounted to \$18,498.32.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Thrilling Rescue of 163 Patients from Burn- ing Hospital at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—Four little children are dead as the result of a fire which swept the east wing of the Water Street Catholic General Hospital this morning. They were the victims of the dense volumes of smoke, which poured into the children's public ward, located on the fourth floor, and were found by the firemen.

The dead are: Rene Caron, aged 2½ years, of Maniwak, Que.; Baby Marie Therese Moran, aged 2 years, of 228 St. Patrick Street, Ottawa; Sadie Abraham, aged 4 years, St. Patrick Street, Ottawa; Baby Thinel, aged 3 years, 216 Cumberland Street, Ottawa.

One other death due to shock is that of Mrs. Lacroix, who died in a house opposite the hospital to which she had been removed from the burning building. The body of another baby who had died previous to the fire was removed by the firemen. Thrilling rescues were made of the other inmates.

There were in all 163 patients in the hospital and of this number 21 were children. The government printing bureau employees to the number of several hundred assisted the firemen in rescuing the patients. The property loss will total \$100,000.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

ISLANDER ACCEPTS HONORABLE POSITION

Dr. A. J. W. Myers, Ph. D., Selected for Chair of "Pedagogy in Hartford Seminary Foundation.

(Hartford, Conn., Courant.)—The trustees of the Hartford Seminary Foundation have elected Rev. Dr. A. J. William Myers, Ph. D., to the chair of pedagogy in the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy made vacant by the resignation last May of Professor Edward P. St. John. Dr. Myers has accepted this call and will take up his work in the school at the beginning of the second term in December. He is already in this city. Dr. Myers is a native of Prince Edward Island. He received his early college training in Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, noted for the thoroughness of its work in secondary education. Before going to the university he taught for a number of years and gave evidence of that taste and ability for teaching which has grown with the years into an art and a passion as a life work. He took his arts degree at Dalhousie University in 1902. In 1905 he was graduated in theology from Pine Hill College, Halifax, receiving the degree of B. D. He spent one year at Knox College, Toronto, under Principal Gaven and Professor John E. McFadyen, now of Glasgow.

While attending Knox College he assisted Dr. Nell, now moderator of General Assembly in the work of religious education in Westminister Church for several years after graduating Dr. Myers served in the pastorate in New Brunswick, where he again demonstrated his interest and ability in the work of Christian education among the young. The constant impulse to the call of teaching and the interest in the new science of religious education led him in 1909 to leave the pastorate for the sake of securing further training. He went to Columbia University and after a thorough course in pedagogy and psychology received the degree of Ph. D. in 1912. His thesis was on "The Old Testament in the Sunday School."

Since that time he has been engaged as educational secretary of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. His work has consisted in giving courses of lectures on Religious Education to the students in the various theological colleges of Canada. He has also conducted institutes for Sunday school workers in many cities and given courses in summer schools. Dr. J. C. Robertson, who is general secretary of the board with which Dr. Myers has worked, says suggestively: "His college work was difficult in that at the outset neither professors nor students were very enthusiastic about the need of such a course in the curriculum. It is a tribute to the kind of work Dr. Myers has done, as well as to his tact and judgment, that his classes have been attended by increasing numbers, and that to the college is planning to establish distinct chairs of religious education. The testimony is that he has done more than any other man to give religious education a place in the work of the church in Canada. It is through his leadership that the traditional system of Sunday school work is being outgrown and instead of "running Sunday schools" the churches are seriously undertaking religious education. As a teacher he has the happy faculty of making his class think and keeping them active at the time so that the conclusions to which they come are their own rather than some he has previously prepared for them.

Dr. Myers comes to his work in the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy with an ample scholarly equipment and a wide and successful experience. He is all the better qualified for the important work of training teachers and leaders in the field of religious education because his specialized preparation in this department has the background of a thorough training in theology and actual service in the pastorate. Those who know Dr. Myers are assured that he will be a great acquisition to the teaching force of the school and to the whole cause of religious education in this country. He has not only the scholarly training and the practical experience which fit him for the work, but an attractive and forceful personality which makes him an inspiring teacher and a genial friend. Both the School of Pedagogy and the city of Hartford are to be congratulated on his coming.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

Financial Statement Submitted Shows Adverse Balance. Overdraft of \$30,000 Authorized. John Martin Succeeds J. A. Webster as Captain Hook and Ladder Co.

