

BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the St. John Board of Trade was held Monday afternoon. Those present were: W. M. Jarvis, who occupied the chair; Joseph A. Likely, W. S. Fisher, D. J. McLaughlin, G. Fred Fisher, J. J. Foot, H. B. Schofield, S. H. Hall, R. B. Emerson, J. Hunter White, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., J. A. Seeds, John E. Irvine, H. C. Tilley, F. A. Dykeman and T. H. Somerville.

The report of the council submitted to the St. John Board of Trade: The council have again to submit their annual report.

During the year thirty-eight meetings of the council have been held. Besides which the various committees have met from time to time. There have been also seven regular and five special meetings of the board, and two public meetings under its auspices have been held at the rooms.

Throughout the city there have been many signs of a quiet and continued prosperity. No general exhibition has been held, but the horse show in October was the means of attracting many visitors.

As a distributing centre St. John steadily gains ground. Evidence of this may be seen in the fine warehouses erected on the corner of construction on Mill street and elsewhere. The new str., Senlac, now being built for the St. John and Halifax via Yarmouth and the South Shore of Nova Scotia, shows the progress of the city, and will furnish facilities for traffic, the want of which has been greatly felt.

The various factories have been working steadily, and those engaged in the various industries carried on, have found ready employment.

APPROACHES TO SAINT JOHN HARBOR.

In March a delegation from the council visited Ottawa with the view chiefly of urging the completion of some needed safeguards in the Bay of Fundy and harbor improvements at St. John. One of the safeguards, the steam siren or whistle at Negro Head, half way between Partridge Island and Point Lepreau, is approaching completion. Early in June, Lieut. C. Wm. P. Anderson, chief engineer of the department of marine and fisheries, visited St. John, and accompanied by several members of the board, inspected Negro Head and its surroundings to select a suitable site. That chosen is nearly midway between Negro Head and Split Rock. The land required has been purchased, plans have been prepared and the contract awarded for the building, which is now under construction.

The lights for the Larcher Shoal, at the entrance to the Bay of Fundy, fitted with the most modern improvements, has been detained by ice in the St. Lawrence River and at Quebec, but will, it is still hoped, be in her place before the new year.

Enquiry was made as to the dredge under construction especially for use in the maritime provinces, and it was learned with much regret that there is no prospect of this dredge being in readiness before the spring of 1905. The dredge will be of great power, adapted for deep water work, and it is hoped that her services will be available for the harbor of St. John at once on her completion. The importance of deepening the entrance to the harbor so that vessels of the largest tonnage may enter and leave the harbor at all times of tide intensifies the regret felt that this work cannot be at once proceeded with.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS.

The ocean traffic of this port during the winter of 1902-3 showed a marked increase over the preceding season. The number of steamers arrived was 99, with a tonnage of 303,549, and no doubt exists that the piers and warehouses will be fully utilized during the coming winter.

The total value of exports through St. John during the season 1902-3 reached the sum of \$14,903,747, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the corresponding period in the preceding year, and the largest increase in any one season since the winter export traffic commenced. The total exports through the port of St. John during the calendar year 1902 amounted to \$14,412,836, and the imports for the same period amounted to \$5,613,514.

INCREASED HARBOR FACILITIES.

For the large traffic thus in course of development the present accommodations are insufficient, and in the interests not so much of St. John as of Canada, extended facilities are urgently required.

The piers and warehouses at Sand Point have been provided very largely by the cost of the city of St. John, which has expended a large amount in providing for the winter traffic of the dominion. These piers and warehouses are practically free. In the opinion of many the expenditure has reached a point where it is not a circumstance of the city and its present indebtedness should be carefully considered and taken into account before further facilities are incurred. And it is believed that in opinion is general that no further expenditure of a serious nature should be made by the city in connection with the development of the winter traffic without the support and export trade of the country, that large sums of money were with this view expended in developing the harbor facilities of the St. Lawrence and Lake ports, as well as in enlarging the canal and developing the railroad systems of Canada; that the United States government was making large expenditures in improving waterways and harbors of the union; that St. John has expended about \$750,000 besides contributing valuable properties, in demonstrating its ability to carry on a winter export and import trade; that that trade had developed until the wharf accommodations and terminal facilities were overtaxed to such an extent that steamers being turned away from the port, and it was unanimously resolved that the federal government be urgently requested to take immediate action to provide for an expenditure at St.

