

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE RAILWAY BOARD AND THE PEOPLE.

The meeting in the Board of Trade rooms on Thursday evening between the members of that body with other citizens and the Board of Management of the Government Railways was a well-attended and spirited gathering. President Bentley gave a clear, moderate and forceful exposition of the several matters most complained of, and his statement was strongly supported and amplified by many other speakers all prominently connected with the business interests of the City and Province.

Some of the speakers grew warm and energetic in their deliverances, making it seem not unlike an indignation meeting for the time. In strong contrast with these speeches was that of Premier Hazard, who while partially endorsing what had been said, made an address which on the whole was exculpatory in tone and was something of a wet blanket.

to the ardor of those who had spoken. It is needless to say that the earlier and more energetic speakers were given the more generous share of applause. Mr. Warburton, M. P., in a vigorous address restored the earlier tone of the meeting.

The unsatisfactory train service especially as affecting the city's trade and the convenience of its country customers, the loss of time on the Pictou connection, excessive freight charges growing out of the three short haul rate, the inferior cars assigned for the passenger traffic between Point du Chene and Paines, the express monopoly, and the irregularity and slowness of the mixed trains were embodied in the complaints. To all of which the chairman and members of the Railway Board gave close and apparently earnest attention.

But many of these things are a pretty old story now, and have been from time to time resolved upon by the Board of Trade, the Maritime Board of Trade and the Provincial Legislature. They have also been aired in the Parliament of Canada by members representing both political parties. The citizens have become impatient of delay, and the temper of Thursday night's meeting was one of rather imperative demand that these matters should be adjusted without further procrastination.

Chairman Campbell gave the meeting pleasant words, and by his sympathetic attention to what was said and his promise to look fully into the matters complained of and to provide a remedy so far as the traffic receipts would warrant, he rather raised the hopes of the meeting. In his first visit here, and coming with an apparently open mind, it was perhaps natural that the matters presented should strike him more forcibly than would be the case with other members of the Board who had heard the same things before, some of them many times.

It is earnestly to be hoped that the conference may result in good. The people of Prince Edward Island are as reluctant to make complaints as the authorities are to hear them. They have not complained without cause and will be greatly rejoiced if as the result of the recent meeting things shall be so much improved that further serious complaint shall not be necessary. The Board of Management can do much to that end while at the same time increasing the popularity of the road and the traffic receipts as well.

WHY TIME IS WANTED HERE.

Why is it necessary or desirable that persons from the surrounding country should be able to come to town by rail, have five or six hours time here and return home the same day? Let those persons official or otherwise who ask the question consider the few facts following.

Charlottetown is the capital of the Province, the seat of the Executive Government, of the Supreme Court, the County Court, the Probate Court, the Dominion Savings Bank and half a dozen other banks. Here is the Lunatic Asylum, where so many of the people of the entire Province have relatives and friends. Here are the two only hospitals in the Province, the two colleges of St. Dunstan's and Prince of Wales, the Normal School and the Public Library. Charlottetown is moreover the great shipping port, the commercial emporium of the Province, where also most of the lawyers and half the doctors of the Province have their homes and offices. Here is the County Market; here the Cheese Board holds its meetings.

Not to enumerate further the offices and institutions of which this city is the exclusive or the principal centre, to which people from all parts of the Island must come, let it be observed that most persons coming to the city have several things to do. The farmer who comes by train with produce to sell wants time to get it to the market, sell it and make some purchases and probably to visit a bank. Perhaps he has a boy or girl at college, whom he wants to see, or a relative or friend in one of the hospitals, or a necessary call to make on a lawyer, doctor or dentist, or some business with the Government, or all of these. And so with the country merchant or business man visiting the city.

The hour of the mid-day meal intervenes, and people must eat to live. The offices and places of business are busy especially on market days, and one has sometimes to wait for another. All this takes time. A little consideration will show that five or six hours is necessary in thousands of cases for the persons visiting the city to transact their varied business. If the train service will not give them this time and take them home the same day they will not come by train. Thus the railway loses in the aggregate a vast sum and business suffers.

On the sixteenth anniversary of his birth, 23rd June, Prince Edward, Her Apparent and Duke of Cornwall, was formally announced to be also Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester. May he long be Prince of Wales!

Before his advancement to his present position of Deputy Minister and Chairman of the Board of Management of Government Railways, Mr. Campbell was known as "Good Roads Campbell" in the big Province of Ontario, where he had successfully endeavored to improve the highways. He impressed the citizens here as one desirous to give us the best practicable railway service, in which also we doubt not his colleagues of the Board and the Superintendent are animated by the same good motives. There are therefore some favorable changes to be looked for in the time table and otherwise before long.

The Board of Trade meeting with the railway magnates was well handled. The case for the people was clearly and frankly presented from many points of view, and without useless verbiage. The speakers, older and younger, did themselves credit. They were in earnest, knew what they were talking about, and supplied an illuminating variety of telling points and experiences. If some of the politicians hedged a little, it only served to accentuate the force and vigor with which the merchants and business men presented their case. It was a good meeting and the gentlemen of the Railway Board were obviously impressed by it.

Referring to the case of the old lady who boarded the train at St. Peter's and, not producing a ticket, was compelled to return home, the conductor of the train makes the reasonable explanation that he believed the passenger had bought a ticket and had lost it or left it behind, as sometimes happens. Careful search was made both by the passenger and her friend and they were unable to find any ticket. The conductor then stopped the train as quickly as possible, and the old lady voluntarily got off. The opinion of the conductor was that for a person without any ticket and quite unused to travel by train, the nearest home she could get off the better. It was a matter for regret all round, but conductors, however sympathetic, are bound by the rules of the road.

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The United States and Mexico are to have an arbitration to settle their respective rights in the Champlain district, a border zone claimed by both countries. By the terms of the agreement a Canadian jurist is to hold the balance in the arbitration. He will act as umpire to the International Boundaries Commission and will be chosen by the United States and Mexico. If they fail to agree on a man, the Canadian Government will be asked to name him. Thus Canada becomes more and more a factor in international affairs. Just now we are also interested in a big case, jointly with Newfoundland, pending before the Hague Tribunal.

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