The annual report meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber last evening at 8 o'clock and there were present His Worship Mayor Brown, City Recorder Martin, Health Officer MacMillan, Councillors Smith, Jenkin, Miller, Ledwell, Smith, Cameron, City Clerk Clarke, Engineer Nicholson, collector Van derstine, a delegation composed of Major Stanley from the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, Prof. Roy Leitch representing the Great War Veterans' Association and members of the local press.

After the minutes of the previous meeting, and passed and current bills had been read and approved, Mayor Brown opened the meeting to the Mayor Fullerton stated that the delegation desired a reference for the use of returned soldiers and was of the opinion that the room in the Market Building now being occupied by another organization had not been given to any specific organization but to returned soldiers generally.

He was a member of both the Great War Veterans' Association and the Army and Navy Veterans' Association but appeared on behalf of the latter association, whose objects he briefly described. He said that Mr. George Moore, Col. Stewart and Mr. D. O. M. Reddin would act as trustees for the room in the Market building if it were given over to the general use for purposes of recreation and education for returned soldiers.

Col. D. Stewart, who is a member of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association and a membership locally of 70 men and was a very strong organization. Most of the returned men had joined up and all others would eventually be coming home. The idea was to help the returned soldier and sailor in every way possible and a soldier's register will be kept and every returned soldier, no matter what society he does or does not belong to, will be free to come and go as he pleases.

Col. D. Stewart then read the list of officials which is locally composed of half overseas veterans and half local militiamen.

Major Fullerton in emphasizing the need of a meeting room and register said that there are 6 Island men—returned soldiers—who cannot be found at Halifax, most of whom have money coming to them or to whom discharge papers have been issued.

After questions by Councillors Miller, Wright, Smith and Ledwell, Mayor Brown assured the delegation that Council would give the matter full consideration and the deputation withdrew.

Prof. Roy Leitch said that the Great War Veterans' Association had been formed some three and one half months ago and nothing definite had been done. The soldiers were tired of words and wanted action. He told of the organization and difficulties of the local Branch and said he had been empowered as President to transform words and promises into actions. He characterized all men from 18 to 45 years not wearing uniforms as "sneakers" and said such were not wanted in the G.W.V.A.—this being the chief difference between the Great War Veterans' Association and the Army and Navy Veterans' Association. On question by Councillor Wright, he gave the names of Councillors John T. MacKenzie and Mr. G. F. Hutcheson who would go to sponsor for the room if the members of the G.W.V.A. were left to the matter would receive attention at the close of the meeting.

A letter from Mrs. P. H. Trahor was read complaining about the destruction of a tree at the front of her residence by city workmen. This matter was referred to the Street Committee.

A letter from the Board of Fire Underwriters was read asking about the present condition of the fire alarm system.

A letter from Fire Chief Ronahat was read stating that part of the fire alarm system has not been in working order since Dec. 2nd and that owing to 23 of the firemen are thus affected.

A letter from the Marshal and all policemen was read, asking for an increase in salary.

A letter from Messrs. R. B. Long and T. L. MacMillan, City Auditors, was read, stating that their compensation is not sufficient for the amount of work done was read.

The reports of the Police, Court Clerk, the Dept. of Sewer and Water Supply, the Fire Department, Street Committee, Finance Committee, Board of Health, and Market Committee were read and adopted, though criticism from some of the members. The financial report showing a deficit of \$4,833.34 was deplored by all, but did not look so bad after some explanations from Mayor Brown, who

stated that he would give full account of his stewardship at next Monday night's general public meeting.

On motion of the Finance Committee, seconded by Councillor Miller, it was authorized to carry for 9 months a \$30,000 overdraft at the bank.

After considerable discussion about the room for returned soldiers participated in by His Worship Mayor Brown, Councillors Ledwell, Smith, Jenkin, Miller and Wright, it was moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Jenkin, that the keys of the room be handed to Messrs. Reddin, Stewart and Moore, trustees for the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, with the proviso that all returned soldiers may use the room. Carried.

Council adjourned.

FOLLOWING IS THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR.

