SHIPPING NEWS.

Entered, June 23,— S. S. City of Ghent, Hare, Halifax; Schr Flora T., Sprague, Baie Verte; Schr Minnie Mac, Hyde, Murray Harbor; Schr Lawrence, Grant, Sydney; Schr Belle, McLain, Pictou; Schr John Willard, Arseneau, Sydney; Schr. Raeburn, Chapman, Port Hastings.
Cleared, June 23,—Schr Union, Fongese, Sydney; Schr Stanley Mac, Whittle, Pictou; S. S. City of Ghent, Hare, Summerside; Schr. Minnie Mac, Hyde, Campbellton; Schr. Wanola, McLennan, Pt du Chene.

ENTERED June 21st— S. S. Rosiland, Smith, Montreal.
CLEARED June 21st—S.S. Rosiland, Smith, St John's, Nfld; Schr Edward Grover, Bennett, Port Hastings.

Entered—June 20th—Schr. Merry May, McRay, Pictou; Schr. Union, Fougere, Marble Mt.; Schr. Sir Wilfrid, Roberts, Pictou; Schr. Stella, Walker, Marble Mt.; Schr. Happy-Go-Lucky, Allen, Shediac.
Cleared—June 20th—Schr. Doris Hall, Anderson, New Glasgow; Schr. Sir Wilfrid, Roberts, Pictou; Schr. Ceto; Brecon, Sydney; Schr. Merry May, McRae, Pictou; Schr Happy Go-Lucky, Allen, Montague.
Entered, June 18.—Schr Wanola, McLennan, New York; Schr G. P. Silver, Lemon, Pictou; Schr Edward Grant, Bennett, Sydney; Schr L. B. Haskill, Doucette, Alberton; Schr Helen Stewart, Millar, Barbadoes.

June 18, 1910.
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MONDAY

Premier Botha has given offence to many of the English-speaking people of South Africa in several ways. The Boer element in his new Cabinet is overpowering, and he has left his old seat to seek a new one in Pretoria, where the seat of Government is and with the intention of crushing an opponent there. His Minister of Education is committed to a policy under which both the English and Dutch languages must be taught in all the schools, even in the almost exclusively English districts of Cape Colony and Natal. This, it is contended, will shut out a host of the English teachers who are not qualified to impart instruction in Dutch.

This looks, at this distance to be a rather unpromising and regrettable beginning. But Premier Botha favors white immigration, and says he wants both races to unite and bring in more white settlers. This is the opposite of the Kruger policy for which General Botha once fought, showing that he has learned something. But Boer rule, and the school policy laid down will hardly prove so enticing to immigrants from the British Isles as it will to those from Holland and Germany.

WEDNESDAY

The total trade of the United States for May was $8,000,000 in excess of the trade for the same month last year. Canada did better than this with a gain of $14,276,000 as compared with May of a year ago. Thus are we gaining on Uncle Sam lap after lap. The killing pace is beginning to tell on him.

Here is a good sentence from Walter Simpson, the Sage of Bay View, as quoted in The Farmer's Advocate. "If ever degrees are conferred on those who study in Nature's University, we will expect the skilful dairyman to get the most letters after his name." How would M. D. do for a starter, meaning Master of Dairies? To be followed by the letters J. O. C., D. of B. and F. and A. of C. which would be short for Judge of Cows, Director of Breeding and Feeding and Apostle of Cleanliness.

The Wright Brothers have patents in the United States covering the principal features of their flying machines. They are also extensive manufacturers of these machines. Some of the other machines are so much like theirs that the Wright Brothers recently applied for and obtained an injunction to prevent the use of the Curtiss and Paulhan biplanes from flying in the United States. The United States Court of Appeals has now vacated the injunction, but this does not settle the controversy. It permits the foreign fliers to compete in the coming aviation meets, however. But the Wrights may yet under their patents get a practical monopoly of the manufacture and sale of flying machines in the United States.

