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## THE CHARLOTTETOWN BOARD OF TRADE HELD ANNUAL MEETING

### The Meeting Was a Well Attended One And The Interest Shown by The Members Was Marked. The President's Report For The Past Year Was Well Received—The Secretary's Report Submitted.

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last evening was well attended. After the regular routine the President read his report, which appears below and which was most favourably commented upon by a number of the members present and received. The Secretary submitted his report and the financial statement which was also endorsed by the Board.

In the election of officers, retiring President Paton's suggestion was followed and new blood infused in all of the elective offices save that of secretary, who tendered his resignation, but was re-elected by acclamation.

The following officers on ballot were elected: W. E. Bentley, President. E. T. Higgs, Vice President. L. B. Miller (re-elected) Secretary. Council—Edwin Aitken, J. P. Gordon, J. W. Ryan, E. H. Beer, A. G. Peake, Harry Winchester, R. H. Jenkin.

Arbitrators—Jas Paton, F. H. Beer, G. B. Hughes, N. Rattenbury, W. F. Murray, G. H. Toombs, C. Lyons, W. H. Aitken, Bruce Stewart, F. W. Hyndman, G. E. Auld, A. J. Peake. A resolution was introduced by Hon G. E. Hughes and passed asking the Liberal Government to take immediate measures toward erecting a Light House and Fog Whistle on the eastern end of St Peter's Island Bar as an aid to Summer and Winter navigation.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the retiring President, Mr Paton, and suitably replied to by that gentleman.

The following is Mr Paton's report: To the Members of the Board of Trade of Charlottetown:

Dear Sirs:— It has been an established custom since the inception of the Board of Trade of Charlottetown, for the President to submit a report at this yearly meeting. To conform with this it is my duty to bring before you notice some of the most important matters that have been discussed during the year, and to show the extent of our efforts for the betterment of the Province and Charlottetown in particular. I need, hardly, say to those of you who have taken a deep interest in the Board, that we have had a hard road to travel. The indifference that has been shown by the business men, as to what might be accomplished for the city by the improvements in Railway and steamer accommodation on the Island, and many other matters of greater importance, has never been more noticeable to this board than during the year that has just ended. He is a poor citizen indeed, that is satisfied with the present state of affairs. A continuation of this unconcernedness will result in more and more in trade passing from the Capital of the Province into other towns and villages. I feel keenly on this subject. How many of our merchants care whether the Railway time-table is arranged to bring passengers into the city at ten o'clock in the morning or two o'clock in the afternoon, or what difference does it make to them if the steamer from East and West River arrives late and leaves early. What is the use of grumbling about paying higher freight rates, and then say it is simply nonsense to talk "Brule Route" or Tunnel, or whether with extra aids to navigation of Charlottetown can be made a winter as well as a summer port.

I feel it my duty to speak very strongly along this line. There is a great want of public spirit manifested in this city. Merchants and others do not interest themselves as they should. In other places "forward" is the word, and if Charlottetown's commerce is going to improve, the citizens must be up and doing. Providence has again been good to us; the farmers reaped a bountiful harvest and are receiving good prices for their products. One of the first subjects that was

brought before the board, was the taking away of the steamer Enterprise from the harbour and diverting trade that our merchants had to other ports. The loss to the city is considerable, and this matter should not be dropped but a stronger effort made for the steamer to make this port of call. Our Members at Ottawa are doing all they can regarding this matter, but must have the support of the people.

Mr Horace Haszard was appointed a delegate to appear before the Railway Commission at St John with full power to act for the Board on the different matters concerning our interest. Mr Haszard accepted this appointment with the condition that he be allowed to pay his own expenses. Into no better hands could this be assigned, he having made a special study of the different subjects. Our Board was complimented upon, by sending a delegate who so ably dealt with the questions, putting them clear and pointed before the Commission.