RECEIPTS.	
The whole amount of money received from all sources from January 1st to December 31st, 1917	\$121,459.93
Horse and Carriage Tax	603.00
City Weigh Scales	185.00
Market rents	504.48
Market Tolls	3,866.99
Auctioneers Licenses	568.95
Insurance Licenses	400.00
Bank Licenses	3,905.00
Truck Licenses	620.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	172.25
Police Court	1,027.25
City Court	1,906.30
Dog Tax	119.88
Powmill Wharf	329.00
Queen's Wharf Warehouse	500.00
Rent	50.00
Govt. Grant Fire Dept.	650.00
Queen's Wharf	400.00
Express Licenses	200.00
City Debentures	22,000.00
Real Estate Tax 1917	42,012.95
Personal Property Tax 1917	16,920.21
Poll Tax	2,968.00
Real Estate for year 1916	1,088.25
Personal Property for year 1916	100.00
Poll Tax for year 1916	460.88
Real Estate for year 1915	51.20
Personal Property for year 1915	5.60
Real Estate for year 1914	11.25

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CONDENSED SPECIALS

- BRIGHT BOY IS WANTED AT Guardian Office. 1841-12-22M17
- JOHN A. MACDONALD, PROVINCIAL Land Surveyor, Her Majesty's Office phone 2064-1-8M18101p.
- WANTED A MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 76 Great George Street. 2154-1-15M17
- WANTED A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. Apply 175 Grafton St. 2176-1-15M18.
- WANTED—MAID FOR CHAMBER work. Apply Morell Hotel. 2160-1-14M18.
- HOUSE TO LET OR RENT, 76 Brighton Ave. Apply 147 Sidney St. or phone 5463. 2174-1-15M17P11.
- WANTED—A MAID FOR GENERAL housework in a family of three. Apply 13 Fitzroy Street. 2176-1-15M17
- OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE AT 5 cents per bundle. Guardian Office. 1580-12-7M17.
- WANTED—BY THE CORNWALL Farmer's Institute: a registered northern bull, James McPhail, Secretary Cornwall.
- TO LET—ROOM IN PRIVATE family with or without board, (gentleman preferred). Apply at this office. 158-12-25M17.
- LOST ON FITZROY STREET BETWEEN Arena Road and Prince St. corner, a black fur. Finder leave at Guardian Office. 2183-1-15M18.
- LOST—ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, between Canadian Bank of Commerce and Longworth Ave., a ladies gold bracelet watch. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving at Guardian Office. 2142-1-12M17.
- HEAVY BROWN PAPER FOR sale, excellent for putting under olefich or carpets. Apply at The Guardian Office. 732-10-30M17.
- EARN \$5.00 A DAY. WE WANT Agents in every town and village to sell the forty page illustrated booklet "The Halifax Catastrophe" showing damage caused by the great explosion. You can earn at least \$5.00 a day. For particulars apply to H. H. Marshall, Ltd., Sole Distributors, 96 Granville Street, Halifax. 2149-1-14M17.

BULGARIA AND RUSSIA AGREE

(Canadian Press Despatch) BERNE, SWITZERLAND, Jan. 12.—A separate peace agreement has been signed by Russia and Bulgaria. The Balcic reports.

Bulgaria took part with Germany, Austria and Turkey in the first negotiations at Brest Litovsk, and it has been assumed that no peace terms would be agreed to by the Central Powers except in concert. However, a separate agreement giving the names of those who took part in the first session of the Brest Litovsk conference, when they were resumed this week, made no mention of a Bulgarian representative.

King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, is credited with opposing the formula of peace without annexations or indemnities, declaring Bulgaria should retain the territory she had won. This would not interfere with a peace between Russia and Bulgaria, however, inasmuch as the territory Bulgaria desires consists of parts of Serbia and Roumania.

Former Radoslavoff was quoted in a Sofia despatch last month to the effect that Bulgaria had accepted Russian proposals providing for ending the war, restoring commercial treaties in effect before the war, and settling the Danube question.

CHANGES IN NAVAL STAFF

(Canadian Press Despatch) LONDON, Jan. 12.—The changes in the Admiralty which were expected to follow the recent replacement of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe by vice Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, have now been effected, and what will, in effect, be a general naval staff, created, though probably without any radical change in the composition of the Admiralty. No regard is to be paid to seniority, but rather to the selection of officers who during the course of the war have shown themselves to possess the necessary qualifications for staff work. Under the new arrangement of the staff, operations are divided into three departments—operations in home waters, operations overseas and trade protection operations. The First Sea Lord will be chief of naval staff, responsible for the large questions of naval policy, his position corresponding to that of the chief of military staff.