Says the Toronto World: "The worst governed country in the world today is the United States. The public are looted right and left. There is little redress. Confidence is lacking. Roosevelt is great because of the greater social and economic disturbances that exist across the line. The great American republic is today distrusted of its own people and they are looking for a Moses, a deliverer." With all this the Roosevelt idea is coming in. Roosevelt's home-coming is popularly spoken of as "the return from Elba." Theodore the First, founder of a new Napoleonist dynasty, looms up on the horizon. But whether his second reign is to be a brief Hundred Days followed by another Waterloo, or the beginning of a great and beneficent dynasty, is not yet settled.

THURSDAY

Chief Commissioner Cummiskey is taking in hand the people who are encroaching upon the public highways. There are many—far too many—of these. They are now officially notified to remove forthwith the fences or other incumbrances that they have placed within the lawful road limits, and that if they fail to do so they will be prosecuted.

Next census will be taken in June 1911. Previous enumerations were taken in April. Artful Sir Wilfrid will catch the inflowing immigration of the spring of 1911 and so swell his totals. The ten years will be stretched to ten years and two months this time, but with everything progressing and growing by leaps and bounds why shall not the decade also expand? These are expansive years!

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Important Telegraphic News of the week for Saturday Subscribers.

Special from Guardian Branch.

SUMMERSIDE, June 22. — The preliminary hearing of a man named McFadden who was arrested on Friday last for breaking into the freight house at Tignish took place today before stipendiary Wright at Summerside. The evidence of officer Mathieson, Station Agent Arsenault, his assistant Lewis, Bradford M. Gough and two others named Arsenault and Gallant were taken. The evidence did not appear very strong against the prisoner and his hearing was adjourned until Monday next for further evidence.

Special to The Guardian.

SACKVILLE, June 20—Today the conference discussed the amendments to the supernumerary fund.

Mission reports were also presented and the appropriations passed.

During the evening an impressive memorial service was conducted in memory of six clergymen who died during the year.

Conference business is now well advanced and although it was expected the session would conclude this evening, present indications are that all matters will not be finished before Wednesday morning.

Yet many of the delegates have already gone home.

SACKVILLE, June 20—Following is the final revised station sheet:—

ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

Queen Square, W.F. Gaetz; Centenary, Dr. Flanders; Exmouth Street, W.W. Brewer; Portland, H.D. Marr; Carleton, J. Heaney; Carmarthen Street, T. J. Deinstadt; Zion, Wm. Lawson; Fairville, G.A. Ross; Courtenay Bay, J.B. Champion; Sussex, J.L. Dawson; Newtown, G.W. Tilley; Apohaqui, A.C. Bell; Springfield, H. S. Young; Hampton, H.C. Rice; Jerusalem, Mr. Earle; Welsford, J. K. King; Kingston, J.F. Estey.

FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Fredericton, N. McLaughlin; Maryville, J.C. Berrie; Gibson, T. Stebbings; Nashwaak, D. R. Chowen; Stanley, C. K. Hutchinson; Boiestown, W. R. Pepper; Keswick, W. Rogers Pepper; Sheffield, Wm. Wass; Grand Lake, J.S. Gregg; Gagetown, H. Peana.

WOODSTOCK DISTRICT.

Woodstock, R. W. Weddall; Jacksonville, Geo. Ayers; Lindsay, F. Littlejohn; Richmond, E. Ramsay; Centreville, H. Pierce; Florenceville, E.C. Turney; Andover, J.A. Ives and A. Whiteside.

CHATHAM DISTRICT.

Chatham, S. F. Dawson; Newcastle, W.J. Dean; Tabusintac, C. F. Stebbings; Derby, H. Harrison; Richibucto, J. Young; Buctouche, B. O. Hartman; Harcourt, W. B. Thomas; Bathurst, J. M. Rice; Campbellton, George Morris; Mr. Creed, Gaspe.

SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Sackville, J. A. Rogers; Point De Bute, T. Hicks; Baie Verte, A. E. Chapman; Bayfield, M. R. Knight; Moncton Central; J. L. Batty; Moncton Wesley Memorial, J. J. Pinkerton; Sunny Brae, H.S.B. Strothart; Shediac, Geo. Steele; Dorchester, J. Crisp; Albert, W.J. Kirby; Alma, J. E. Shanklin; Hillsboro, A.D. McCully; Petitcodiac, and Elgin, C. Flemington; Salisbury, C.W. Hamilton.

