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BETTER RAILWAY FACILITIES

Will In Opinion of Board of Trade Soon Be Granted Chatham

MR. LOGGIE'S SUCCESS

Strong Committee Appointed to Assist The Able And Industrious M. P.

Whatever feeling there was, and it must be admitted that there was considerable, that Chatham was not going to receive the best of treatment from the new minister of railways in the matter of improved railway accommodations was pretty well dissipated this afternoon at a meeting of the Chatham Board of Trade at which W. S. Loggie, M. P. set forth clearly his attitude on the question of Chatham's need in the way of railway facilities and intimated that the Minister of Railways was not only ready to meet the wishes of Chatham but would have such a strong case in Chatham's favor to put before the cabinet that those wishes could not but be granted.

Mr. Loggie showed clearly to the meeting that he had been pressing the claims of his town to the best of his ability. He indicates how his hand might be strengthened and, as a result, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Moved by Warren C. Winslow, K. C., seconded by W. L. T. Weldon and passed unanimously:—

That a committee be appointed, to be named by the president of the board, to interview landowners through whose properties the proposed line of railway would run to ascertain what they would accept for their properties, in order that a statement of the estimated cost of the right of way be presented to the Minister of Railways.

The committee chosen by the president is as follows:—R. A. Murdoch, George Stothart, Mayor McLachlan, W. L. T. Weldon, and Warren C. Winslow, K. C.

Mr. Loggie assured the Board that the appointment of this committee would not cause him to let up on his efforts to show to the Minister of Railways the benefits, not only to Chatham, but to Canada as a whole, of making the desired improvements but would, simply mean the advancing of the cause.

The meeting was a most representative one including men in all branches of business.

President W. B. Snowball in opening the meeting stated the purpose for which it was called—the discussing of a system to bring the railroad into Chatham. He alluded to the recent visit of the Minister of Railways to this town and to the surveys of possible routes that had been made by the government engineers. Mr. Loggie, he said, would like to have the views of the citizens. All knew the need of the town's industries having other ways of shipment of their products than those by water.

Before the question of supreme interest was taken up some routine business was disposed of.

Mr. Stewart, proprietor of the World newspaper, reported for the delegates who attended the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade at St. John. That meeting had been attended by himself, President Snowball and Mr. Loggie, from Chatham. The meeting had been largely attended and had been very harmonious. Mr. Snowball had made a big speech and had framed a series of resolutions to the effect that an export duty be placed on pulpwood. These resolutions had been carried unanimously. Mr. Snowball had been elected second vice-president of the Maritime Board and this meant, in the natural course of events, that the Maritime would meet in Chatham two years from now.

The following members were elected to the Board:—Mark H. Spaulding, Thomas Flanigan, Geoffrey Stead and John Bell.

The president called on Mr. Loggie and the member of parliament opened

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FORGED CHECK TO BUY PRESENTS

Could not Otherwise Make Proper Returns at Christmas

BOSTON, Saturday.—Swamped with an avalanche of unwelcome Christmas presents of such splendor that she realized fully that she could not vie with them in her humble gifts, Marie Barker, a 19-year-old Ayer girl, was locked in the Tombs yesterday. She is charged with forging and uttering a check for \$75, which was accepted at the Bank of the Republic in Boston. The check was signed by the name "Mrs. E. G. Dunklee," and was drawn on the First National Bank of Ayer.

At the Bank of the Republic Miss Barker was acquainted with Clerk William S. Osborne, and he unhesitatingly cashed it for her. Later the check was discredited in Ayer, and subsequently traced to Miss Barker. Inspector Harris of the Boston police, went to Ayer yesterday and arrested Miss Barker in the home of her mother.

"I don't know why I did it. I just didn't realize, that's all," she is said to have told Inspector Harris when he questioned her.

Miss Barker is well dressed and of an unusually prepossessing appearance and her apparent innocence and lack of realization of the serious position she was in created much sympathy for her at headquarters. She was arraigned in the City Court late in the afternoon, and, waiving examination, was sent to the city prison, under \$800 pending her appearance before the grand jury.

