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Board of Trade Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon in their rooms. The President, Mr. J. McKay, in the chair. The attendance of members was fairly large. The President, in submitting the annual report and moving its adoption, referred to the present inadequate transportation service both by rail and water, and urged upon the incoming Council to keep in touch with the Government to see that the interests of the trade were conserved.

Mr. W. S. Monroe seconded the motion, and thought the document was a very excellent and concise report of work of the year just closed. He wished to refer to one or two matters contained therein, first to the great loss the Board has sustained in the passing of Hon. John Harvey, who had given unstintingly of his time and talents to every matter of a public nature that was for general uplift. He believed that if a plebiscite were taken as to who amongst us in 1919 should be spared, that one would be Hon. John Harvey. Another matter was the fish shipment made by the Escazon, over which so much trouble arose. The onus of this should be partly attributed to the Government of the day, and partly to the condition of the fish when it was shipped from here and when it arrived in the Mediterranean. Then there was the question of cull, referred to on page 13 of the report, with regard to shipments to Brazil. He disagreed with the action of the Council in this respect. The Board of Trade certificate, as to quality of fish, in his opinion, was not worth the paper it was written on. In his opinion sub-inspectors under a chief inspector should be appointed to carry out his work, but this suggestion had been thrown down. Dealing with the new fish regulations for European export, he had many things to argue, and argue justly, that free trade should not be interfered with, but at the same time different diseases required different treatment. When the Escazon was formed, the late Minister of Shipping, Sir John Crosbie, asked that a committee of the Board of Trade be appointed to discuss the matter, which was done. The Board of Trade arrived at the conclusion that nothing could be done without the support of the Government. The Government was then asked to insist on an expert cull like there was an Scotch packed herring, and cod liver oil, and which should be put into force right away. The answer from the Minister of Shipping was that nothing could be done, as an election was coming on, and nothing was done until the present Minister of Fisheries took office, and promulgated very drastic measures which led up to very severe criticism. The Minister of Fisheries, in his opinion, was justified in insisting on a price, and in handing the control of our shipments over to one concern. If more than one were handling the shipments, it could only lead up to trouble on both ends. With regard to like regulations for other markets, such as Brazil, he raised objection. This should be optional with the shippers. The present Minister, in his opinion, was doing all possible in the fishery interests, and we should not hamper him, but assist him. Before leaving for abroad the Minister had told him to get ready any suggestions the Board of Trade might have by his return, and they would receive his favorable consideration.

Hon. W. B. Grieve said the statements made by Mr. Monroe afforded an opportunity of setting right a few errors they contained. Every story had two sides. With regard to the Escazon's cargo it was not right to place the onus on Sir John Crosbie for the condition of the cargo. A large quantity of the fish shipped was not suitable for the market; there was some good fish and some bad in the cargo. The remedy was to have men of experience to inspect the fish when it arrived in the market.

ket. The Consorzio stood out to pay full in cash, as the Brazilian market does now. It was willing to pay 30 p.c. in cash in London and hold back 20 p.c. until after inspection and discharge. The day of the departure of the Minister of Fisheries it was reported that 150,000 qtls. of fish had been sold to the Consorzio on the terms of the regulations. So far as he knew, only four sailing vessels' cargoes and the balance of the Escazon's had been sold, not at the price demanded by the regulations, but at the Consorzio's price. He would like to know why fish was sold cheaper in Italy than in Spain.

Mr. Grieve was interrupted at this juncture by Mr. Barr, who said 150,000 qtls. of fish was sold and that 100 p.c. was paid in London.

The chairman called the meeting to order, and asked that the discussion be confined to the annual report. He would suggest that the matter of the fish regulations be discussed at a special meeting, which was agreed to.

