

BOARD OF TRADE.

President Haszard's Report—Good Suggestions—One or Two Questionable Statements.

To the members of the Charlottetown Board of Trade.

GENTLEMEN,—Once again it becomes my pleasant duty to present to you the annual report for your consideration. Never before I believe in the history of this Province, has prosperity abounded to such an extent as during the past year. Providence has been very gracious to us causing the rain to fall at a time when other lands were suffering from drought, thereby enabling the farmers and dairymen to contribute themselves upon having reached the utmost limit of their expectations. The crops generally were abundant and excellent in quality, of hay, oats, wheat, potatoes, mangels and vegetables, and although it may be claimed that prices ruled lower, and less shipping of produce was carried on than in former years, still it must be remembered that circumstances have very much changed during the past five years, so that the pinch of poverty is not felt to any appreciable extent even if prices are moderately low and vessels scarce, for the abundance of crops gathered make up largely for low prices while all farmers who care to do so can convert their surplus produce into cheese, butter, eggs and hog products, and at the same time enrich their lands to a far greater extent than they could ever before do under the old methods of farming. Unfortunately owing to the British Government having required so many steamships for transport service, only one direct steamer called at this port during the year, but I am glad to be able to announce that Sir L. H. Davies is already at work preparing to have tenders called at an early date for a service for 1900 which if steamers are available will be more suitable and satisfactory than anything heretofore experienced. Why cannot our own people take this matter in hand? A company could soon be organized to buy or charter a suitable steamer for the service, and with a reasonable subsidy guaranteed by the Dominion Government, and possibly a smaller amount from the Local Government, a fair profit should be realized, while at the same time the steamer would be available to call at different British ports as the markets warranted, thus affording opportunities for disposing of the products of the province, including live stock, in a manner not heretofore experienced.

The dairy industry has had a most successful season, more cheese and butter having been made than in any previous year and prices for both having touched the highest points ever known. It is estimated that the cheese output for 1899 will reach fifty one thousand boxes 3,550,000 lbs., valued at \$365,000, and butter 800,000 lbs., valued at \$160,000.

Eggs and poultry.—Owing to more care having been taken in the selection of the best egg-producing fowls, such as Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes and Brahmas, shipments to England have largely increased and the results obtained have been very satisfactory.

In the autumn a chicken fattening station was established here under the direction of Professor Robertson, who gave a short address and distributed pamphlets setting forth the manner of feeding, handling and packing poultry for the English markets, which has already shown good results and is only the beginning of an industry which is bound to assume large proportions in the near future.

The first lot of poultry shipped from the fattening station to England per the Lake Huron arrived in bad condition, owing to the need of proper mechanical cold storage on the steamer, the London consignees having written in regard to same as follows: "It is a great pity, for the quality of the fowls was very good and would give great satisfaction if only they arrived here in good condition." A second shipment was also made via St. John, N. B., per S. S. Montrose, which it is expected will show good results.

Fruit.—The season of 1899 being an off year for apples, very few were shipped, but considerable pruning and spraying has been done under the supervision of Mr. Kinsman, who was sent here by the Department of Agriculture, and it is to be hoped that good results will be obtained next year from this important work.

Fisheries.—The lobster pack still continues to hold an important place in the exports of this Province and the prices realized were higher than ever before.

Codfish, haddock and hake plentiful. Large quantities of smelts and eels are also annually shipped to the United States, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Exhibitions.—It affords considerable pride to be able to state that our people have again captured a large number of prizes both at St. John and Halifax. It is to be hoped that next autumn an exhibition will be held here open to the Maritime Provinces.