At a meeting early in January at which Messrs. Warburton and Prowse, our representatives, attended, a Resolution was passed requesting them to wait upon the Railway Department at Ottawa, to have the time-table so arranged that the passengers from Charlottetown would have more time in the West would have more time in the East. We regret to say that the end in view was not accomplished, and the capital of the Island, so far as train arrangements are concerned is only a secondary consideration with the management of the Railway. A special committee also waited upon the Superintendent regarding the same matter, but nothing was accomplished. At the same meeting Resolutions were passed regarding our Summer and Winter communications with the Mainland, matter and urge the Government to make arrangements for the most important improvements in our transportation requirements. This subject has been strongly put before the Government at Ottawa by Mr Warburton and the result of his speech has been most manifest. When on a personal letter to Sir Wilfred Laurier re our winter communication, and received a kind but somewhat evasive answer, but not altogether without a little speck of hope, which has since been realized by a survey being made along the shores of Nova Scotia.

(Sir Wilfred Laurier's letter.) Ottawa, 5th May, 1909. My Dear Sir:— I am in receipt of your favor of the 1st instant. I am happy to say that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had already spoken to me about making a trial of the route which you indicate. I do not think that he has yet reached a conclusion but I can state as a fact that he has the matter under consideration. I certainly hope your expectation that we can find a solution to a vexed problem may be realized.

Yours very sincerely, (signed) WILFRED LAURIER, James Paton, Esq., President, Board of Trade, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

At the kind invitation of Mr F. W. Hyndman, the Council and others were invited to an excursion to visit the St. S. Harland to visit Tatamagouche Bay or more familiarly known as the "Brule route". The excursion was given principally to give those who are interested in the Island's welfare, an opportunity of seeing for themselves the great advantage this route would be compared to Picton route. From all the information gained it appears in every respect, so far as those who were present could judge, that this is the route that should be adopted for summer and winter.

The Board has also made a strong effort to have a line of steamers established between here and Sydney, calling at other ports going and

coming. If this arrangement, along with a steamer calling at ports in New Brunswick could be carried out, it would mean more employment for our working men and better trade for our merchants.

In the month of June the Council had a conference with the Board of Canadian Government Railways, Messrs M. J. Butler, E. Tiffin, D. Pottinger, F. F. Brady and P. W. Simpson. The questions brought before them were our train arrangements and freight rates. Strong arguments were put forth by the members of the Council in favour of giving the public more time to do their business in the city. The fact of merchants not being able to fill orders the same day as received, was also brought to their notice.

With reference to the argument put by one of our Council members re freight rates, where he showed that the rates for a barrel of flour between Charlottetown and Tignish was forty cents, and only forty-two cents from St. Mary's. Mr Tiffin's reply was, but the rates from St. Mary's was ridiculously low. The three-haul matter was also discussed, and at the close of the conference Mr Butler promised to give all the subjects his careful study, and it appears from anything we know that he is still a student.

I regret that the West India Commission did not find time to visit city. Correspondence was opened up with Hon Mr Fielding, and a committee appointed to furnish the Commission with as much information as possible re products raised in the province suitable for the West Indies. The Maritime Boards of Trade met here on August 18th. Remarks were made by many of the delegates, that it was the most interesting meeting that had been held for years. The delegates were entertained by this Board to an excursion to the Scotch Games at Riverside Park and a visit to the Consolidated School where lunch was served. Among the most important topics discussed were "continuous communication" Telephone rates, Steamship subsidies and Maritime Union.

In my report last year to this Board, I said it is time the tunnel was no longer made a football in politics; let us have a survey and settle the matter. It was with great pleasure I read in the newspapers the Hon W. S. Fielding's reply to the speeches of Messrs Warburton, Richards and Fraser re the tunnel. Mr Fielding said, "I am disposed to think that if it can be had at a moderate cost the people of Prince Edward Island should have this tunnel." Again he says, "I quite agree with my honorable friends that the matter should be taken up more vigorously and more seriously, and we should endeavor to get a reliable and thorough survey by the best engineers. If as a result of that survey, it is found that this important work can be constructed at a moderate cost, I for one would promise my Hon friends my most cordial support."