Mr. Gosling said while he did not take an active part on the Board the last few years, he had still taken a great interest in its work. He deplored that we did not get the total catch of fish for each year, so that we would know where we stood. He hoped that some machinery would be put into operation whereby we could receive accurate reports weekly during the fishing season. Such a system was started a few years ago and gradually worked up to a certain efficiency, but last year no such reports were posted. He had asked the Government to amend the Customs' Act and make it the duty of the Customs' officers to send in weekly reports, but it had not been done. Last year 390 vessels sailed for Labrador, but only 280 reported their catches. The inspection of fish was the cause and inception of the Board of Trade, the idea being to get fish inspected and standardized and have receivers to pay cash for it, and it was a lasting disgrace that something had not been done. In the Board of Trade some were loyal and others were ready to put off fish which they knew perfectly well would not bear inspection. If all the merchants were loyal, there would be a chance to organize a proper inspection. It would not be a cheap undertaking as men of reliability and probity would be required for the work. All regulations would fall if the quality of our fish was not properly attended to. Fixing the prices before the quality could only lead to disappointment and trouble. With regard to transportation, half the story had not been told. Harvey & Co. were waiting for shipments of goods ordered in September last, and would likely have to wait longer. Nothing had been done on the part of the Government to get the Common Carrier's Act on the Statutes, though the Government had been asked, and he hoped that this would be rendered in the near future. Dealing with the Telephone Contract he regretted that it had been entered into out of session of the Legislature. The Government had no right to give away franchises of the streets of St. John's, and it was a frightful outrage for them to do so. The Municipal Council took a stand that this charter should be submitted for their approval. The Government did submit it for their consideration, but they had no right to approve or disapprove. When completed the system must have the approval of the City Engineer, but in his opinion it was placing too much on Sir Hall, who should first be given the plans for approval. In any case, however, the new system promises to be an improvement on the old. Mr. Gosling also dealt with the profit tax on fire insurance companies, and held that if a common interest was taken we should be able to get our insurance considerably cheaper than present rates.

Mr. Barr would like to say a few words on the new fish regulations at a later date.

Hon. Mr. Grieve thought that when the matter would be discussed properly, some recriminatory language would be used. He hoped the meeting would open early when he would be given a chance to prove that the regulations were only in the interest of half a dozen merchants and not for the general trade of the country. At the close of the meeting he was sure that the members of the Board of Trade would go away much better informed than they are at present.

Mr. R. F. Horwood, speaking on the matter of transportation, said it was doing more to strangle the trade of the country than all the other evils combined. The whole country was suffering, and because of neglect in this respect for many years, the West Coast trade had been diverted to Nova Scotia, and if something was not done, the whole South West Coast trade would be lost. Before the meeting closed he would move a resolution asking that the Government take the matter up forthwith.

Mr. T. Hallett spoke on the handling of fish. The cure should begin from the moment it was split, and if it was not split and washed properly it could not be properly cured.

Mr. H. R. Brooks spoke at some length on inspection. He believed that a number of trained sub-inspectors with a chief inspector, should be appointed. If such a plan were adopted, it should bring about the desired result. These inspectors should not be paid by the fish shippers, because if it came to the knowledge of buyers that the inspectors were the paid servants of the shippers, it would discredit their work. In his opinion part of the export duty paid on fish should be devoted to the paying of compensation to the new regulations would be fully discussed.

Mr. Blackall made an appeal for positions among the trade for partly incapacitated soldiers and sailors, who were fitting themselves in the Re-establishment School. He asked all employers and the Government to help these men in finding positions and thanked the Board for the work done in this respect in the past.

Mr. R. P. Horwood moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Dunfield, and unanimously passed:

RESOLVED—(a) That this Board of Trade views with alarm the shocking lack of transportation facilities throughout the country, which, in the opinion of this Board, constitutes a serious handicap to trade and commerce, and a menace to the welfare of a large section of the population;

(b) That this Board urges upon the Government the necessity of creating a Commission forthwith to study the transportation requirements of this Dominion, and to take evidence with the aid of expert opinion, with a view of providing adequate facilities for transportation of freight and passengers throughout the country.

Mr. R. Templeton spoke on the lobster fishery, and how the packers had been so educated mainly through the efforts of Mr. G. M. Barr, that at present they were putting up lobsters equal to any packers in the world. He urged that the work of instructing the fishermen in the cure of codfish be continued, and also that some kind of test with regard to the value and cure of food fishes be placed in the schools.

Mr. C. C. Stranger followed along similar lines, and suggested that illustrated literature be sent the fishermen.