The year 1899 will long be remembered as one of great importance to this province. New industries have been established, important public works have been started. The new winter steamer Mintie arrived on the scene. The mail, freight and passenger service as performed by the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Co., was the best in its history, and entirely satisfactory to the public. The fast mail service, with the aid of a lightship stationed at Point du Chene, as suggested by this Board, was performed between Point du Chene and Summerside under the able and courteous command of Captain Cameron, with faultless regularity, while the S. S. Princess, also ably commanded by Captain McLean, gave us a service extending far beyond the usual closing date, having made regular crossings up to and including the 2nd of January, and which for regularity and efficiency has never been excelled in any year. Some preliminary

work has been done towards the construction of the bridge to span the Hillsborough and the railway to Belfast and Murray Harbor so that we may now look forward to the early completion of this great work which has been brought about through the influence and untiring efforts of Sir Louis H. Davies. Early in the year a Provincial cheese board was started, regular meetings having been held here throughout the season with results which must have been most gratifying to the promoters and full of promise for the future of the dairy industry.

The Charlottetown Condensed Milk Company are to be congratulated upon the pluck and energy displayed in having within the year organized a strong company with a capital fully paid up, and erected a building fully equipped with the most modern machinery and having their goods on the market ere the old year closed. It is just such industries as this that P. E. Island seems specially adapted for, and it is to be hoped that our people generally will give their hearty support and encouragement so that it may not only be a benefit to the province but also a source of profit to the shareholders.

The wonderful expansion of trade now going on at Sydney, C. B., opens up to our people opportunities which should be readily grasped. Arrangements should at once be made to place a small steamer on the route between Charlottetown and Sydney in early spring, thus affording a means for disposing of large quantities of meats, eggs, cheese, butter and farm produce.

The scarcity of small vessels for coasting trade is becoming each year more apparent and unless something is done to replace this necessary class of carriers it will soon be well nigh impossible to move the surplus produce of the farms, more especially from the outports which cannot obtain the benefits of steamers. Why not again give employment to some of our old time shipcarpenters and builders. The business could be made profitable, while the timber lands are not all yet exhausted.

The telegraph service is still in an unsatisfactory state in so far as the high charges and short hours are concerned, but in all other respects the management is highly satisfactory to the public. Among the possibilities of the future, may we not hope soon to see this island in continuous communication with the mainland by Wireless Telegraphy.

The war in South Africa which unfortunately is raging at the present time has afforded an opportunity for thirty only of our gallant volunteers who were selected from many hundreds who were anxious and willing to go forth from the Tight Little Isle to do battle with the soldiers of the Queen from all parts of the British Empire on behalf of the East Anchored Isle.

The Maritime Board of Trade.—The fourth annual meeting was held at St. John, N. B., in August at which fourteen Boards were represented. Many important subjects were discussed eliciting much valuable information to the large number of delegates present, worth in my estimation five times the cost of the trip to any persons who are at all anxious to be informed on the various questions affecting the interests of the Maritime Provinces, and if I could only impress upon the gentlemen now listening to me the privileges thus within their reach I feel assured that the elect on for representatives to the Maritime Board would be more hotly contested than any other in the gift of this corporation. The magnificent reception and entertainment bestowed upon the visiting delegates by the members of the St. John Board will not soon be forgotten.

Tourist travel.—The year 1899 witnessed the arrival here of the largest number of tourists on record, owing largely no doubt to the strenuous efforts put forth by the agents of the Plant line of steamers, who advertised Prince Edward Island as one of the most charming and health-giving summer resorts on this side of the Atlantic, as well as by giving us a regular and excellent semi-weekly steamship service from Boston with the steamers Halifax and La Grand Duchesse. But what are the people of Charlottetown doing to encourage the visit of wealth in our midst? Unless we are prepared to provide shelter for the desirable class of tourists now visiting us, in the shape of a first-class modern hotel, the tide of travel will soon drift elsewhere.

In retiring from the chair I beg to tender my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for their valuable and ready assistance at all times, and I trust that the new Council may evince the same interest in the Board and its power for good for if so the newly elected President need have little fear when meeting difficulties which are sure to arise from time to time in regard to the mails and other public services, all of which is respectfully submitted.

HORACE HASZARD.

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Local and Other Items.

HOCKEY.—Special train from Summerside with 125. Both teams are strong and good game certain.