It looks like getting down to business, and is it not time? Away back in January 21st, 1891 at the annual meeting of this Board, I moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr Fenton Newberry:—That a committee of five members of this Board be appointed to draw up a report and suggest the best means of urging the Dominion Government to undertake the construction of a tunnel across the Straits. The motion was carried and Committee appointed. Eighteen long years have rolled away. Will our members at Ottawa have it put to their credit, this the settlement of the most important question, to be or not to be—The Tunnel. It has sometimes been said by some of our citizens, what is the good of the Board of Trade? What have they accomplished and what are they doing? If the Board had served no other purpose than securing the magnificent steamer "Earl Grey" it alone would stand as a monument. Not only that but by the continual spitting and knocking at the door of the Federal Government, the Steamers Stanley and Mintz were built for our winter communication, men of this city, to be up and doing. We live in the finest and most fertile province of this great Dominion, and our city is a gem in the Gulf. I am pleased to notice that our

I feel proud of being President of this Board during the year that the Earl Grey was built and made her appearance in our harbor. There is much to accomplish yet. I appeal, especially, to the younger business Provincial Government have an advertisement in the weekly journal "Canada" London, England, setting forth the great advantages for farmers of the British Isles to come and settle in this province, and that a great effort is being made by the Rev. J. A. Winfield to induce farmers with small means to come out here and settle. This is certainly a step in the right direction. Let us pledge ourselves to talk less about the West and more about our own beautiful Province, and the advantages we have over the west. Let our newspapers turn over a new leaf and write about the successful farmers and merchants of the Eastern Provinces. The influence will be felt and fewer of our sturdy young men will leave our shores.

I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Board, who have during the year co-operated with me, and by their advice assisted in bringing the different subjects prominently before those in authority also to those who took an active part in entertaining delegates of the Maritime Board of Trade to our office and courteous Secretary, Mr Miller and to the Members who represent the Province at Ottawa for earnestly and faithfully presenting our demands in the House of Commons.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES PATON, President. Charlottetown, January 12th, 1910.

## THREE MORE VICTIMS OF WOOD ALCOHOL

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Wood alcohol, which kills as it exhilarates, brought a sordid end last night to Wm H. Miller, a barber, and a woman known to the police simply as Bertha. A second woman, a Mrs Strasser, was taken to a hospital in such a condition that she will die. In an East Side flat Miller was found dead on a couch, the woman Bertha lay face upwards on the floor, her head under a chair. In an adjoining room Mrs Strasser, 62 years old, was breathing faintly, and a small bottle with the drops of the tell tale wood alcohol explained the tragedy. Miller was 45 years old.

## SPLENDID SHOW AT OPERA HOUSE

Another success was accomplished by the W. S. Harkins Co. at the Opera House last night in their presentation of After Midnight or the Witching Hour. The ladies of the company, Miss Lola Downin, Miss Catherine Campbell, and Miss Pauline Palmer were seen to best advantage, being beautifully gowned, each having a graceful stage manner and charming appearance. A splendid plot was interwoven in which the hereditary feud of the "Catsaye" caused a murder to be committed by a youth during an evening's entertainment. The young man, Clay Whipple, (Ernest W. Shield) was found guilty but a new trial was obtained and through the medium of telepathy or hypnotic influence the jury found the young man innocent. Harry English took the leading character and was strongly supported. Mr English in his denunciation of the villain, Lew Ellinger, and his use of the power of telepathy was exceptionally good and the fine moral he brought out in his helping him to escape the penalty of the law which he so strongly deserved and in releasing young Clay from the terror of the Catsaye and making a man of him, won universal praise. The pretty love story interwoven ended happily in the uniting of four lives. The play was indeed one of the prettiest and most engaging produced in this City for a long time and that it was appreciated was evidenced by many curtain calls.