John of such sums as are needed to furnish additional wharves and facilities on a large and comprehensive plan, looking towards the future development of the winter trade of the Dominion.

The pressing need of action on the part of the government was urged upon the attention of the Hon. Mr. Fielding, minister of finance and acting minister of railways and canals, by several members of the council during a recent visit of Mr. Fielding to St. John. The claims of St. John to be treated as a national port were put forward. It was explained that immediate action was necessary, as if better accommodation for the business of another season was to be provided for the piers must be constructed for the winter. While the minister was unable to pledge himself to any definite action, he promised to use his influence to secure an early visit of the newly appointed transportation commission to St. John, in order that their report might be presented to the government at the earliest possible date.

HARBOR TRUST OR COMMISSION.

A committee of the council gladly co-operated with a committee of the common council in considering plans for the creation of a trust to take in the Sand Point improvement, in connection with which the wider plan of general harbor commission was to some extent discussed.

IMPERIAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

In August five delegates from the St. John Board of Trade were present at the fifth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire held at Montreal.

The delegates were most hospitably entertained at Montreal. Subsequently the British and other delegates from the dominion from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast. Two parties, each numbering about thirty delegates, accompanied by several ladies, visited St. John and were driven over the city and entertained at excursions on the river and at dinners at the Union Club.

The board has unanimously adopted a resolution approving of the course of the Imperial Chamberlain in endeavoring to encourage professional arrangements throughout the empire, and copies of this resolution have been sent through Lord Strathcona to Mr. Chamberlain and duly acknowledged.

TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAYS.

Early in the year the board welcomed a visit from several gentlemen representing the trans-Canada railway as then proposed. Their scheme has since been merged into the Grand Trunk transcontinental railway to extend from Moncton, N. B., to the Pacific coast. The council has given much anxious consideration to this proposal. Resolutions adopted by the board and expressed in the subject matter generally were printed with the last report. At a special meeting of the board held in August the subject was discussed, and a resolution adopted reaffirming the previous resolutions of the board and approving only a transcontinental railway built and operated by the government.

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The council has also urged the modification of the present restrictions of the importation of Canadian live stock into Great Britain. A resolution has been passed in view of the adoption at the Congress of Chambers of Commerce at Montreal.

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Geo. Robertson in seconding the motion referred to the long time that the board of trade had been in existence and the valuable services it had rendered for St. John. Its responsibilities had been much increased with the

growth of the winter port. The expression was current that the board had interfered with the common council in its efforts to improve the port. It was unfortunate that this report had been made. He was sure that the board would not interfere with the performance of its functions. On the other hand it wished to strengthen the hands of the council. The members of the board of trade were leading property owners, and their interests were coincident with those of the city in general. For that reason, if for no other, the board would not interfere, but do all in its power to assist the common council in its efforts to further the interests of the city. The board had done good work while Mr. Jarvis ably performed the duties of president, and he had much pleasure in seconding the motion for a vote of thanks. The motion was carried unanimously.

The members of the council are to be congratulated on the fact that T. H. Estabrook, who has resigned, has been succeeded by Mr. Jarvis, W. S. Fisher, Joseph A. Likely, T. H. Somerville, John Seely, W. F. Hatheway, J. H. White and G. Fred Fisher.

The former board of arbitrators was re-elected.

