

## Board of Trade Annual Meeting.

Capt. Kean Pleads Cause of Local Shipping  
... Ex-Mayor Objects to Guarantee on  
Humber Project --- Banks and Book Debt  
Securities.

There was very little discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trade, which was held yesterday afternoon. Capt. A. Kean made a strong plea in favour of the use of local tonnage for the purpose of carrying fish to foreign markets, and Mr. W. G. Gosling protested strongly against the system of government guarantee, with reference particularly to the Humber Development project. He also drew attention to the fact that the banks were taking book debts as security, an action which is not permitted without registration. A large number of members attended the meeting, which was presided over by the retiring President, Mr. H. E. Cowan. The Secretary, Mr. E. A. Payne, read the minutes of the last meeting. The financial statement was also read and adopted.

**THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.**  
The President then moved the adoption of the report of the past year, and in doing so, he said that conditions had not been very good during the past year. We are dependent on outside sources and when they prosper, we prosper, and vice versa. Near home, there were two causes for the conditions which existed here last year. The first was the regulations governing the export of codfish and the withdrawal. The other was the increased taxation which had been necessary in part to meet the legitimate war and general expenses of the country, and in part the errors and extravagance of former and present governments. The existing tariff would shortly be revised, and he hoped that with the new tariff the humber method of computing the export duties imposed would be changed. He drew particular attention to the following paragraph which appears in the printed report:—

"The Government must see an honest method of strict economy extending to all its departments and must adopt a drastic policy of retrenchment. It can assist employment and the development of the country by offering generous inducements to attract such as the favourable granting of limits and mining licenses, and the temporary remission of duties and taxes; but it must guard against the possibility of involving the country in financial loss by entering into agreements providing large guarantees."

The Council of the Board of Trade had not been unanimous concerning the adoption of the above paragraph in the report, but they were practically so, and if ever advice of this kind was needed, it is now. It was not his intention to refer to the project now before the Government, but was sure that all would agree with the broad general principles of it.

**BETTER PACK NECESSARY.**  
He referred to the herring fishery, and said that the chief drawback to the Scotch Cure herring was the small pack. Better herring would result from fewer packers, who would go in for this form of cure on a larger scale. The question of using local tonnage for the export of our fish to foreign markets was now in the foreground. It was one of the reasons which accounted for the fact that there were so many unemployed seamen. The speaker also referred to the losses and said that the advice given recently by Capt. Stewart, who is here in connection with matters concerning marine insurance, would be well worth following. Capt. Stewart's suggestion was that there should be a considerable decrease in shipping losses if the light houses situated around the coast were used as storm signals to accident mariners with the fact that a storm was approaching. Reference was made to the proposed Forestry Bill in the U.S., and of the measures taken to prevent it from being enacted. The statement was made that Great Britain was being discriminated against as importers were compelled to pay duties on the actual cost of the goods at the normal rate of the pound. The Government had said that an alteration in this would mean extra taxation elsewhere. Hotel accommodation and the benefits which would accrue from increased tourist traffic were mentioned, and the speaker expressed pleasure that a satisfactory telephone system was at last installed. He said that as a consequence of the removal of the Game Warden, which formed part of the Government's retrenchment policy, our salmon streams suffered considerably and unless the matter received urgent attention, there was a possibility of the salmon fishery being ruined. Finally, he moved the adoption of the report.

**AN OPTIMISTIC ADDRESS.**  
W. G. Gosling seconded the adoption of the report, and in doing so, he was plain that the country had

reached the turning point, and was gradually recovering from its period of economic distress. He referred to the unsatisfactory condition caused by a loose standard of values. The Brazilian market was not very promising at the present time. He said that the trade should make it plain that the system introduced by the Government immediately help to rehabilitate trade throughout the country. If the Government reduced expenditure, and so be able to reduce taxation, then Newfoundland would soon be able to recover and support itself. With reduced taxation, revenue would increase. The tax on sugar was particularly high. He objected to the system introduced by the Government of guaranteeing fishery supplies, and said the ultimate result would be that the Government would have to do all the supplying. Referring to the tonnage question, Mr. Gosling said that we had been compelled, by war-time stress, to use sailing vessels, but that it was now to our advantage to use steamers. It was the most economic way of shipping our exports. He protested strongly against the granting of a guarantee to the promoters of the Humber Development project. He thought the system was entirely wrong. He expressed his sympathy with the relatives of those members of the Board of Trade who had passed away during the year under review.

