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BOARD OF TRADE, The President's Annual Report, A CAPITAL REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR. Several Important Suggestions. Movement Towards a Second Winter Steamer.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held last evening, the President in the chair, and Mr. S. W. Crabb acting as Secretary. The committee appointed to revise the by laws suggested in their report—which was read—a clause providing that the action of special meetings of the Board be confined to the business for which such meetings were called, and also a clause providing that members of the Board upwards of two years in arrears of fees should be deprived of the right to vote. Both these suggestions were, after discussion, adopted and ordered to be incorporated in the bye-laws. The President, Mr. Horace Haszard, there read the following report:

To the members of the Charlottetown Board of Trade: GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in presenting the annual report for your consideration. The extent and character of the work coming within the province of your Board cannot fail to furnish each year topics of interest which afford a suitable opportunity for explaining and emphasizing the Board's usefulness upon matters affecting the public welfare.

Many subjects have engaged the attention of the Board since its organization,—questions which appear to me to be of great importance to us. AGRICULTURE. During the past year, a marked improvement has taken place in the trade of this Province. We have been blessed with a bountiful harvest which from the farmers' point of view, I think it may be said was a satisfactory one, with scarcely an exception.

Of wheat there has been an unusually large crop, of excellent quality. In fact, I believe, the best that has ever been gathered. Oats, a good average both in yield and quality. Potatoes, a fair average crop. Hay, although only fair in some sections, was, on the whole a good crop and well saved.

A fair demand for all that the farmer had to offer has been maintained and prices have been steady and profitable. Fruit has not yet assumed any great dimensions, but enough has already been done to assure us that fruit, more especially apples, can be grown here of good quality and in abundance in favorable seasons. Orchard planting is progressing, and if care is taken in the selection of trees must soon become a very important industry.

THE DAIRY INDUSTRY. Great strides have been made during the past three years in the manufacture of cheese. It is estimated that the output for 1897 will reach 40,000 boxes. During the early part of the season the demand was good and prices satisfactory; but latterly, owing, no doubt, to the immense quantity of cheese manufactured, a decline took place in the English markets and lower prices had to be accepted.

It now looks as if the days of very high prices had probably passed forever. Notwithstanding this there is still money to be made in the British market for the best products; hence the necessity for sending only the very best articles. Dairymen are also turning their attention to the manufacture of butter of very fine quality and the results so far have been very encouraging. But the day is not far distant when some of the methods of the Danish people will have to be adopted, if we expect to capture and hold a leading position, in the quality of this article.

Remembering that the Danish dairy-cattle have to be housed during six or seven winter months, we should feel no alarm when told that the long winters we have to encounter will operate against us

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while competing with other butter-producing countries. The Danish Government maintains a splendid laboratory, chiefly for the study of ferment in butter and milk, and almost all the milk sold is pasteurized. Everything in connection with the industry is conducted on scientific lines. It has been pointed out that all butter and cheese intended for export will have to be factory-made for the reasons that no other will command the highest price, and that so much more can be made of the milk by the use of the separator. The factory system is now well established and with judicious supervision and care in grading, handling, and packing for export, the industry should flourish and lucrative employment be secured to very many persons.

FIGS. These useful adjuncts to the dairy should hold a very important position on the farm. Although for many years past large quantities of pork have been packed under the old methods and exported from this Province, still it may fairly be claimed that we are only now making a beginning in an industry that is destined to be of the greatest advantage to our farmers. Thanks to the enterprise of Messrs. B. & M. Rattenbury, who have, during the past year, erected one of the largest and most modern pork-packing establishments in Canada. The success of this great undertaking, must, to a considerable extent, depend upon the farmers who should be largely interested in its welfare and therefore should see to it that suitable animals are procured to meet the almost unlimited numbers that are likely to be wanted at prices which should prove remunerative. The breeding, rearing, and feeding of pigs is a source of wealth which is capable of considerable expansion.

FISHERIES. The lobster pack continues to be a very important factor in the exports of this Province, and although the crustacean is decreasing in size and numbers yet this latter fact has so tended to enhance the value of the canned article that receipts from this source still compare favorably with those of former years. Oysters although not as plentiful as heretofore are still held in great favor; when branded P. E. Island and hand-picked they command high prices. Mackerel of extra quality were taken during the year, but catches were poor. Codfish, haddock and skate, plentiful.

Before concluding this rather lengthy report permit me to refer to some of the questions that have been dealt with by this Board during the past ten years, in the hope that its usefulness may be more generally recognized by many citizens who have not yet identified themselves with us and also to point out much that ought to be accomplished in the near future if only our people will stand together as one man in demanding, not favors, but the fullest measure of justice in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the city and province.