ST. STEPHEN DISTRICT.

St. Stephen, S. Howard; Milltown, W. Penna; St. Andrews, R. S. Crisp; St. David, R. Opie; St. James, A.D. McLeod; Upper Mills, Leon. H. Jewett; Bocabec, B. W. Turner; Deer Island and Grand Manan, C. Graham. St. Martins, Mr. Leard.

CHARLOTTETOWN DISTRICT.

Charlottetown, First Church, H.E. Thomas; Charlottetown Grace Church W. Harrison; Cornwall, H. Miller; Little York, E. Bell; Winsloe, L. J. Wason; Pownal, E.E. Styles; Vernon River, Geo. Orman; Montague, Mr. Hartman; Murray Harbor, Geo. A. Seilar; Souris, F. A. Wightman; Mount Stewart, E.S. Weeks.

SUMMERSIDE DISTRICT.

Summerside, Jas. Strothard; Bedeque, H. Johnson; Tryon, W.A. Thomson; Margate, W.E. Johnston; Granville, J. L. Bough; Bideford, L. J. Leard; Alberton, E. A. Westmorland; Cape Wolfe and O'Leary, H. A. Brown.

Owing to the scarcity of men a number of preaching appointments could not be filled.

A special committee, consisting of Rev. R. W. Weddall and E. H. Beers, reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to recommend to conference the best method of securing $20,000, the amount apportioned to this conference as its share of the amount required to increase the capital account of the supernumerary fund, recommend that this conference appoint Rev. George Steel to act on its behalf in raising said amount. The report was adopted.

Rev. H. E. Thomas presented notice of motion which was given last year which proposed the gradual extinction of the children's fund between this date and the year 1912. On motion, the matter was laid on the table until next year.

Rev. J. B. Gough presented the report of the committee on church property. Adopted.

The following officers of the various districts were elected:

St John—Chairman, Rev. Dr. Flanders; financial secretary, Rev. Geo. Ross; Sunday school secretary, Rev. J. B. Champion.

Fredericton—Chairman, Rev. J. C. Berrie, financial secretary, Rev. N. McLaughlin; S. S. secretary, Rev. C. K. Hudson.

Woodstock—Chairman, Rev. R. W. Weddall; financial secretary, Rev. E. C. Turner; Sunday school secretary, Rev. Geo. Ayers.

Sackville—Chairman, Rev. Dr. Sprague; financial secretary, Rev. T. Hicks; Sunday school secretary, Rev. A. D. McCully.

Chatham—Chairman, Rev. Geo. F. Dawson; financial secretary, Rev. Harry Harrison; Sunday school secretary, Rev. J. M. Rice.

Charlottetown—Chairman, Rev. Wm. Harrison; financial secretary, Rev. F. A. Wightman; Sunday school secretary, Rev. L. J. Wason.

St. Stephen—Chairman, Rev. S. Howard; financial secretary, Rev. Wm. Penna; Sunday school secretary, A. D. McLeod.

Summerside—Chairman, Rev. James Strothard; financial secretary, Rev. H. Johnson; Sunday school secretary Rev. John B. Gough.

Rev. H. D. Marr, St. John, gave the report of the general Epworth League fund. He asked to be excused from the office of secretary-treasurer of the fund. Rev. J. Heany, St. John was elected in his stead.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, St. John, gave the report of the state of work. It showed the net increase in membership in the N. B. and P. E. I. conference during the past year of 473.

Conference adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet at 9.30 Monday morning.

The ministerial session of the N.B. and Prince Edward Island conference was held Saturday afternoon, the attendance being fairly large.

On motion Tennyson McDonald, having expressed a desire to take a circuit, it was placed in the hands of the superintendent of missions.

The Deinstadt matter came up for a long discussion in which many took part, Dr. Carman occupying the chair There were motions and substitute motions, points of law and of discipline. The matter was at last settled satisfactorily, however, Mr. Deinstadt making no claim for salary for the past year, during which time, through a number of untoward circumstances, he was unemployed on the circuit.