**PLEA FOR SAILING VESSELS.**  
The report was then thrown open for discussion. Capt. A. Kean made a strong plea in favor of the use of local sailing vessels for the carrying of fish to foreign markets. During the war, \$4,000,000 of local capital had been put into shipping, and when the war ended these vessels were left on the hands of the owners. Some of the money so invested was the accumulation of a life time, and it was very hard upon those, who had been patriotic enough to build vessels when they were needed, to find that they were no longer encouraged. It was a matter for the most serious consideration. We were paying over \$1,000,000 to the Norwegians and the Danes for the exporting of our fish, and if this amount were expended locally, it would mean over \$400,000 to the revenue, and employment for from six to eight hundred men. Today we were paying men to shovel snow. Every cent made in the country should be spent in it. If sailing vessels were used to export our fish, there would be more in the country, but less in cold storage on the other side. Money was being spent on cold storage because merchants were shipping fish in tens of thousands of quintals, when they could have engaged our own vessels to take it over.

**BANKS DOUBTFUL PRACTICE.**  
Correspondence between the Council of the Board of Trade and the Government in connection with the Humber Project was tabled. Mr. W. G. Gosling took occasion to refer to the practice of the Banks in taking book debts for security, a practice which was the same as that of taking security on goods not paid for, but less in cold storage on the other side. Money was being spent on cold storage because merchants were shipping fish in tens of thousands of quintals, when they could have engaged our own vessels to take it over.

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**CORRESPONDENCE.**  
January 9, 1922.

Sir Richard A. Squires, K.C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, City.  
Sir—I am directed by the Council of the Board of Trade to request that a copy of the actual terms of the proposed contract regarding the Humber proposition should be forwarded to the Board of Trade, in order that the members might examine it and be in a position to express their views upon it.

The Council are of the opinion that any contract under which the Government is liable for guarantees is wrong in principle. They believe that any number of desirable schemes could be promoted and started in this country, if Government guarantees were given. The Council are of the opinion that an absolutely sound proposition would not require a Government guarantee, and that the stronger a guarantee is urged the stronger are the reasons for its refusal. Apart from all this, it is evident that the full

terms of the contract should be known to prevent rumours which are current regarding this deal. The contract made public, it can be examined on its merits and the Council consider that it should be made public immediately, and before the House opens. If the contract is not made public before it is tabled in the House, presumably the terms will then have been settled, and the Government having a majority of votes, the contract might be passed without the general public having any voice in the matter. The Council therefore trust that you will be able to grant its request without delay.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
E. A. PAYN, Secretary.

Dept. of Colonial Secretary,  
St. John's, Jan. 10, 1922.

E. A. Payne, Esq.,  
Secretary Mtd. Board of Trade,  
St. John's, Jan. 16, 1922.

Sir—I have received your letter dated January 10th, 1922, in relation to the Humber proposition. I am directed by the Council of the Board of Trade to say that it does not consider that your answer is entirely reasonable considering the large interests involved. Since you state that it is impossible to give the exact terms of the contract the Council considers that it is its duty to the trade and people of the country to press its request for a copy of the contract as submitted to the Government by the promoters of the scheme, together with the suggested alterations or amendments on the part of the Government.

The Council is of opinion that as this proposition may involve the country to the extent of many millions of dollars and may affect the whole future of the Colony, the country should have ample opportunity to consider the proposed terms while negotiations are proceeding, in order that everyone may form an opinion on the merits of the case, and if desirable offer advice through the Board of Trade or other proper channel.

The Council reiterates its opinion that, for the Government to enter into any contract under which it renders itself liable to pay large guarantees, is fundamentally wrong in principle, and even were not that the case, the Council would point out that, in its opinion, the Government owes it to the people of this country before committing itself, to secure the very best independent advice that money can procure on the legal, technical and other points involved in the project. The Council quite realizes that to secure such advice would mean considerable expense, delay and inconvenience, but it considers that as this is a case in which many millions of dollars of the country's money and the country's whole future are involved, every possible protection should be afforded to the people and that it is obligatory to take business

precautions and secure the best disinterested expert advice. In the meantime the Council urges that no contract be concluded which will be binding in any way to the country, and which will not be subject to amendment, confirmation or rejection, and it requests you to give immediate assurance that ample opportunity will be given to the trade and people to consider and state their views on the actual proposals before the House meets to consider same. Trusting to receive a fuller and more satisfactory reply from you before the Council meets again to discuss this matter on Thursday, next, January 19th.