Special to The Guardian. FAIR AND COLD. TORONTO, January 13.—Moderate northwest to west winds; fair and cold. The length of today will be nine hours and thirteen minutes. The temperature at three o'clock this morning was nine degrees above zero.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

## RECIPROCITY COMMISSIONERS

### Sailed for America. Will be Joined by Canadian Delegates in January.

Special to The Guardian. KINGSTON, Jan. 12.—The Chamber Commission here will welcome any proposition for closer union of the Empire, but it must be recognized that Canada can furnish an outlet for any portion of the island's products. The Chamber is not prepared to recommend any preference to Canada, unless Canada will take the responsibility of arranging that Jamaica shall retain the advantageous position she now holds regarding other markets, especially that of the United States.

## FOUND SITE OF EDEN'S GARDEN

Special to The Guardian. NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—A cable from Constantinople says that Sir William Wilcocks, British Adviser to the Minister of Public Works thinks he has determined the exact site of the Garden of Eden. He places it at Hairiah, a flourishing oasis some two hundred and fifty kilometres northwest of Bagdad. Through this site the river Euphrates runs and is divided into four arms representing the rivers of Eden. Sir William suggests that the deluge was merely a flooding of the entire plain between the Euphrates and the Tigris, owing to those rivers breaking down the irrigation dykes which had been built by the pastoral dwellers on the plain.

## KING EDWARD TO VISIT ALBERT

Special to The Guardian. BRUSSELS, Jan. 12.—The report is confirmed that King Edward will go to Ostend to meet King Albert of Belgium.

## MADRIZ WILL RETIRE ON GENERAL ELECTION

MANAGUA, Jan. 11.—President Madriz, after a conference with his advisors, announced today that he is willing to retire from the Presidency as soon as arrangements can be made for a general election. He hopes this proposal will meet with the demands of Gen Fernos Diaz, who is now en route to Managua, as the representative of Provincial President Estrada, with full power to negotiate.

Madriz will insist that neither he nor Estrada shall be candidates for the Presidency. There is strong hope that this proposal will meet with favor from Estrada, and that there will be no more bloodshed.

## SNOW FIGHTING ON THE P.E.I.

Yesterday on the P. E. I. R. was a day of strenuous efforts in snow fighting along the line. All day the drifted snow continued and at time of writing the tracks to Souris, Georgetown and Summerside from this city are clear. The Murray Harbor train however, was not so fortunate, or else met with difficulties of a more stubborn nature than in the other cases. She is still trying to get into Charlottetown and last night was somewhere near Vernon nesting close to a snowbank of no mean dimensions. A train left Summerside yesterday evening and at a late hour last night had reached O'Leary and was then making good progress. Mail will leave this city this morning for Belfast and intermediate points and also for Emerald, Murray Harbor and Murray River, by teams. It is not probable that the blockade will be overcome before tonight or tomorrow morning.

Minard's Liniment cures Garget in Cow. CHICAGO MARKETS. CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Jan. Wheat ..... 112 1/2 Feb. Wheat ..... 102 1/2 Jan. Corn ..... 69 1/2 Feb. Corn ..... 67 1/2

## THE NAVAL BILL WAS INTRODUCED

### In Parliament Yesterday by the Premier It Merely Gives Power to Create Navy, Without Details. Hon Mr Brodeur Improving.

Special to The Guardian. OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The Naval Bill was introduced into the Commons by the Prime Minister today and is a brief measure. It provides the Government with the necessary authority for the construction and management of a navy. The Bill does not go into details as to the number of vessels or size of the force to man them. It is drafted in general terms and gives the government full authority

## BUTTER MANAGER COAL AND STEEL

Special to The Guardian. MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—Mr Butler, Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals and Chairman of the Board of Management of the Canadian Government Railway system is the new Manager of the Dominion Iron and Steel and Dominion Coal Companies. Mr Butler was appointed today, when con current action was taken by the boards of both companies. Mr Butler is also second Vice President of both companies. His appointment is very popular in financial circles in Montreal, Mr Butler being regarded as an able business man as well as an excellent engineer. His removal from Government service to new position will be a distinct loss to the civil service.