Mr. McLaughlin took the chair and Mr. Jarvis in a short address said that he heartily acknowledged the thanks tendered to him. It was always his object that the utmost harmony should exist between the common council and the board of trade, and it was unfortunate that a report was spread that there was friction between these two bodies. As to the work of the board, there were two points which he would like to mention, and which he would refer to in his report for mariners at the entrance to the harbor and those at the entrance to the Bay of Fundy. A public meeting was held last night, with respect to extending the breakwater, and the improvements he referred to were not completed yet, they were begun, and upon the government to carry out a similar kind of work in other parts, good progress had been made. He was sorry to hear that the whistle on Partridge Island was not sounded regularly. Serious damage might result to shipping and to the reputation of the harbor if it were not regularly sounded. He had not long ago cordoned off the wharf and had the Brooklyn Eagle damaged as a result of this, and he hoped that precautions would be taken against the recurrence of such accidents. He had also such improvement in the subject matter made as to put St. John in the forefront of British ports. Mr. Prefontaine, the minister of marine and fisheries, had assured him that the Larcher lights would be in her place by the first of the new year. This would make a valuable improvement.

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HERBERT SPENCER.

Death of the Greatest of Victorian Era Philosophers.

Has Gone to His Long Rest—Comments of the Press on His World's Record.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Herbert Spencer, the famous Victorian philosopher, died this morning at his home in Bath. His health has been failing for some months. The illness took a critical turn a few days ago and he became unconscious last night, passing away without pain. By his own desire, the least possible information was given out during Mr. Spencer's illness.

Herbert Spencer was born in Derby, England, April 27, 1820. He was the son of William George Spencer, school master and private teacher, who had a dread of overtaxing the immature mind of his son by the study of Greek and Latin, and accordingly young Spencer was kept at home till he was 14 years old, thus reaping the advantage of his father's personal training and attention.

Spencer was educated at the Westminster School, and in 1840 he was appointed to a position on the Examiner, a newspaper of which he was the proprietor. In 1845 he published his first important book, Social Statics, published in 1851.

His greatest work is undoubtedly the Synthetic Philosophy. Of the importance of this work in the intellectual annals of the 19th century much might be said. That it is in itself the largest, most comprehensive and most ambitious plan conceived and carried out by any philosopher of our time, is obvious to all who are not oblivious to those who concern themselves in any way with the progress of thought that, measured alike by the scope of the work and the range of its far-reaching influence, the Synthetic Philosophy, towers above all other philosophic achievements of the age.

(N. Y. Herald, 7th.)

LAST OF THE GREAT VICTORIANS.

The last of the great Victorians—such is Herbert Spencer's title to present-day pre-eminence. To be a great Victorian is in itself a title to glory, for only the Augustan age in Rome, the age of Pericles in Athens and the Elizabethan age in England can give it in its brilliant array of poets, artists, statesmen, historians and scientists.

Especially was it great in science. The development of what is now the greatest of its scientists. He stands as one of that extraordinary quartet which forced John Bull and the Philistine to face the doctrines of evolution, and long before he had revolutionized the entire world of modern thought.

It was Charles Robert Darwin who first gave scientific cohesion and precision to the doctrine in 1859 by his "Descent of Man," and his early days of "Species." He was ably assisted in his first and chief converts, John Tyndall, Thomas Huxley and Herbert Spencer. The latter developed it on the side of physics. Huxley brought new evidences from it from his studies in biology. Herbert Spencer emphasized and enlarged it on the side of social science.

In fact, on the basis of what he has known in philosophical slang as "natural selection" and "the survival of the fittest," he produced an absolutely new philosophy of social science which is generally accepted by the thinking world.

The author of this comprehensive revolution was born in the first quarter of the century (April 27, 1820), the son of a poor schoolmaster in Derby. He had a few early advantages. His education comprised only a smattering of the dead languages and no knowledge of living ones, not even German. He was the lack of which he freely deplored. In his seventeenth year he became an engineer and followed that calling for eight years.