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**Mr. Percy Jardine**  
IN "UNDER THE GASLIGHT."  
No musical comedy or opera is to our minds ever entirely complete unless there is included in the cast the prince of comedians, Mr. Percy Jardine. His absence from one of the roles in that deservedly wonderful success "The Quaker Girl" (after starring as Artie in "The Prince of Pileas") was indeed regrettable, but unfortunately Messrs. Monckton and Tanner when writing the story of the former included no character for him. However, as Bermuda is "Under the Gaslight" next Monday, Mr. Jardine is given every opportunity to display his wonderful versatility and eccentric action. The character represents one of the undercrust on the East Side who is a sidewalk captain of industry, as well as leader (by virtue of his ring privileges) of the gangsters who infest Pier 30. It was Mr. P. F. Moore who originally played it, but Mr. Jardine promises to eclipse his very meritorious characterization of "Bernard" who is always so anxious to be featured in the big dailies as the champion pug, at his weight, of "Little old Nook Yawk."

One of the best known guides in Nova Scotia gives this testimonial of MINARD'S LINIMENT:—

"I have used Minard's Liniment in my home, hunting and fishing, and in all kinds of cases, and I find that it gives quick relief to minor ailments, such as sprains, bruises and all kinds of wounds. Also it is a great remedy for coughs, colds, etc., which one is cruising during the winter and spring months. I would not be without MINARD'S LINIMENT and cannot recommend it too highly."  
(Signed) Ellison Gray.

**Road-de-Luxe Enquiry.**  
The hearing of the Road de Luxe charges was continued yesterday afternoon in the Magistrate's Court before Judge Morris at 2.30 p.m. Mr. J. Hackett was called and took the stand. He was examined by Mr. E. L. Carter and the hearing occupied two hours. Adjournment was then made until to-morrow when the witness will be cross examined by Mr. Higgins, K.C.

**Cupids Man Missing.**  
It was reported in town yesterday that a man named Pike, a native of Cupids, C.B., who was employed in cutting pulp wood at Maher's siding, has been missing since Wednesday last. He went out with two companions, but all separated, and since that time has not been seen. A thorough search is being made but few hopes are entertained for his safety.

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## Hockey Notes.

### OPENING GAME TO-NIGHT.

The opening game of the hockey season will be played at the Prince's Rink to-night. The Fiddians and Terra Novas will set the puck a-sliding.

The Fiddians line-up is the same as last year and the same spares will be in their box. Jim Alderdice will be in harness again, despite the fact that he was not too fit early in the season.

The Terras have been greatly weakened by the loss of Jack Tobin, Len Stick and Billy Clouston. In place of these three they have Max Churchill, Harry Clarke, Knox Clouston, E. Reid and R. Power. The last three are spares.

The line-up is as follows:—  
**FIDDIAHS**  
Goal. J. Rawkins  
Left Defence. R. H. Tait  
Right Defence. Max Churchill  
Centre. Harry Clarke  
Right Wing. J. Canning  
Left Wing. Rex Field  
SPARES.  
Fiddians.—A. Rendell, Harold Rendell and J. Alderdice.  
Terra Novas.—Knox Clouston, E. Reid and R. Power.

The game will start at 7.30 p.m. sharp and the doors will open at 7 p.m. Secretary Outbridge of the Rink Company, is to be congratulated upon the purchase of new nets which will prevent any disputes, similar to those which have occurred too frequently in the past year or two. A poor net may make all the difference to a championship and is unfair to both players and goal judges.

"Robby" will probably referee to-night's game.

**Curliana.**  
The first round for the trophies was played on January 23rd with the White Division, under the captaincy of Mr. W. E. Bearn, playing for the Bonavista Trophy. Following are the winners in the White Division:—

Sub. H. M. Stewart  
J. T. Foley W. S. Cornick  
Fred White P. M. Duff  
A. Doherty, Skip F. W. Hayward

Sub. Hon. T. Cook  
A. Williams T. Smyth  
E. MacNab H. J. Crawford  
W. E. Bearn, Skip W. H. Duder, sk.

In the Red Division for the Buchanan Cup the winners were:—  
H. Fraser V. P. Burke  
Wm. Collins H. Hayward  
Geo. Whiteley W. Rodger  
A. H. Salter, Skip Hon. F. H. Steer

E. A. Chafe Dr. Burden  
H. G. Bartlett Chas. Ayre  
J. Dewling H. E. Angil  
H. E. Cowan, Skip S. Rodger Skip

For the Bennett Shield the winners in the Blue Division were:—  
J. Edwards, sub. H. Fraser  
H. Peddrew E. Chafe  
W. C. Job J. H. Jardine  
H. J. Duder, Skip J. R. Chalker, sk.

