

# Crapaud-Victoria Board Of Trade Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade was held in the Institute room in Crapaud Hall on January 7. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, plans were laid for the annual banquet, discussion was held regarding the revision made in the Maritime Electric Company rates, the year's financial statement was received and a resume of the year's activity by the board was presented by the retiring president, Mr. Donald E. Hart, manager of the Victoria branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The minutes of the December 10th meeting were read and approved. A letter from Mr. White was read regarding a snow plow and after a discussion the secretary was advised to again contact Mr. White on this matter.

Mr. Hart reported that the Crapaud Women's Institute were willing to do the catering for the Board of Trade annual banquet which this year will be held on Wednesday evening, January 30. A committee comprising Frank Myers, William Waddell, Otto Johnson and R. N. Dawson was appointed to sell dinner tickets. William Waddell was authorized to secure a projector and films for entertainment after the dinner.

A motion by B. C. Wood, seconded by Eric Lowther was approved that a rental fee of one dollar per meeting be paid to the Women's Institute for the use of their room.

### Discuss Electric Rates

After a lengthy discussion in which most of the members participated regarding the Maritime Electric Company rates, it was moved by Frank Myers, seconded by Robert Dawson and approved by the board, that a letter be written to Rev. Howard Christie, Hunter River, stating that the Crapaud-Victoria Board of Trade is prepared to support the movement to have the Maritime Electric Co. rates lowered.

### The Passing Scene

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style of speaking Mr. Churchill has much in common with the great Irish Liberal. At least, one would gather as much from one of the latter's biographers, Mr. J. R. Green who writes of "his oratory...its passionate ardour, its poetic fancy, its amazing prodigality of resources; the dazzling succession in which irony, pathos, invective, tenderness, the most brilliant word pictures, the coolest argument, followed each other."

### Gracious Gesture

I listened to Mr. Churchill a few years ago when he addressed a special convocation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the course of the address—one of the most brilliant of his career, some say—he interjected a short Latin phrase, "just to let you know", he said jokingly, "that I know a word or two of Latin". In his latest speech he gave evidence of some knowledge of French as well. Whether it was good, bad, or indifferent is not of much importance. The gesture of breaking into "the other language" of Canada was a gracious one which did not pass unnoticed, we may be sure. It was one more demonstration of the master diplomatic hand.

### Federation?

What went on in the Churchill-Truman conversations is known only to those who took part in them, and they are not likely to tell, at least for some time to come. For all that, one sentence in the Ottawa speech seemed to convey an inkling of at least one subject which might have been on the agenda. I am thinking of the reference he made to N.A.T.O. "I hope", he said, "it will develop not only into a strong military alliance but also into a community having for its goal the welfare and happiness of a free world".

This would appear to suggest that he is in favour of the ultimate creation of what has been described as an Atlantic Federation in which there would be free trade unhindered intercourse, and an equitable monetary system, among the constituent members. Many thinking people on both sides of the Atlantic are coming to believe that this must eventually come to pass if peace is to be established on any permanent basis.

There could be many political and economic hurdles to surmount in the development of such a plan, of course, but it is difficult to see how we can be "all united" and "stand by one another" (to quote Mr. Churchill again) in any other way. Somehow, it does not seem right to infer that military necessity is the only motive for binding together peoples and nations of similar cultural and political ideals.

It does not appear that the routing of isolationism from any democratic community, a process which is now just about complete, is quite enough to ensure the "welfare and happiness" of the free nations, let alone of all mankind. Something more is necessary, and that something more may well be a freely entered into Atlantic Federation. For myself, I believe we shall be hearing a great deal about this as time goes on.

The treasurer gave his annual report showing a balance on hand in the bank of \$53.91. A motion was adopted moved by Arthur Simmons, seconded by Max Thompson, delegates to the Mar-

time annual meeting held last year in Sydney, that delegates from this board will be given \$15.00 to help cover the expenses incurred on this trip.

Board members present at the meeting were, Donald E. Hart, Max Thompson and Howard B. Wood of Victoria; Jack Nicholson, Brent C. Wood, Parker Canfield, William Waddell, Arthur Simmons, Percy Dawson, Leroy Howatt, John Simmons, Frank Myers, Robert Daw-

son, Eric Lowther and Lloyd Rogerson of Crapaud; Heber Canfield, James Moore and Brent Trowsdale of Westmoreland; Otto Johnson of Tryon.