In his leisure hours he interested himself in the study of social science, the first fruits of which appeared in 1851, in Social Statics, a book which, appearing four years before The Origin of Species, dimly anticipated some of Darwin's conclusions—for it purported to interpret the phenomena of mind on the general principle of evolution.

The book was received with curiosity and approved by the learned and progressive, with scorn or neglect by the unlearned and the conservative. The Darwinian controversy, which set all England by the ears, attracted a cer-

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tain sensational claims for Herbert Spencer, who, through lectures and miscellaneous writings, was gradually being pushed forward as one of the most energetic and able advocates of the new doctrines.

Best of all, he lived to see the world, which on its lower but more numerous populated levels had been inclined to hoot at him, turn around and applaud him as one of the greatest intellectual leaders of his time. His eightieth birthday, in 1900, was greeted with a chorus of praise in which all the civilized world joined.

But it is praise more than pudding which Mr. Spencer received from the civilized world. He has been the teacher for the first twenty years of his publishing, instead of enriching him, cost him money. Even at the rosiest part of the late period the philosopher's bank book looked petty enough compared with that of any popular novelist who happened to be the fad of the hour.

Mr. Spencer did not desire riches, but he felt sadly hampered by his inability to make money sufficient for the purpose of continuing his studies at ease, and there was a bitter ring to his preface to The Principles of Psychology, in which he found that up to that time he had been materially impoverished by his published works.

"Should the day ever come," he concludes, "when the love for the personalities of history is less and the desire for its instructive facts greater, those who occupy themselves in picking out the gold from the dross will perhaps be able to publish their results without inflicting on themselves losses too grievous to be borne—may, possibly receive some thanks for their pains."

Herbert Spencer was one of the most simple and unostentatious of men. He repeatedly declined academic honors from universities and colleges and refused honors which Queen Victoria was willing to bestow upon him, with it must be confessed, a somewhat niggard hand. She who made Disraeli and a contributor to the Leader, a weekly paper, established by Thornton Hunt and George Henry Lewes.

Thornton Hunt was a son of Leigh Hunt, but is only remembered as the man who ran away with Lewes' first wife, and thus established a precedent for Lewes' subsequent relations with the brilliant woman now famous as George Eliot.

It was Herbert Spencer, however, who first presented the subject of George Eliot. The latter was then (1830) a sub-editor on the Westminster Review, living in the family of the editor, Dr. John Chapman. Herbert Spencer was her great friend, and he certainly did as much as Lewes himself to awaken and stimulate her intelligence. It is said that he was in love with her, but he never married.

In his early days Spencer had shown inventive talent. He constructed a velocipede, to indicate the speed of locomotives, and long before he had Galton produced composite photographs Spencer had suggested the idea, and pointed out its value. During the last years of his mother, who was devotedly attached, he invented for her a bed which moved in any direction at a touch. Likewise he was something of a painter and rather more of a singer, possessing in the latter capacity a strong bass voice of good timbre. He continued to sing as an amateur in part music until ill health forbade the exertion.

PREPARE FOR ELECTIONS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—If confirmatory evidence was wanted that the federal government is really earnest in its intention of carrying out its policy, it was forthcoming today. Alex. Smith is back into harness as chief organizer of the liberal party, and simultaneous with this announcement there appears from the press a pamphlet embellished with a portrait of the prime minister, entitled Political Pointers, No. 1-7 Years of Liberal Administration Contrasted with 18 Years of Conservative Rule. It is a unique document. Some one in each department has evidently contributed to this peculiar document, and the material thrown together higgledy piggledy with the result that an apologetic note has had to be inserted. There are lengthy references to trade and financial matters, to the development of the Northwest, preferential tariff, etc. Fisher's tooter gives two pages for what he has done for the country, and before Mulock's advocate gets in his word the press is stopped to tell how many fog horns Prefontaine and his predecessors have put in operation.