J. McGrath  
H. Maddock  
A. Wilson  
W. J. Higgins, Skip.

The winners of the Green Division for the Greiner Cup were:—  
G. Chafe, sub. Len Stick  
J. Crawford R. H. Simms  
W. A. Ellis J. MacFarlane  
H. D. Reid Thos. Winter, sk.

M. Aylward W. Burns  
J. J. Mulcahy John Cornick  
W. L. Donnelly Ed. Harvey  
J. C. Jardine E. J. Rowe, sk.

The second round will take place to-night, when from 7 to 9 in the Blue Division, H. J. Duder will play James R. Chalker, W. J. Higgins drawing the bye. In the White Division the four teams will play off from 9 to 11.

The teams play as follow to-night:—Blue Division, 7-9; White Division, 9-11; Red Division, 7-9; Green Division, 9-11.

## WHEN YOUR Milkman is Late

these stormy mornings you should worry if on the pantry-shelf you have your tin of

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WHO WILL BE THE LUCKY ONES?  
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The lucky ones will find a small tag (in sanitary wrapper) in a loaf of our bread. The Tag will be redeemable at our office, Bond Street, for a

**FIVE DOLLAR GOLD PIECE.**  
ASK FOR MCGUIRE'S BREAD AND WIN A PRIZE.

**McGUIRE'S BAKERY, Bond St.**

**Pit Prop Cutting Cancelled.**  
Nearly all the parties who applied for contracts to take up the Pit Prop business, have given up the idea, as the Government would not advance anything to the venturers in starting, and will not pay for timber till June. Another reason is that all the wood has to be barked and cut up in four feet lengths. Its funny the terms should be so drastic as men cannot be expected to toil in vain, when a small pitance is the only product of much manual labor.

Why not encourage the seeker of labour, instead of blocking the road of industry by restrictive families who have to be cared for even if there is no returns. If the Departmental governors had never blundered since they first took command of the Government, then the situation would be a whole lot better than it is to-day. The little amounts that are being spent, are not only vote pullers for the next election. Why the Advocate is forever talking yet on the Regulations. They are now writing up other countries politics and heed not the calls of the home land wanderer. To attract the populace from the fundamental matters by drawing a red herring across the pathway, cannot soothe the protests or alleviate the suffering much less blindfold the people from seeing who the cream of the commonwealth is being given too.

Who would contract to get up pit props (or pulpwood) is the better term as we would like to know how many have ever been used for pit or mine work) and run the risk of having them condemned in June, by the scalars and buyers, and again risk supplies where there is such uncertainty? Men of the wheelhouse give the country a chance and stay the increasing destitution, put the pulp wood business on a business-like basis, so that all interested may not lose anything. How is it, we ask how is it, that money can be strewn in places, that are not building the Revenue any better than the people of Twillingate District?—Twillingate Sun.

**From Cape Race.**  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind Northwest, blowing; a gale, heavy snow blizzard raging; nothing sighted or heard passing; Bar. 29.10; Ther. 3; lowest last night 4 below zero.

**B. I. S. Dance and Cards in Jan. 23rd.—Jan. 29, 21**

**McMurdo's Store News.**  
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25.  
McMurdo's Analgesic Balm is one of the best external remedies for muscular and nerve pains and is useful in muscular cramps, neuralgia, face ache, back ache, rheumatic pains, and is valuable in cases of severe cold on the chest and cough, to prevent or mitigate bronchitis. Analgesic Balm is always safe and generally effective. Price 40 cents a tube.

Cream of Lilies is prepared from a formula specially put together with regard to conditions in this climate; and this is what makes it so efficient a remedy for sore hands and face, chapped lips, and as an after shaving application. Use a little before going out in the wind. Price 30 cents.

**SNOWBOUND TRAIN ARRIVES.**  
The Trepassay train arrived in the city yesterday at 4.30 p.m. after being four days on the run. Train hands report banks of snow nearly fifteen feet high along the road.

**Stafford's Phorotone for sale**  
at Knowling's Stores, East, West and Central.—Jan. 11

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The most sensible book yet written on this subject. An outspoken, fearless work which seems to clear away much of the "hot air" that has obscured so long the plain truth about "Crimes and Criminals."

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HE DONT KNOW WHAT HE'S GONNA BE YET! HE AINT OLD ENOUGH! HE'S ONLY ONE WEEK OLD

WHAT'S HIS NAME?

HOW DO WE KNOW? HE HASNT TOLD US!

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