The Charlottetown Board of Trade was organized in April, 1887. Through its efforts a Joint Stock Companies Act was passed in 1888, and has since been found to be of great advantage over the old plan of organizing Co's. The special train service to connect with the winter steamship Stanley at Georgetown, was regularly established as a result of its efforts in 1889.

Professor Robertson, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, was invited by the Board to come here and lecture on dairying in 1890, and the meetings were advertised at the expense of the Board, which resulted in the greatest possible good to this Province. I think all will agree with me in saying that, if for no other reason, this one act is a sufficient answer to persons who may say that the Board of Trade is of no use in the community.

In August 1895, this Board joined the Maritime Board of Trade and has since been given a prominent position, ranking next to Halifax and St. John amongst all the Boards of the Maritime Provinces. If we are to hold this position our membership should be increased to at least 100.

As you are already aware the third annual meeting of the Maritime Board was held in this room during Exhibition week, and many of the delegates, then and since, have expressed the great pleasure it afforded them to visit Charlottetown. Strong efforts have been made during the past three years to have the old-time telegraphic system connecting this Island with the mainland improved. This has only resulted so far in having the office hours open continuously from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., instead of as heretofore from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m., and from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

So far so good, but we should not stop short of having a service as cheap and complete as exists in other parts of Canada. It can be done by increasing the present subsidy of \$1,966 annually paid to the Anglo American Co. It will be done if we keep agitating. The Halifax and St. John Boards feel much interested in this matter, and have offered to assist us. The freight rates on produce going from P. E. Island to points on the Mainland have been reduced on an average about 30 per cent largely owing to our efforts. During the past year a determined effort was made to induce the Dominion Government to aid us in extending our trade with Great Britain by granting a subsidy sufficient to induce a steamer having cold storage accommodation to call here during the summer months sailing direct for a port in Great Britain. Had this been accomplished, a local company was prepared to erect a cold storage warehouse in Charlottetown suitable for all present requirements, the affording an unbroken chain of cold storage from the producer to the consumer, and at the same time opening up to our people the world's greatest markets for cheese and butter, eggs, fresh fish, poultry, pork, beef and mutton.

It is earnestly to be hoped that this

important question will not be allowed to drop, but rather that this Board, assisted by every wide awake man in the province should continue the work already begun by using all possible means to induce the Dominion Government to grant the subsidy asked for—if only for three years. The provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are assisted in this way, then why not P. E. Island.

Mr. D. W. Campbell, manager of the Beaver Line of steamers, came here last year prepared to make arrangements to have one or more steamers call here and no doubt he is ready to do so again. Other steamship agents are also ready to deal with us as soon as a subsidy is decided upon.

In March last when it was announced that the S.S. Stanley was to be laid up for ten days this Board promptly telegraphed the Minister of Marine and Fisheries which resulted in the steamer continuing on the route until the end of the winter season. The need of a second winter steamer has become a very live question and active measures should at once be taken to induce the Government at its next session to have placed in the estimates a sum sufficient to procure a suitable steamer.

This is not a matter affecting this Province alone, it is one that should appeal to every Canadian who has any interest in its trade. The extension of the railway track along the water front is a matter which has been referred to by this Board, but nothing so far has been done. If it is needed, why not strive to obtain it? The Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, assured a committee from this Board that the demand for such an extension seemed reasonable.

In conclusion, gentlemen, let me remind you that for many years this Province has been receiving but very scant justice from the Federal Government, notwithstanding the fact that large expenditures have been made by the present Government, and are being made by the present Government, for railways and canals and cold storage cars in the west, and for fast steamship service and subsidies to steamship lines in the east, in none of which this Province can hope to benefit to any appreciable extent.

In 1894, in the Senate, the Hon. Senator Ferguson called attention to the fact in a speech that was at that time, and has ever since remained unanswered, viz, that according to the terms of Confederation there is due this Province by the Dominion Government \$2,171,318 18. I therefore see no reason why, even at this late date, we should not press our claims for a subsidy to assist us in establishing direct steamship service during the summer months, a second winter steamer for the winter service connecting this Province with the mainland, in addition to the fulfillment of the countless promises that have been made by both political parties since we entered into confederation.

It is much to be regretted and very unfortunate for this Province that up to the present time we have no means of ascertaining the quantities annually available of wheat, oats, potatoes, turnips, cheese, butter, eggs, poultry and live stock, lobsters, mackerel, and other fish; nor have we any adequate ideas of the total annual exports from this Province.

If such information were obtainable I feel sure that Prince Edward Island, the most thickly settled Province in all Canada, would not only command more attention in the eyes of the outside world than it does, but would strengthen its claim to be called the Garden of North America. Cannot something be done to meet the long felt want?

All of which is respectfully submitted. The report of the Council, submitted, showed that the Board is in a good position, and that fifteen new members were added during the past year. The officers for the current year were elected as follows: President—Horace Haszard (re-elected). Vice President—W. H. Aitken " Secy. Treas.—E. T. Higgs " Council—D. Farquharson, T. Handrahan, L.L. Beer, George Auld, S.W. Crabbe, Nelson Rattenbury, James Paton and John Newson.