C. O. F.—Court Abgwent meets in Foresters Hall this Thursday at 8 o'clock. Installation of Officers on.

CHOIR PRACTICE.—A full attendance of the First Methodist Church Choir is requested to meet this evening at 7.30 o'clock in the church.

BOSTON COMEDY COMPANY.—Matinee at the Opera House on Saturday afternoon, the national drama, "British Born". Admission 10 cents to all parts of the theatre.

THE ISLAND CONTINGENT.—The last issue of the Independent Free Press has a very good likeness of the Prince Edward Island contingent, all of whom are Foresters.

ATTRACTIVE CALENDAR.—Mr. J. L. Thomson, ticket agent, has our thanks for the very attractive calendar of the C. B. & Q. Railway, better known as the "Burlington Route."

NEWFOUNDLAND REVENUE.—The Newfoundland revenue for the six months ended Dec. 31, shows an increase of \$30,000 over the receipts for the corresponding half year in 1898.

A SHIP INCREASE.—The duties collected at the port at Sydney for December 1899 amount to over \$20,000. For the same month in the previous year the revenue from this source amounted to scarcely \$350.—Sydney Record.

OUR WINTER PORT.—This morning, so our correspondent at Georgetown informs us, a schooner beat her way into Georgetown harbor. She is thought to be the Carmena, owned by Jas. E. Macdonald, Esq., of Cardigan, and commanded by Capt. Sel. Fitzgerald. Georgetown is quite proud of this evidence of the accessibility of their port in winter.

GEORGE FEELS STUCK UP.—The Montreal Star says:—"Mr. George H. Ham, of the advertising department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, accidentally slipped while emerging from the bath-tub at his residence, Western avenue, on Sunday morning, and broke a couple of ribs. Mr. Ham will be confined to bed for a few weeks in consequence. Referring to his mishap, George said:—"It is not as bad as smash as the Ville Marie Bank. I am in plaster, and never felt so stuck up in my life."

WEDDING BELLS.—Zion church was filled to overflowing yesterday afternoon on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Katherine McLean to Mr. Levi Ings, of Orwell. Rev. D. B. McLeod officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Florence McLean, and Miss Hazel Pezole as maid of honor. The groom was attended by Mr. Joseph O'Neill. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Ings repaired to Captain McLean's residence where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. In the evening they drove to their future home at Orwell. The numerous and beautiful presents received show the high esteem of a host of friends. THE EXAMINER joins with the many friends of the wedded pair in wishing them every happiness in life.

OPERA HOUSE.—Last evening the Boston Comedy Company presented "The Little Detective" in an excellent manner. The most important roles were filled by Edwin Gray, who as the little detective impersonated five different characters and did all well, and Mr. Chase who cleverly acted the part of "Barry Mallinson." Messrs. Webber and Bedell, as two light-fingered gentlemen, gave good impersonations; and Mr. Benetto as the Bow Street runner, was also good. The specialties by Messrs. Webber and Bedell were greatly enjoyed and many times encored. During the rendering of the play some exceedingly handsome costumes were introduced by the ladies. Tonight "The Honey-moon" will be put upon the boards with a wealth of new and beautiful costumes, and on Saturday afternoon there will be a matinee performance of "British Born."

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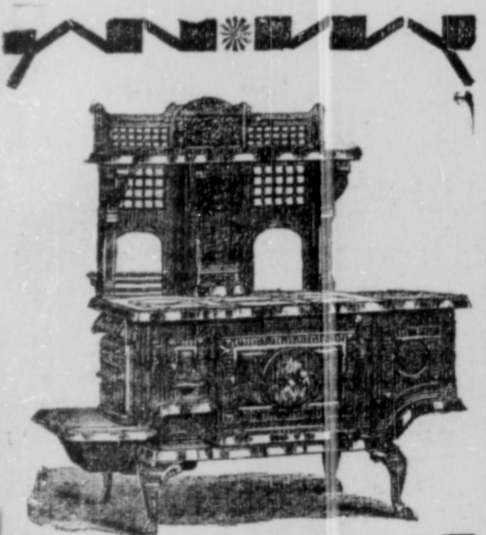
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