His remarks by wishing all present a Happy New Year. In doing this he said that they would know that he wished well for Chatham. He had arranged to go west this Fall but after having made his arrangements he had learned that the Minister of Railways had planned a visit to the Maritime Provinces to inspect the road of which he had been placed at the head. He had made it a point to meet the minister and arrange with the Board of Trade to have a meeting with him. Then he had started for the west. When in Quebec it had occurred to him that he should return to be present at this meeting and so he had returned. Personally he had not been discouraged by the remarks of the minister. The reports which had been made of the meeting had perhaps caused an unfavorable report to go abroad that "the minister had turned down the people. He certainly could not gather that from the remarks made by the minister. The headlines in the Commercial had said that the minister would make the changes asked for if the new business would guarantee the cost. He had not gathered that meaning and the gist of the Commercial's report was that the I. C. R. would make the changes asked for if it could be shown that the change was in the interests of the people of Canada as well as of those of Chatham. The World, which had also criticized the minister's statements as hostile to Chatham, had said, in answer to an article in the Fredericton Herald, that the World represented the views of everyone present at the meeting with the exception of the M. P. He took this statement by the World as a compliment, that he was the only one of individuality. But he certainly did not think that there had been any turn-down in the minister's words. He considered them words of encouragement.

Since he had been a member of parliament he had put forward Chatham's claims for railway facilities. The first year that he had been a member of parliament the I. C. R. had had a deficit of \$1,500,000 on the operating expenses. The deficit had been due to unprecedented storms in Nova Scotia, and the claims which were granted to the I. C. R. men for higher wages. Fielding, who was then acting minister of railways, had granted these claims for better wages. Then there had been the hay famine in Prince Edward Island and the government had undertaken to supply hay to the farmers who wanted it. These were all good reasons for a deficit. Still the I. C. R. had to face the people with the deficit and it was poor time to press Chatham's claims. In the following year Minister of Railways Emmerson and his deputy had taken a hold and used perhaps drastic measures for economy and had taken off some of the trains. Ever since there had been a small surplus over the working expenses of the railroad. Emmerson had looked on the Chatham extension with favor but it was necessary to get surveys. He (Mr. Loggie) had urged on the government the making of the surveys this year before the snow came and the making of the surveys after the minister came was simply carrying out his instructions made before.

CHINESE PRINCE VISITS JAPAN

Signs of Increased Friendship Between the Two Great Yellow Peoples

VICTORIA, B. C., Friday.—The event of most significance that has characterized the last six months in the international politics of the Far East is the visit of Prince Pu Lum, the chief heir to the throne of China, to the Mikado, according to reliable advices brought by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tango Maru, which reached port to-day.

Although the visit of the prince is looked upon by the people of Japan as a purely nominal one, paid in return for that of Prince Fushimi to the throne of China this year, a far greater importance is attached to it in the government circles of Nippon. Prince Pu Lum is, with Prince Chun heir to the throne from which the Dowager-Empress has practically deposed the weak-minded ruler and, in Chinese political circles, is looked upon as the coming Emperor in preference to the less capable Chun. There is a great feeling in Chinese political circles that the Dowager-Empress will soon abdicate her position of dictatorship, placing in the hands of the prince the practical control of China's destiny. In view of these facts the Japanese government is losing no opportunity to exchange felicities with Pu Lum and to gain from him assurance of commercial reciprocity between the two countries when the prince assumes power. It is understood that the progressive party of China will support Pu Lum, and as the policy of this growing faction is opposition to anything tending to interference with Chinese sovereignty, even to the extent of combatting the British policy of affording police patrol of the Chinese rivers, the entente cordiale which is now in progress at Tokyo, assumes the character of an international alliance.

Prince Pu Lum arrived in Tokyo two days before the Tango Maru sailed and was received with great ceremony by the Mikado's court. The reception was an official one only, but no expense was spared in preparing it. On the night that the Tango sailed a theatrical entertainment was given by the Japanese court, the performers being personally summoned and selected from the finest troupes in Japan by the Emperor himself. All the seats in the big theatre at Tokyo were reserved for the court and the foreign ambassadors. On the following night a great banquet was given, the Chinese prince being entertained in state at the Shibi palace. It is commonly asserted in Chinese court circles that one of the chief reasons for Prince Pu Lum's success as a political leader is the energy and ability of his secretary, Tong Kai Lun, a gifted scholar, who graduated from Yale University in 1885. Tong Kai Lun's son has been offered the post of consul-general for China in San Francisco, but will probably refuse the post, as his interests in China are so important that they forbid any long absence.

BATHURST NEWS AND NOTES

Eleven Candidates for Gloucester's Three Seats in House of Assembly.

BATHURST, Saturday. Mrs. George Windsor entertained a number of friends last evening in honor of her guest Miss Ackman of Moncton.

The death occurred at an early hour yesterday morning of John Hallowood who has been suffering for over a year from lung trouble. Deceased was forty-three years of age and is survived by a wife and three children.