At Sunday morning's conference a love feast was held in the Methodist church at 9.30, led by Rev Dr. Stewart. At 11 the ordination service, which attracted a large congregation, was held. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Stewart, a beautiful solo was sung by Rev. H. E. Thomas, with trio parts by Rev. Geo. F. Dawson and J. S. Gregg, Scriptures were read by Rev. D. R. Chowen, Nashwaak; and Rev. M. R. Knight, Bayfield. The preacher was Dr. Carman who took as his text, Luke xiv:4, "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Gallilee."

George Morris, Granville (P. E. I.) and Charles Frederick Gibson, were ordained with impressive ceremonies. Those who took part in laying on of hands, were Dr. Carman, Dr. Sprague Dr. Stewart and Rev. George F. Dawson, A. D. McCully, W. C. Watson, T. Stebbings and M. R. Knight.

This afternoon a Sunday school service was held, children occupying the body of the church. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Flanders, St. John; Rev. W. J. Kirby, Albert, and Colonel Moore, of Charlottetown.

Special to The Guardian.

SACKVILLE, June 21—The Methodist Conference today passed a resolution congratulating Dr. Evans on completing 50 years in the ministry and another warmly endorsing the church union movement.

Steps were taken to have the next General Conference held somewhere in the Maritime provinces.

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 20—The Conference met as usual today, Dr. Sprague in the chair. On motion of Rev. W. G. Watson, it was decided to hold a memorial service tonight. On motion of Rev. George Steel, a rebate of the children's fund assessment to Newcastle, Milltown, Cape Wolfe and O'Leary and Harcourt was ordered.

Rev. James Crisp submitted the report of the children's fund committee. The report of evangelistic work was read by Rev. G. Steel.

Rev. Dr. Carman spoke briefly before leaving to attend the Newfoundland conference.

Rev. Thos. Hicks reported for the contingent fund as follows:—

Income—interest on investment, $21.50; St. John district, $100.60; Fredericton, $66. Woodstock, $46.15; Chatham, $41; Sackville, $106; St. Stephen, $44.80; Charlottetown, $65; Summerside, $46; conference collections, $32.23; incidental, $24.50; total $603.88.

The following amounts were granted for affliction and distress $30 for the late D. B. Bayley, $30 for Mrs. J. S. Phinney, $75 for Rev. Joseph Parsons.

Albert was made a mission.

The report of the missionary committee was submitted by Rev H. E. Thomas. Receipts were as follows:—Charlottetown district, $422.99. Sackville, $270.25; Woodstock $87.38; Chatham $70.70; St. Stephen, $14; St. John, $197.57; Fredericton, $43.01; Summerside $37; total $13,474.48; increase, $546.88.

The report of the Sabbath observance committee was read by Rev. W. J. Dean and adopted.

Rev. H. S. B. Strothard reported for the Epworth League committee.

During the last year there has been an increase of three leagues and a net increase of thirteen members. The conference will probably prorogue to morrow morning.

The ministerial session of the conference was held from 2.30 this afternoon, the chief matter of discussion was certain proposed amendments in discipline in reference to the supernumerary fund. A few amendments were passed, but the majority of those considered were voted down.

The conference opened again at 5 o'clock, Dr. Sprague in the chair. Rev. C. E. Manning, of Toronto, assistant secretary of missions, spoke briefly. He brought greetings from Rev. Dr. Sutherland who now is at death's door in Toronto. Mr. Manning stated that very soon there would be a 1,000,000 people a year coming to Canada, and that will mean, said the speaker, that the government of the country will pass out of the hands of those who at present rule, into the hands of aliens. How necessary then, the speaker said, was the cause of the missioner. He emphasized the necessity of every preacher being a missionary pastor in order that every member of the church should become interested in the great movement, and that young men should be encouraged to offer themselves as missionaries. More Canadians are necessary in spreading the gospel and the ministers should see to it, said Mr. Manning, that they do their full duty in encouraging young men to enter this great work.

Miss Fairweather, district superintendent of the junior Epworth Leagues, Toronto, spoke briefly in reference to the importance and progress of her work.

On motion of Rev. H. E. Thomas, seconded by Rev. J. Heaney, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"This conference, having heard with interest and pleasure Rev. C. E. Manning, secretary of missions, extend to him its hearty welcome and assure him of its earnest support and prayers in his endeavor to arouse the church to a full sense of weight of responsibility resting upon our church for the evangelization of the world in this generation."