### Officers Elected

The election of officers for the coming year was as follows: President, Otto Johnson; Vice-President, Max Thompson, Victoria; Secretary - Treasurer, Donald E.

Hart, Victoria; Council, Bert Trowsdale, Howard Wood, Brent Wood, Lloyd Rogerson, Jack Nicholson, Parker Canfield, Elmer Gamble, Heber Canfield; Agricultural Committee, Frank Myers, Max Thompson and James Moore; Transportation Committee, Robert Dawson, Eric Lowther and John Simmons; Public Services Committee, Frank Myers, Art Simmons, Eric Lowther, and Robert Lawson.—S.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE

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could lick his weight in Lions. North River had its big Jim McIntyre who towered head and shoulders over his neighbors. Riverton could boast of the Crane Brothers whose combined weights totaled 610 lbs. These are but a few of the big fellows who lived in the Garden of the Gulf. Yet the biggest of our big la-

nders could not measure up to Nova Scotia's giant Angus MacAskiel. He was born in 1826 and grew to the height of 7ft. 9 inches. His weight was 426 pounds. His shoes were size 14 1-4, and the ring on his finger measured 1 1-4 inches in diameter. His favorite stunt while in the circus was to hold Major Tom Thumb in the palm of his huge hand. Rice is as old as history. It was grown 3,000 years B.C. and is referred to by many writers.

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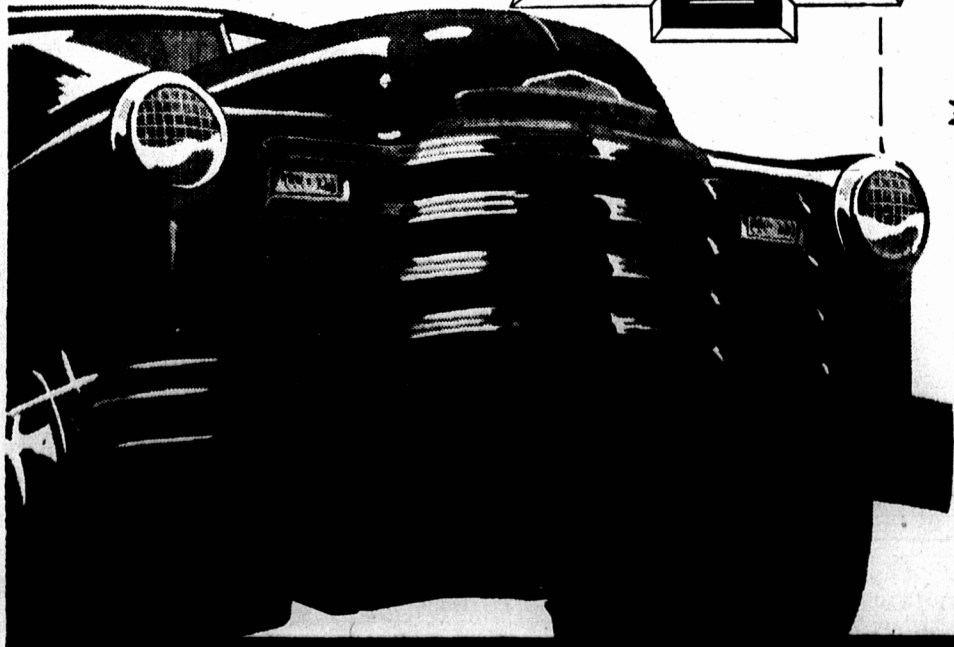
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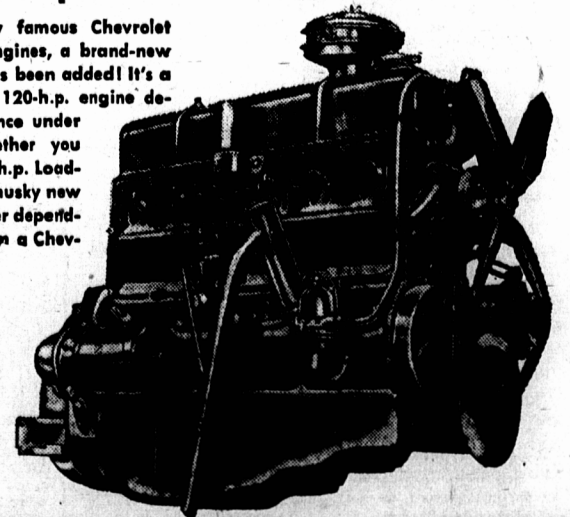
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