## JAMAICA SHY OF PREFERENCE

Special to The Guardian. SOUTHAMPTON, Jan. 12.—Lord Halifax of Burlingh, Sir Daniel Murray and other members of the Royal Commission on reciprocal trade relations between Canada and the West Indies sailed for New York today. The Commissioners will proceed to Kingston, Jamaica, where they will be joined by the Canadian delegates, Mr Messrs Fielding and Paterson. Later they will visit Barbadoes.

## BRILLIANT WEDDING ARNOLD-LEWIS

A wedding of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as it was the most elaborate of any which have taken place in the city within recent years, occurred Wednesday night Nov 17th in the First Church. The bridal couple were Miss Grace Carver Arnold, eldest daughter of Jonathan W. and Mrs Arnold of West street and Clifford Benson Lewis of Montreal, Canada. The organist of the church, R. H. Brigham, gave a beautiful recital, comprising selections from Wagner's "Lohengrin" and "Tannhauser." The color scheme of the wedding, both at the church and home, was yellow. In the church a striking and beautiful effect was secured by placing yellow chrysanthemums against a background of laurel. The platform and ornamentation of the pews in the same way. The Episcopal ring service was used and the ceremony was performed by Rev Dr H. T. Rose, pastor of the church, assisted by President George Harris of Amherst college. As the strains of the wedding march from "Lohengrin" were played, the bridal party entered the church, the ushers preceding them came the bridesmaids in pairs and following was the bride on the arm of her father, who gave her away. The bridal party was met at the altar by the groom, a best man, Edwin Bale of New York, a classmate in Amherst, who as president of his class during the four years of his course. The bride wore a princess gown of white satin, with pearl and duchess lace trimmings, with a white tulle veil with a coronet of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were gowned in soft yellow satin, covered with yellow chrysanthemum and carried bunches of yellow chrysanthemums. A reception was held at the home of the bride, and only immediate friends and relatives were present. Mr and Mrs Lewis were assisted in receiving by the parents of the bride and groom. They stood under an immense wedding bell of white chrysanthemums with a background of laurel, yellow chrysanthemums and palms, the color scheme in the dining room being beautiful presents which filled one entire room and included cut glass, silver and chinaware, jewelry, pictures, rugs, etc, was a bond

to carry out the policy of shipbuilding and organization of a naval force on the recommendation of the Naval Branch attached to the Marine Department. The criticism of the Opposition is deferred until next week. Hon L. P. Brodeur is a little better. His doctors state he will be able to resume his parliamentary duties in a fortnight.

## PROF A. G. GILBERT AT MARSHFIELD

In spite of the severe storm and almost impassable condition of the roads, a large number of the members of Marshfield Institute manifested their interest and belief in the Poultry Industry by turning out to hear the lecture on that most important department of the farm as had been advertised to be delivered by Prof A. G. Gilbert Poultry Manager at the Ottawa Experimental Farm.