The Chairman announced the following newly-elected officers and members of the Council: President—H. R. Brooks. 2nd Vice-President—R. F. Goodridge. Councilors—F. H. Steer, J. Campbell, Reg. Harvey.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed the retiring President, Mr. J. McKay, and at 5.45 the meeting adjourned.

Officers' Mess Formed.

At a recent meeting of the officers of the Catholic Cadet Corps, the Officers' Mess was once more formed, and the following officers elected:

President—Lieut. Col. C. O'N. Conroy, O.B.E.

Secretary—Lieut. H. J. Power.

Treasurer—Capt. Gerald Byrne, M.C.

A committee consisting of Major J. O'Grady, Major Leo Murphy, Capt. Phil Brown and Capt. and Adj. W. Clare, were elected to finalize matters connected with the new kit and uniforms. The "At Home" will be held on Feb. 16th and the uniforms which are being made by the Newfoundland Clothing Co., will be worn for the first time on that occasion.

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A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Wabana East, Bell Island, on Sunday, January 18th, when Ethel Mary, fourth daughter of the late Wm. J. English and Mrs. Ellen English, and grand-niece of the late Very Rev. Dean Bourne, and the late Very Rev. Dean Doughty, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Edward Joseph Basha, second son of Mr. Joseph Basha, Merchant of Wabana.

The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's mother, Main Street, Wabana. The Rev. Fr. McGrath, P.P., officiating. The bride was given away by Dr. H. A. Giovannetti, a particular friend of the family, who acted in the unavoidable absence, through illness of the bride's uncle, Mr. Joseph English. Miss Catherine English, sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. R. Evelyn Costigan ably supported the groom. Miss Louie English acted as flower girl and maid of honour. The bride looked charming, attired in wedding gown of white silk, with wreath of orange blossoms and wore a string of pearls, while the bridesmaid was attired in pink silk. The ceremony was performed quietly in the presence of the immediate friends of the family, including Dr. and Mrs. Giovannetti, Mr. J. M. Greene, and Mrs. J. P. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Petrie, Mr. R. Jackman, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Jackman, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Billingsley, with the parents and relatives of the bride and groom. Miss Annie McNeill presided at the piano and played the wedding march as the bridal party entered the room. After the ceremony, a reception at which one hundred attended, testifying to the esteem in which the young couple are held, was conducted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Basha, where a banquet was served. Rev. Fr. McGrath proposed the toast to the bride and groom, and toasts to their future prosperity were also given by Dr. Giovannetti and Mr. R. R. Costigan. The reception was attended by many leading citizens of the Island, including several of the staffs of both Companies. Mr. and Mrs. Basha leave for St. John's on a visit this week, and in the spring will tour the United States. We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for a happy wedded life to the bride and groom. The presents received were numerous and costly. The groom's present to the bride being a cheque for \$1000.00 and a new Piano, while the following other presents were received:—Mrs. W. J. English, cheque; Mrs. Joseph Basha, gold watch and chain; Mr. Joseph Basha, gold locket, gold pin and cheque; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Garbage, cheque; Mrs. and Mrs. J. J. Miller, cheque; Mr. J. M. Greene, silver toilet set; Dr. Carnochan, cheque; Dr. H. A. Giovannetti, ivory manicure set; Dr. J. B. Lynch, silverware; Mr. R. R. Costigan, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. A. McDonald, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burke, handworked table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. H. Goldstone, silverware; Mrs. Abraham Basha, cheque; Miss McDonald, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, silver vases; Miss A. Sparkes, silver spoons; Mr. D. Sampson, silver soup ladle; Mr. and Mrs. W. Billingsley, clock; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Jackman, fancywork; Mr. and Mrs. N. Cohen, silver spoons; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Petrie, linen; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hughes, fancywork; Mr. R. Jackman, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Kent, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. Serotim, comb and brush set; Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Murphy, fancy cloth; Miss V. Tucker, fancywork; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Tucker, silver fork; Mrs. Roberts, satin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. M. Parrell (St. John's), centre table cloth; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cahill, fancywork; Mr. and Mrs. Abel Stone, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McNeil, fruit knives; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dunne, silverware; Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lawton, silverware; gold pieces—Mr. T. A. Mowatt, Mr. Ford Basha, Mr. and Mrs. Elias

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