Tonight an impressive service service was held in memory of six ministers who have died since the last conference—Rev. Messrs. Charles Comben, Daniel B. Bayley, Wilson Wesley Lodge, Charles H. Manaton, John J. Teasdale and Joseph Perkins

An English Chemist Has Discovered How to Grow Hair.

G.E. Hughes has imported it. In England the ladies have entirely abandoned wearing rats, which is due entirely to the new discovery.

It has been proven that Henna leaves contain the ingredients that will positively grow hair. That they contain this long-looked-for article is proven every day.

The Americans are now placing on the market a preparation containing the extract from Henna leaves, which is having a phenomenal sale.

This preparation is called SALVIA, and is being sold with a guarantee to cure Dandruff and to grow hair in abundance. Being daintily perfumed, SALVIA makes a most pleasant hair dressing. G. E. Hughes, your druggist, is the first to import this preparation into Charlottetown and a large, generous bottle can be purchased for 50c.

FRIDAY INTERESTING EVIDENCE IN THE CLUB CASE.

The prosecution under the Prohibition Act instituted by Robert Jenkins, Inspector, against Peter J. Doyle the Chief Steward of the Charlottetown Club was resumed before the Stipendiary Magistrate in the City Police Court yesterday morning.

Mr. Johnson, K. C., conducted the case on behalf of Inspector Jenkins and D. C. McLeod K. C., and W. E. Bentley looked after the defence.

The first witness examined was a member who had joined the Club within the last seven months for the purpose of having a place to go where he could enjoy himself with roading matter, meeting people. He had entertained a number of officers from the ship Cornwall when in port early this month and had taken them for a day's fishing at a private fishing reserve, drove out behind a span of horses, had intoxicating liquor which was put in the carriage on the marine wharf by sailors from the ship. The officers said, they had the best day of their lives. Nobody else had liquor that he knew of. There were several residents of the City with them some not members of the Club. In his opinion fifty to sixty percent of the members did not drink at the Club anything stronger than ginger ale. The witness named four persons belonging to the Club whom he never saw drinking.

He had visited many clubs abroad and the Charlottetown Club would compare more than favorably with them. He minutely described the rooms and furniture of the Club. The billiard tables were the best in America and the rug on the floor in the reading room must have cost from $125 to $150. The furniture was of the best. He had played cards in the card room for small amounts and had lost and won money at the games.

A witness who was called was one of the officer's fishing party. He stated that he and another member of the Club had procured two bottles of whiskey from the Club which had been used at the fishing reserve. He had also procured liquors at the Club both for consumption on and off the club premises. He had treated members and had been treated by members in the Club Building. It was against the rules to treat members, and had on one occasion obtained $15. worth of liquors for a club party cruise on the Earl Grey this spring, which was used on the trip. He had also taken strangers to the Club and treated them.

D. A. McKinnon, the secretary of the Club was examined at length. He detailed fully the operation of the Secretary's department of the institution. He gave a statement of its affairs for the year ending 20th of April last as follows The revenue of the Club was $8,228.38. There was due the Club for arrears and unpaid subscriptions between $350 and $400.

Of the $8,228.38 the sum of $6187.10 was derived through the Steward's department for the distribution of liquors, drinks and cigars. The sum of $1650.60 was received for subscriptions, dues, entrance fees and papers sold. The cards returned $289.60 and the billiard tables made $159.40. The total expenses of the Club for the year ending 30 April last was $3.788.84. He had been absent for a month since the 30th of April and the acting secretary had handed him something over $500 as the receipts during his absence. The witness here referred to some accounts of members. "Slips" were also produced initialed by members showing the nature and quantities of liquors which from time to time within the last three months had been obtained, and had not yet been paid for. These "slips" showed that as many as four bottles had been received at one time by members and taken off the premises for consumption at homes or other places.

At this point it transpired that the witness could produce the counterfoils of all the slips used since the 1st of May, to the present date, which would show the quantities of liquors disposed of by the Steward during the period and the witness was directed to go and procure them. His evidence will be resumed this morning when he will produce the counterfoils.

