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**Annual Meeting
Truro Y. M. C. A.**

**Reports From Every Department
—Election of Officers.**

The Annual meeting of the Truro Y.M.C.A. was held in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. at 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 21st. After the devotional exercises President Trueman addressed the meeting as follows:—

President Trueman's Address.

At the end of another Y.M.C.A. year I am called upon to submit a report to the Annual Meeting. The work during the past twelve months has not been greatly different from that of the year before. The young men of the Town who formerly frequented the Y.M.C.A. Building and helped to keep up the enthusiasm in the work have nearly all enlisted and are doing their best to help win the great war. The younger boys between the ages of 12 to 18 have used the rooms more than usual. Last fall a special room was fitted up for the Boys' Department and they have made excellent use of the opportunity thus afforded for various games. The gymnasium classes have been kept going under the instruction of the General Secretary. These classes have been larger and better attended than usual. The Business Mens Class, although not large has been composed of enthusiastic men who have appreciated the opportunity for regular exercise. This is a phase of our work that can be heartily recommended to all the men of the town. The physical exercise and the social game of volley-ball are great sources of pleasure to all who attend.

The Sunday afternoon lectures were held as usual, but owing to scarcity of coal we used some of the town churches, for a number of the meetings instead of the Princess Theatre. We are greatly indebted to those churches, the First Presbyterian and the First Baptist, that gave us a welcome to their auditorium. The lectures were given by first class men and were on timely topics that were of vital interest to the social and religious life of the community.

The following is a list of the speakers and topics:

- "The Church and Citizenship" Prof. H. L. Stewart.
- "The Survival of the Fittest" Rev. Hamilton Wigle.
- "The Changing Order and its Challenge to the Church." Prof. J. M. Shaw.
- "The Foundations of World Peace." Dr. R. B. Liddy.
- "The Religion of the Young Man of To-day." Prof. Neilson Hammy.
- "The Challenge of the Times to Men." Dr. G. B. Cutten.
- "The Limits of Criticism" Rev. W. P. Grant.
- "The Moving of Mountains" Prof. H. L. Stewart.

During the winter a committee of the Board was appointed to consider what help the Association could give to the returned soldier. As a result of their investigations the Board decided to offer the Great War Veterans Association the Board the use of the parlor in the Y.M.C.A. Building. On May 2nd a committee of the citizens of Truro gave a social to the "Veterans" and the parlor was formally turned over to them for their exclusive use. It is the policy of the Y.M.C.A. to do everything in its power to make the soldiers feel at home in their room, and in all parts of the Y.M.C.A. Building where they have been given full membership privileges. It is expected that as time goes on more and more the activities of the Association will be devoted to the work for returned soldiers.

We are pleased to note the success of the campaign for money for the Overseas work among the soldiers. Although the campaign for Colchester County was not under the super-

vision of the Local Y.M.C.A. many of our men helped in the work and the result was most gratifying. This campaign, it might be well to note, was only for military work either at home or overseas, and the money needed to carry on the work of the Local association for the coming year will have to be secured at a later date.

We are indebted to the Ladies Auxiliary for work during the year, in helping to entertain conventions and for work general oversight and help in parlor and kitchen. Their kindly co-operation is much appreciated.

I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their hearty support and for their kind consideration of me as president. Mr. Bain, our General Secretary should be thanked for his constant interest in the work of the Association and commended for his careful attention to all the numerous details of business. I am also glad to refer to the efficient help given by Mr. Parker in the Boys' Department. I wish to thank the people of Truro, the people of Truro; and in the name of the Board of Directors, for their generous financial support which has enabled the Association to meet its obligation promptly during the year, and to bespeak the same hearty support of the Board who may be elected for the coming year.

Report of Ladies Auxiliary.

The Ladies Auxiliary held four regular and two special meetings during the season. On account of our members being so busy over patriotic work our meetings were poorly attended. No effort was made to raise funds. In March tea was provided by the Auxiliary for the Students Conference held in Truro from which \$25.00 was realized.

Our treasurer reports \$46.28 cash in hand at this date.
F. E. McKay,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report 1917-18.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	\$281.75
Membership Men	1616.50
Membership Boys	118.00
Billiards	214.19
Bowling	81.17
Subscriptions	1633.55
Rents	41.00
Lectures, collections	87.57
Miscellaneous	44.00
	4117.73

War Work	
County Subscriptions	2035.52
Town Subscriptions	4223.30
	10376.55

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	1394.50
Printing	35.65
Postage	35.65
Office Supplies	13.04
Light	103.89
Heat	245.24
Repairs	229.92
Telephone	40.38
Insurance	50.00
Billiards	52.60
Bowling	32.33
Reading Room	39.62
Gymnasium	8.25
Lectures	83.15
Interest	139.05
Janitor	342.70
Athletic Field	18.67
Foreign work	100.00
Campaign expenses	53.55
Miscellaneous	41.80
Notes	575.63
Balance on hand	513.76

War work, remitted	\$200.00
War Work, on hand	58.82
	10,376.55
Geo. W. Pollock, Treasurer.	

Auditors Report 1917-18.