It is understood the composition of the new board will be published almost immediately.

WILL HEAR MOTION OF FRANCOEUR

QUEBEC, Jan. 13.—Mr. J. N. Francoeur M. A. for Lotbiniere is authority for the announcement that, after conferring with Sir Lomer Gouin, he has practical assurance that his motion regarding Quebec leaving confederation will come up for debate before the legislature on the 16th of this month. A number of members will speak on the matter, including Sir Lomer Gouin, Hon. Alexander Taschereau, Mr. A. David, A. Beaudy, J. E. Perreault, Bouchard, and Tessier.

FOREIGNERS NOT COMPELLED TO SERVE IN ARMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Citizens or subjects of European neutral countries, regardless of whether they are in military service in the United States if they apply through their diplomatic representatives here, Minister Sulzer, of Switzerland, today reached an agreement with the state department whereby Swiss actually serving in the American army, shall be discharged if they desire, upon proof of their Swiss citizenship.

IRISH RECRUITS FOR FLYING CORPS

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Referring to the government's decision to erect an aircraft factory in Ireland, the Times says that several airboms are now being built there. The establishment of a new and important industry, it adds, is stimulating the national imagination, and there will be no lack of Irish recruits for the flying corps.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BANK OF COMMERCE

The review of the financial year of the Canadian Bank of Commerce by General Manager Sir John Aird, in this issue, makes interesting and profitable reading. The magnificent success that has been achieved by this Bank accorded the best possible proof of its excellent management of which its systematic publicity and educational campaign forms a very important part. The monthly letters on financial conditions throughout the world and the yearly history of industrial and financial activities are in themselves an education. Regarding the review of the year, the last annual review says:

"Reports from Prince Edward Island, which is essentially a farming community, are of a cheerful nature, and show that the farmers are giving increased attention to the drainage, the use of fertilizers, spraying, co-operative selling and the improvement of their breeds of live stock. The silver price business is now on a sounder basis, and at present valuations the ranches are a substantial asset, the prices of live animals and pelts representing a very fair profit. The market for breeders is always widening, sales having recently been made as far as Japan. The car ferry between Port Borden and Cape Tormentine in New Brunswick is now in operation and the saving in time and the handling of goods will be considerable."

The Charlottetown Branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, under the efficient management of Mr. G. W. Harrison, is keeping pace with its sister branches. Mr. Harrison who has just returned from Toronto where he attended the annual meeting has during his few years residence in Charlottetown, won for himself an enviable place in the financial and social life of the city and province and the prosperity of the Bank is due largely to his genial and courteous manner. The Guardian heartily congratulates the Bank of Commerce on its excellent record and wishes it still greater prosperity in the future.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TODAY IS THE 1262nd DAY OF CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR.

TORONTO, Jan. 15.—Fresh and strong west and south westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 17 degrees above. At 10 a. m. it was 13 above; at 9 p. m. it was 10 above. The lowest the previous night was 8 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 12.51 and tomorrow at 1.30; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.25 and Thursday at 1.19.

There was a new moon on Saturday, January 12th.

The first quarter of the moon will be on Saturday, January 11th.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

COMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Come to the Basket Social and entertainment in Bonshaw Court House, Friday evening, Jan. 18th. Women's Institute in charge. Proceeds for Patriotic purposes. All ways a good time. 2164.

The Wellington Women's Institute will hold a concert and pie social in Thanksgiving Hall, Wellington, Tuesday evening, Jan. 22. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Ladies with baskets free. If weather should prove unfavorable entertainment will be given following evening. 2170p.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

HUNS ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Reuter's Limited learns from a Czech source that German Chancellor Count Von Hertling, and the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Count Czernin, arrived at an agreement in December whereby Austria-Hungary agrees to support the German view regarding Alsace Lorraine and the German colonies, and Germany engages to support the Austrian view preserving the integrity of the Dual Monarchy and the Austro-Hungarian aspirations regarding the Czechs.

Germany supports other nationalities, namely, that no rights be granted to the various nationalities, except in a lawful way, which will not permit those peoples to separate from the monarchy and also that of the Albania, Montenegro and Serbia shall be annexed to Austria-Hungary, but preserve their outward autonomy.

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