Arbitrators—T. A. McLean, James Paton, John Newson, W. D. McKay, George Auld, F. Perkins, Mark Wright, J. T. Crockett, W. W. Clark, F. H. Beer, H. W. Longworth, R. MacMillan. Delegate to the Maritime Board of Trade—Hon. David Laird. Messrs. G. F. Beer, J. E. B. McCready and D. A. McKinnon were elected members.

Upon motion of Mr. Hughes, it was ordered that the President's report be published in pamphlet form. Upon motion of Mr. W. H. Aitken it was resolved that a committee of four be appointed to communicate with the Dominion Government forthwith as to the importance and necessity of procuring a second winter steamer and as to the extension of the railway along the shore front the committee to be Messrs. Aitken, Farquharson, Haszard, Paton and Auld.

Upon motion of Mr. F. H. Beer, seconded by Mr. Paton, the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board it is advisable to press upon the Water Commissioners and City Council the necessity of placing another boiler and engine at the Waterworks station with as little delay as possible. Board adjourned.

It is refreshing to know that the German Emperor's speeches are all impromptu. To solemnly prepare beforehand the baldersdash he imposes on the civilized world would be sheer lunacy. Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster and the bishops of the diocese, have published a 122 page rejoinder to the letter published last March by the Anglican Orders. The rejoinder, which is signed by sixteen Roman Catholic prelates, maintains that to deny the Pope's competency to decide this question is to strike at the very roots of the sacramental system.

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List of Ratepayers for the City of Charlottetown
In default for Assessment due on Real Property, for the year ending 31st December, 1897, containing names of all such defaulters, and the amount due from them respectively, with a statement of the number of the town Lot, Water Lot and Common Lot upon which or any part thereof such assessment is in default.

Name of Ratepayer in Default	Statement or Description of Property upon which Assessment is made	Amount of Assessment due & unpaid
McArthur, Sarah	House & Land on Common Lot No. 22,	\$ 4.50
Birch, John	House & Land on Town Lot No 72, 3rd hun,	3.37
Coyle, Stephen	House & Land on Town Lot No 3, 2nd hun,	5.75
Carmichael, Est. of Jas	House & Land on Town Lot No 73, 3rd hun,	10.12
Cameron, Edmund	Vacant Land on Town Lot No 72 & 73, 2nd hun,	6.75
Duckendorf, Chas. & Jas	Vacant Land on Town Lot No 88, 1st hun,	1.12
Griffith, John A.	House & Land on Town Lot No 64, 1st hun,	7.87
" "	House & Land on Town Lot No 88, 1st hun,	10.13
Hollman, John	House & Land on Town Lot No 91, 3rd hun,	19.69
" "	House & Land on Common Lot No 21,	10.12
Hughes, Peter	House & Land on Common Lot No 22,	6.75
Hughes, Bridget	House & Land on Common Lot No 22,	4.50
Lowe, Walter	House & Land on Town Lots No 5 & 6, 4th hun,	1.37
" "	House & Land on Town Lot 49, 4th hun,	6.88
" "	House & Land on Town Lot 98, 4th hun,	5.06
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 31	2.06
McNeill, Duncan	House and Land on Common Lot No 22.	8.44
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 22,	1.97
Purdie, Jane, Estate of, W. A. O. Morrison and Leslie S. McNatt, Trustees,	House & Land on Town Lots No 97 and 98, 1st hun	33.75
McQuaid, Dennis	Vacant Land on Town Lot 100, 1st hun,	
Reid, Richard B.	House & Land on Town Lot No 95, 2nd hun,	7.56
Steel, Robert	House & Land on Town Lot No 20, 3rd hun,	8.44
Trainor, Patrick	House & Land on Town Lot No 83, 2nd hun,	6.75
Turnbull, Estate Andrew	House & Land on Town Lot 55, 4th hun,	3.37
Thorne, Charles E.	Small house & Land \$300, Vacant Land Corner Lot, \$300, on Common Lot 23,	6.75
Thorne, Charles E.	House and Land on Common Lot No 23,	1.12
Thorne, R. & Geo. S.	Large House & Land on Common Lot No 23,	16.87
Williams, John	House & Land on Common Lot No 24,	7.23
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 27,	4.00
Ward, Estate Robert	House and Land on Common Lot No 25,	5.62

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 51 Victoria, Cap. 12, Section 91, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment severally levied upon their Real Property in said City, I will make an application to His Honor, the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City, for Judgment against each and all of the lands above described, for the respective amounts so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgment being duly entered, I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands.
Dated this 28th day of December, A. D. 1897.
ROBERT VAN DERSTINE City Collector