Truro, N. S., May 18th-18
We have today examined the books receipts and vouchers of the Truro Y.M.C.A. for the year ending April 30th, 1918; and find the same correct

and according to the certified statement.

Signed,
F. W. ROBERTSON,
J. M. CARLETON,
Auditors.
**Financial Committee Report
1917-18.**

The financial year started with a balance of \$281.75 on hand from the previous year. Late in May a campaign was started to secure \$3,000.00 for the local work and \$2,000.00 for the War Work. This campaign was very successful \$10,341.62 being secured in cash and pledges. Of this amount \$9,312.37 had been collected up to April 30th, \$3,000.00 of this was taken for the local work and the balance \$6,312.37, less \$53.55 for campaign for expenses, sent for War Work. An endeavor is being made to secure the balance, \$1,029.25 and what is collected will be sent for overseas work. During the year \$575.63 was paid off outstanding notes. After all bills for the year had been paid a balance of \$513.76 was on hand.

The following is a statement of cash assets and liabilities:—

Cash on hand	513.76
Deficit	1286.24

Liabilities	1800.00
Notes	1800.00
G. A. CREELMAN Chairman Financial Com.	

**Physical Committee Report
1917-18.**

During the summer two days a week the boys were taken to the River and those who needed it taught swimming.

The early summer months found a large number of boys using the T.A.A.C. Grounds for games and athletics.

In the Fall an Athletic Meet was held. There were 151 entries for the 24 events and 24 prizes were given, one for each event and a grand prize for the winner of the most points.

During the season 2,705 games were played on the Bowling Alleys. Three Leagues were played during the season.

Gymnasium classes were held for four different groups, two classes a week for each group. The classes were Boys; Academy Students; Young Men; and Business Men. The interest was better than last year particularly with the Boys and Business Men's Classes.

H. V. KENT,
Chairman Physical Com.

**Educational Committee Report.
1917-18.**

The reading room is the only educational feature handled by this committee, they beg to report the following papers and magazines secured for the reading room;

- Popular Mechanics.
- Life
- Saturday Evening Post
- Cosmopolitan
- Everybody's
- Scientific American
- Outlook
- Canadian Courier
- Literary Digest
- American Review of Reviews.
- Montreal Daily Star.
- Toronto Daily Globe
- Halifax Herald.
- Halifax Chronicle
- Truro Daily News
- Maritime Baptist
- Wesleyan
- Presbyterian Witness
- Church Work.
- The Casket
- The Sentinel
- Hants Journal.
- Weekly Monitor.
- Advertiser
- Acadian
- Yarmouth Times
- Digby Courier

J. E. BARTEAUX,
Chairman Educational Com.

**Building Committee Report.
1917-18.**

The Building Com. beg to report the following repairs alterations, and renovating during the past year:

The two rooms on the Pleasant Street side of the building were made into one big room for the Boys. The partition was taken down and the walls kalsomined and painted, and the lighting rewired.

The reading room was papered and painted. The bowling alleys were scraped and polished.

The Gymnasium was oiled. The front steps were repaired. Sanitary drinking fountains were installed in the boys room and in the mens department.

The drainage from the basin in the office which had been running into a barrel and gave a lot of trouble thru freezing in the winter, was connected with the sewer.

Plaster in the Gym and the Bowling Alleys was repaired.
W. M. FERGUSON,
Chairman Building Com.

REPORT OF SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg to report on opening social last year, partly due to the ladies of the Red Cross doing so much work and later on the Halifax explosion.

Two billiard tournaments were held during the year. A billiard cue was given the winner of the first and a fountain pen as the prize for the second.

There were a total of 1,427 games played on the English Billiard table and a large number on the pocket billiard table.

F. M. BLOIS,
Chairman Social Committee.

Boys Work Committee Report.

The Committee on Boy's Work herewith submits its report for the year ending April 30th 1918.

Early in the year it was decided that more and better accommodation should be made for the large number of boys attending the Y.M.C.A. Accordingly the two small rooms on the west of the building were made into one, with a separate entrance on Pleasant Street, the said room and entrance to be exclusively for boys use. The room is equipped with, pocket billiard table; small billiard table; shuffle-board; checkers; reading table with magazines; library; and sanitary drinking fountain. The boys appreciate the accommodations given them and altogether the arrangement is proving very satisfactory.

There are at present eighty-eight members in the Boy's department, and the average daily attendance is forty.

From November eight to eleventh, 1917, the Nova Scotia Boys Work Conference was held in Truro with a total attendance of 231 delegates all of whom were entertained by Truro Homes.

Asid from the incalculable benefits derived from such a gathering the following definite results were noted:—

Five boys decided for the ministry; two for Y.M.C.A. work; three for other religious work; fifty for a Christian Life; and forty three Christian boys took decisive forward steps.

E. CHESLEY ALLEN,
Chairman Boys' Work Committee.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

After listening to the reports of the different committees, which cover the work of the year in detail, there is not much left for your Secretary to report. Perhaps an attempt to outline the general policy of the Truro Association for the year will be out of place at this time.