The hearing of other witnesses was then continued. The Vice-President of the Club testified to having procured liquor from the Steward and Assistant Steward in the usual way and had from time to time taken liquor home for consumption. He had taken these non-residents. He had treated members and had been treated by members. It was against the rules of the Club for members to treat each other.

A late member of the Executive Committee was also examined. He had got liquor from the Steward as well as the assistant Steward and had used liquor so obtained both on the premises and at home. He carried liquor home which was consumed at home. He had treated members of the Club and members of the Club had treated him.

A total abstinence member was also examined. He had got liquor at the Club, and had treated there but could not tell what the parties had drunk as he was not acquainted with the taste of the various kinds of intoxicating liquors. He was one of the party who had been fishing with the officers of the Cornwall, and had paid his share of the liquor which had been obtained at the Club.

The next witness had also got liquor in the manner described by previous witnesses. Got it by the prev- and bottle, had got as many as four bottles at one time not long ago, which he took home and were used by himself and friends. He had treated and had been treated at the Club by members and had also taken outsiders there and treated them. He went fishing and would obtain liquor at the Club and take it with him.

The last witness examined stated that he had been a member of the Club for some time, would not often drink alone except when very dry. Always preferred having a drink with some other person. Treats would be returned. On an average he took home with him about two bottles of liquor a week. There never was any difficulty in obtaining liquor from the Steward or Assistant Steward, provided the finances were all right. He had experience in other clubs and this one would compare favorably with a very rich one with which he had been connected. The furniture here was good and the Club well run. The members were not so rich as the members belonging to the one he had been connected with.

The Court adjourned at 5.30 until 10 a.m. today.

THE BOARD OF TRADE AND I. C. R. OFFICIALS.

Last evening in the Board of Trade Rooms in this city the Board of Trade of Charlottetown met with the Deputy Minister of Canadian Government Railways, A. W. Campbell, and the members of the Board of Management and other railway officials, and a conference was held in which it was demonstrated to the officials now on a tour of inspection just to what extent this province is inconvenienced by present railway arrangements and other matters under the jurisdiction of the government.

The meeting was attended by a large number of representative prominent professional and business men, Premier Haszard and Hon. A. B. Warburton, M. P., besides many of the members of the Board of Trade, P. E. I. Railway officials and a number of citizens.

W. E. Bentley, the President of the Board of Trade, presided and in opening the meeting referred happily to the visit of the inspecting delegation and regretted its short duration, which prevented them from properly enjoying the recreative facilities this province has to offer.

Coming directly down to the matters which the Board wished to present before Mr. Campbell and his associates, Mr. Bentley, in the course of a comprehensive speech, dealt lucidly with all the different matters for complaint, presenting them clearly and forcibly and in a manner that gave evidence of a thorough knowledge of the questions in hand.

He first touched on the railway service on the western line to this city, one of the matters which, the speaker said, affected the whole province in general and the city in particular. He went back to the days of the eighties shortly after the construction of the railway, and showed that in those times the service from the west was all that could be desired, since it gave a period of from five to six hours in this city for western people who wished to transact business here and return in the same day. He referred to the present unsatisfactory timetable in force on the Cape Traverse branch and spoke of the timetable existing in 1908-09, since changed, which gave its passengers six and a half hours in this city. He gave the record of the western train due to arrive in this city at 11.40, which he stated was on time only four days from the 17th of April until the 1st of December. Acting on the representations of the Board last spring an alteration was made by which a train was to arrive in this city at 11.30 and leave at 3.30, four hours in this city instead of six, but the train was to arrive on time. Owing to the heavy freight it was found that this train could not perform the work nor could it arrive on time as promised and it was attempted to relieve the situation by having freight specials run at irregular periods from Emerald to this city. From this system a number of greater inconveniences to the passenger traffic arose and the indefinite work of the specials made shipping a bug bear to merchants. The Cape Traverse service was practically useless and the speaker gave many instances of the delays in transit from that place to Summerside. The Board was of the opinion that owing to the change in the mainland road's timetable by which the Empress was delayed a half an hour later than usual some change was possible by which the present conditions prevailing on the western line might be improved. He referred to the joint meeting of the Charlottetown and Summerside and Alberton Boards of Trade at which a service would beneficially affect all interested points. This was laid before the Board of Management in March last and in April the Legislature then in session unanimously commended the suggested plan and condemned the timetable which was about to be put into operation by the Railway. Seventy or more business men telegraphed to the representatives at Ottawa and condemned the proposed service as wholly unsatisfactory. It was not a political matter and the Board's suggested change received the support and approbation of every part of Queen's and Prince Counties. He pointed out that in the months of June, July and August there was not so much freight or passenger traffic as in the months of September, October and November and then the prevailing timetable will be intolerable. Boards of Trade, business men and citizens ask for a service to this city which will enable persons to be able to do business in this city for five or six hours.