The establishment of the Labour Party, the fruitless arrangement of the Marconi and a score of unimportant matters are featured in the book. Altogether it is a disappointing publication.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The will of John Snodgrass of Babylon has just been filed at Riverhead, L. I., and disposes of property valued at \$17,700, bequeathed as follows: First Presbytery church of Babylon, for use of Sunday school, \$300; Methodist Episcopal church of Babylon, for use of Sunday school, \$200; Baptist church of Babylon, for Sunday school, \$100.

Mary A. Williams of Vernon, N. Y.; Mrs. Jennie Baird of St. John, N. B.; Miss Jane Ann Bradley of St. John, Mrs. Esther Miles of St. John, niece, were each bequeathed \$1,000. Mrs. Elizabeth Baird of Grand Lake, Queens Co., N. B., Canada, Mrs. Margaret McLeod of Grand Lake, N. B., Isaac Snodgrass and Mrs. John Snodgrass, wives of nephews, each \$200; Henry W. Burton, nephew, \$250. The residue goes to his niece, Mary Ann Snodgrass, and his nephew, William Snodgrass.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 6.—Robert Leslie, a stowaway who was landed here by the steamship Rappahannock almost a skeleton from starvation, may not recover from his ordeal.

Leslie stowed on the Rappahannock at Liverpool he was a hale, hearty young man, weighing 145 pounds. As he lies at the hospital he weighs no more than sixty pounds. Owing to his condition, he has not yet related a complete story of his sufferings as he lay imprisoned under tons of cargo for two weeks without food or water. To the physicians and nurses at the hospital he has told briefly in installments. But to those who have seen him a story is scarcely necessary. His appearance tells the story.

While the British steamship Rappahannock, Capt. Buckingham, was loading her cargo at her dock at Liverpool, Leslie told the hospital attendants, "I quietly slipped aboard, and was away until the vessel was a day or two at sea and then make my presence known to the master, with a request that I be allowed to work my way over to America. I mean with a small package containing two pounds of bread and about a pint of water in a bottle. This would have been sufficient to sustain me had my plan been as successful as I anticipated when I boarded the vessel. Happily in the thought of returning to my native country."

"I succeeded in getting below without being observed and concealed myself in the hold. The loading of cargo continued for some hours. Nothing but darkness was there and I could not see what was going on. I had no idea that box after box was being rapidly piled around me later to serve as walls of a living tomb.

"Finally the loading was finished and the ship left her pier and put to sea. I was not even allowed to call upon my presence known to Capt. Buckingham and throw myself upon his mercy. I had up to this time hardly any attention before it was too late to put me off. I groped my way around in the dark. Nothing but boxes could I feel on every hand, I tried to shove them away, but could not budge them. I was buried alive. Nothing could give way; no one would answer my frantic calls for assistance.

"I cannot describe my feelings. I do not want to recall them. It was horrible. I was not even allowed to eat all of the bread I brought aboard with me, for the big rats which with the ship was infested devoured half of it. I fought them for hours at a time. They were my water gave out and I had nothing to eat or drink and very little strength left to keep off the rats.

"Finally I had to give in. I could not move. I could not offer resistance. I starved; I thirsted; I prayed; I lost my mind at times; I made up my mind that my time had come, believing that I could not survive until the ship reached Newport News and my condition should be learned."

The man's vitality is wonderful, and for these reasons the physicians have been hopeful of saving his life, but tonight they are doubtful.

LORD CURZON'S TOUR.

KARACHI, British India, Dec. 8.—The viceroy, Lord Curzon, who has concluded his tour of the Persian Gulf, arrived here yesterday after three weeks' absence. The result of his trip has fulfilled the most confident anticipations of the viceroys and his suite. His progress was watched with the keenest interest in India and the leading newspapers have given it the warmest approval. They say there is no doubt the result will be a substantial strengthening of the British position in a quarter so essential to the security of India.

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