The lecture was an able one delivered in a pleasing manner and was highly appreciated. After short reminiscences of his last visit to Marshfield, Prof Gilbert went on to deal with the unique point on held by the Poultry Industry in Canada. To be practical and unexaggerated, the average hen produces only one hundred eggs per year and nets a profit of one dollar per year, taking her product as 100 eggs worth \$1.00, 8 chickens at 10c, or body worth 25c less cost of feed, say \$1.05, how much greater will be the profit derived if the hen lays 250 as many eggs again and 150 eggs quite a reasonable demand from a hen, under favorable circumstances, the increase will be clear profit, that are favorable circumstances? proper housing and ventilation, cleanliness, varied and unstinted rations, and care and selection of stock, breeding only from the best layers, either using trap nests or some convenient measures for ensuring the later. Every point mentioned, must receive equal attention. The best hen can't say well in a dirty, damp, poorly ventilated house. Receiving the best of care in feeding a good hen may lay under such conditions, but she can't to her best, a great deal of the food that she should be making eggs has to go to keeping up her constitutional vitality and health. Neither can the best hen be reasonably expected to lay in the finest built and most modernly ventilated house, if she be not sufficient to keep her alive, or what will produce fat, or muscle or bone only, she must have a variety to keep up her health, the surplus goes into the egg, and so, equally unreasonable would be to expect her to lay, no matter how well housed and fed they be, if they are not layers. There are such hens as in everything else there are anomalies in the poultry world; as Pat says, "hens that are no good for nothing." This is avoided by breeding from layers only. Taking up another side of the question, Prof Gilbert in his address to the members of Marshfield Institute, on Tuesday evening last, put the two

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of \$1000, checks of \$200 and \$100 and others for smaller amounts, a cut-glass water set on silver tray from the Delta Upsilon fraternity, and several gold pieces. The gift of the bridegroom to the bride was a topaz ring, surrounded with diamonds; of the bridegroom to his bestman, a diamond and pearl pin; of the bride to her maid of honor and her bridesmaids, white leather cases with the initials of each in letters of gold, and of the bridegroom to the ushers, gold cuff links with monogram of bride and bridegroom. Mr Lewis is a graduate of the class of 1906. Amherst college, was captain of the football team during his senior year, and was coach of the team after leaving college. He is at present manager of a library bureau in Montreal. The bride is connected with one of the best families in Northampton, being a direct descendant of Cornet Joseph Parsons and Capt Samuel Parsons. Mr and Mrs Lewis left in the evening on their wedding trip and will live at 2436 Waverly annex in Montreal.—Exc. (Clifford Lewis, who is a son of A. R. Lewis, West Somerville, Mass, formerly of Troy, is also a nephew of Hon S. E. Reid, Tryon, and manager of the Library Bureau of Canada.)

STRIKE MEE TO GO TO WORK. SPRINGHILL, N. S., Jan 12.—Another carload of men have arrived at Springhill from Montreal to work in the Mines where there has been a strike for four months. The company maintained the utmost secrecy in bringing the men here.

## TOO BUSY!

One year ago today I sat at my desk busy with the month's bills, when a scarry-eyed, bright-faced lad of twelve rushed in and impetuously announced, "Say, Pa, this is your birthday, and you're fifty-five years old, and I'm going to give you a kiss for each year." And he began to make good his word, when I exclaimed, "O Andrew! don't do it now; I'm so busy." His silence attracted my attention, and looking up, saw his eyes filled with tears, and I said, "You can finish tomorrow." He made no reply, but was unable to conceal his disappointment as he quietly walked away. In the evening I said, "Come now and finish the kisses," but he did not respond to my invitation. Two months later

in consequence of an accident, the waves of Fox River closed over him, and we carried him away to sleep near the village where he loved to spend his vacations. The robin's notes were never sweeter than his voice, and the turtle-doves that coo to their nestlings where he sleeps could not be more gentle than my boy who never finished his love-imposed task. If I could be assured that he understands and knows how my heart aches because of the unkind request, there would be no man in the world so happy as he who sits to-day and thinks how he prevented an act that love inspired, and grieved a little heart as tender as the mercy of God.—A. M. BURNER.

## Condensed Advertisement

(Too late for classification.) FOR SALE, two newly calved cows. J. Leslie Shaw, Brackley Pt. 1-13dr4dp. WANTED, quantities of well fattened fowl and chickens. J. D. Jenkins, 163 Queen St. 1-133dp. POST, between Ch' Town and St. Dunstan's College pair eye glasses. Finder please leave at G. H. Taylor's Jewelry Store and receive reward. 1-13drft.

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