Local politics are the talk of the day. There are now eleven candidates in the field with more to come. The Liberal convention at Caraquet brought out the three following:—Dr. Sormany, of Lemeque; P. P. Morais, Caraquet; James F. Byrne, Bathurst. Your correspondent has learned that there are two independent candidates, namely, N. A. Landry and Alexander Furlingham. The person who predicted a general mixup for Gloucester came pretty close to the mark.

There is some talk of ice races here around the 15th.

Mr. Oscar Fenwick is confined to the house.

F. O. Landry is visiting the lumber camps on the Nepisiquit. He expects to be absent about a week.

Douglas Williamson who has been attending Rothesay Boys' School is not returning there but will leave on Monday for Mount Allison Academy.

SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL.

Interesting Police and Annual Reports Submitted.—Trustant Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Re New System of Taxation, Reduced Cost of Light, Public Works, Etc.

The Newcastle Town Council held a special meeting on Friday evening. Mayor Miller, and Alds. W. H. Belyea, John Clark, T. A. Clark, J. M. Falconer, C. J. Morrissey, L. B. McMurdo, were present.

A communication from G. G. Stothart was read claiming that as the Council had during the past summer extended the sewerage system to Adam street school, etc., the town should take over his private sewer as it had promised to do when the sewerage system should be extended. The Board was of the opinion that the mere connection of School Street sewer with the Adams school did not constitute an extension of the sewerage system. The communication was received and placed on file.

Ald. Belyea submitted report of the finance committee, recommending the writing off of sundry uncollectable taxes, amounting in all to about \$400. Report was adopted.

On recommendation of the finance committee the following bills were ordered paid:

R. H. Grenley, \$7.00.
P. J. McEvoy and O. Nicholson, assessors, \$20.00

R. G. Anderson & Son, \$4.50.
Advocate Publishing Co., \$1.70.

On recommendation of the Public Works committee the following bills were ordered paid:

R. G. Anderson & Son, \$2.45.
P. Hennessy, \$8.50.

The Electric Light committee recommended the following bills, which passed:

Colonial Lubricating Co., \$57.30.
P. Hennessy, \$17.74.

Intercolonial Coal Mining Co., \$32.10.

W. J. Hogan, \$14.45.

On recommendation of the Park and Fire committee the following bills passed:

P. Hennessy, \$2.00.
R. G. Anderson & Son, \$7.50.

George T. Bethune, \$1.50.

The report of the Police and Appointment to Office Committee submitted by Ald. T. A. Clarke, showed that there had been during the quarter ending Dec. 31st, 1907, nine arrests, on account of which \$22 had been paid in fines and costs, and \$49 fines allowed to stand. The Magistrates' and constables' fees had been \$32.00, leaving a balance of \$10 coming to magistrate.

In the early part of 1907, Magistrate J. F. Connors of Chatham had tried nine Newcastle Scott Act cases, seven of which had ended in convictions and two dismissals. Receipts were \$392.85 and expenses \$57.95, the balance of \$334.90 having been paid into the treasury.

Before Magistrate Maltby, 41 Scott Act complaints had been laid. Only four cases were dismissed. Of the 37 parties convicted, 34 paid up and three have appealed. Fines paid in were \$1,895.65. Expenses were: Magistrates' fees, \$175.50; constables' fees, \$76.15;—Total \$251.65. The balance of \$1,644 had been paid into the town treasury. This with the money from Justice Connors' court makes a net return of \$1978.90 from Scott Act fund during the year.

The committee recommended the payment of the following bills:

J. D. B. F. McKenzie, \$18.00.
T. W. Butler, \$25.00.

R. G. Anderson & Son, \$14.00.
R. L. Maltby, balance, \$10.00.

The report was received and passed section by section.

The matter of increasing the remuneration of the Police Magistrate was left over to be dealt with at regular meeting.

The annual reports of the Public Works, Light and Water, Ferry and Park and Fire committees were submitted, received and ordered to be printed in the town blue book.

For the Public Works department, Ald. McMurdo reported that the committee, on account of the small appropriation and increased wages, had not been able to do much permanent work. They had graded McCullam and part of Henry streets. Had put new wooden sidewalks on McCullam street and other places, and had laid granolithic sidewalk on Henry street facing the square, and (at the government's expense) in front of the post office. Sewerage connection had been given the Adams school, and some wooden sewers had been repaired.

For the Water and Light committee Ald. Morrissey reported that 12 additional electric light connections had been made, that six new incandescent lights were ordered to be installed.

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