He referred to the Murray Harbor timetable at present in effect which was unsatisfactory. There is an express and a mixed train on alternate days of the week which was given after it had been submitted to the Minister of Railways that the service was insufficient. What was wanted was a daily express to arrive in this city in time to give a reasonable number of hours for the transaction of business and a freight train according to the demands of the road. Especially on Fridays is the service felt insufficient. A source of delay on the southern line is the low platform from which some difficulty is experienced in loading freight at the different stations. The distance of forty-eight miles is covered in an average of four hours and thirty-five minutes, the train leaving Murray Harbor at six. About ten hours on an average are taken up by the trip from Murray Harbor to this city and vice versa. Mr. Bentley spoke of the charge of lack of loyalty of the people to the railway and was loudly applauded for his defence of those who were complaining of a lack of proper service.

Speaking of other things which should be looked into Mr. Bentley spoke of the service between Point du Chene and Painsec Junction which he referred to as disreputable, and that between Stellarton and Pictou, a service which affected the whole province and should be greatly improved.

The three short haul question also came in for its share of comment as also did the express monopoly, both of which matters had been often spoken of before but were as yet unrectified.

The promise that a traffic expert would visit this province to investigate the conditions here was not fulfilled by the Board of Management. In closing Mr. Bentley called upon E. T. Higgs, the vice-president of the Board.

Mr. Higgs spoke of the shipper's troubles and expressed the opinion that there was not enough co-operation between the Railway and the people. He was emphatic on the three short haul question, gave quotations showing that the Express companies, in many instances, charged one hundred per cent less for freight rates over the self same route that the railway did. He said Charlottetown was a distributing centre but was side tracked.

Nelson Rattenbury followed and expressed his opinion to be along the same lines set down by the previous speakers, dealing particularly with the mixed trains.

Ex-Mayor Paton spoke of the lack of punctuality, which is as important to a railroad as to a business house. He talked of the southern branch timetable and showed that from Vernon to Halifax was a 35 hour journey.

W. H. Aitken, called the attention of the meeting to the mail service. It was shown that it was practically impossible to handle orders in western morning mail on the same day and in keen competition this is liable to reflect on the business.

Alexander Horne, John P. Gordon, George E. Full, E. H. Beer, Hon. George E. Hughes and Premier Hazzard followed. Two points the latter speaker wished to emphasize were the southern and western services. The receipts of the railway warranted better conditions and by the necessary improvement in the service the receipts would be swelled.

Hon. A. B. Warburton endorsed the opinions of the previous speakers and advocated daily express service between Charlottetown and Summerside. He spoke on his agitation for a subsidy for a steamer for the Victoria-Pugwash route.

A. W. Campbell, the deputy minister, was received with applause on rising and thanked the Board for their kind welcome extended. He was a new member of the Board of Management and there was a great deal of the system new to him. This was his first trip to this province and he expressed himself as well pleased with it. He compared P. E. Island as second to Ontario, which province has an enviable agricultural reputation. He was pleased with the opportunity of consulting with business men regarding the affairs of the road and their requests would be granted in so far as they were consistent with the earning power of the road. He promised to take the proposed time card into consideration and to improve conditions as much as possible. He also told President of the Board that if at any time any required information could not be furnished by the officials of the P. E. I. R. the Board at Moncton would willingly obtain the information asked by the Board of Trade.

Mr. Campbell was heartily applauded on sitting and after a few closing remarks by Mr. Bentley, the meeting closed.

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