During the summer of 1917 it was thought by the Board that better service could be rendered by the Secretary if the building was closed during the afternoons and activities carried on for the boys at the T. A. A. C. Grounds and the swimming hole at Park Street Bridge. The early summer found a large number of boys using the grounds and taking part in the games and athletic sports. The swimming instruction was also very popular among the younger boys. It should be noted that these activities were not confined to the members of the Y.M.C.A. but any boy was welcomed to the games and the instruction. During the hot months the interest waned somewhat. In the fall an athletic meet for boys between 12-18 was held which was very successful. A large number took part and prizes and ribbons were given to the successful competitors.

With the coming of the winter months and the indoor work the problem of the supervision of the different activities in the building arose. The opening of the new boys department added to the difficulties. The Board decided that only way to meet the situation was to secure an assistant for the Secretary. Difficultly was found in securing a man who would give his whole time to it and eventually a man was found who could give part time to the work. Mr. Bernard Parker, a normal student, was engaged to give two hours every afternoon and two evenings a week. This gave an opportunity for better supervision than the previous year and resulted in a control that was beneficial to the work. Owing to the Secretary being able to give full attention to the Gymnasium Classes this season a better attendance and greater interest was shown in most of the classes.

In November the Annual Nova Scotia Boy's Work Conference was held in Truro and your Secretary was appointed secretary of the conference. It was a pleasure to work with the rest of the committee appointed from the churches to handle this conference. The delegates were placed in the hospitable homes of Truro and all went home richer in many ways for their visit to Truro.

During the past year many of our older members have enlisted and have gone to do their best to fight against the evil spirit that is rampant in the world today. In spite of this our boys membership has shown a slight

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increase during the year, the policy of the new room for the boys has attracted many new members. A good deal of this time was spent by your Secretary during the year making collection of pledges made during the joint campaign in the fall. Our Financial Chairman, W. A. Creelman was a faithful worker in this matter and lifted what would have been an immense burden from your Secretary's shoulders. This work done by your Secretary is mentioned in the hopes that the future policy of the Board will be so fashioned that as little of this work as possible will be left for the Secretary. It has a detrimental effect on the more important work.

Any success that has been attained in our work this past year is in a large measure due to the sympathetic and helpful co-operation of President Trueman and members of the Board of Directors. Our local press deserve our hearty thanks for the help they have given us in the work. We fully appreciate the help of all the members who have shown an active interest in the work for young men.

Truro has always in the past shown her ability to stand second to none in the maintenance of all organizations and institution that are working for the betterment of humanity and the safeguarding of the worlds democracy. The Red Cross and all its auxiliaries; the Patriotic Fund; and the Y.M.C.A. War Work; have all fared well at her hands. If ever the Y.M.C.A. as an institution has shown its right to a place in the world of to-day it has been through these days of storm and stress. Its ability to take hold of a great opportunity has commended it to our highest statesmen; the leaders of our military organizations; and to the boys for who it is working. Let us not forget that it is the local Associations that made the greater work of today possible, and that the great war work will make for a greater need for the local associations in the very near future. Truro has one of the oldest organizations on this continent and should be proud of having maintained it thru many years when the movement was not very popular. We feel sure that Truro will keep up the local association even though the times get many times harder than they are now, and looking forward to the greater need will look forward to a better, larger, and fully equipped building, to meet the need.

Election of Officers.

The report of the nominating committee was received as follows:—

- J. M. Trueman
- C. E. Vail
- H. V. Kent
- W. M. Ferguson
- J. E. Bartheaux
- E. H. Abbott
- Respectfully submitted
- E. C. Allen
- H. B. McLaughlin
- Fred Blois
- J. E. Davison
- W. A. Creelman, Chairman

Nominating Committee.
On motion the above men were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for three years.
The meeting adjourned after prayer and the singing of the national anthem.

Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK CAMPAIGN \$7,500. \$5,300 MARK REACHED, \$2,300 STILL NEEDED.

The total of \$5,300 was reported last night for the collectors. The following are some of the subscription.—

W. A. Creelman	\$1.00
Martin Dickie	1.00
Mrs. John Stanfield	1.00
R. McG. Archibald	1.00
A. H. Wilson	50.
A. Friend	50.
Dr. J. B. Calkin	50.
News Pub. Co.	50.
Crowe Bros.	50.
A. E. Hunt	50.
Fred Prince	30.
Normal Y. W. C. A.	25.
C. C. Zind	30.
Bigelow & Hood	25.
W. H. Snook & Co.	25.
G. W. Reid	25.
L. C. Harlow	25.
C. E. Vail	25.
G. H. Vail	25.
J. W. McCosh	25.
C. A. Archibald	25.
E. G. Moxon	25.
J. E. Bartheaux	25.
J. H. Gillespie	25.

GOOD LUCK IN THE AIR—HUN BALLOON DOWN IN FLAMES

London, May 9—The official statement on aerial operations last night says: "Flying again was impossible, Tuesday until after five o'clock, because of the pouring rain. The weather then cleared suddenly, and machines were sent out. Four hundred bombs were dropped on different targets all along the front. Twelve hostile machines were brought down in fighting eight of which were accounted for in a big encounter in the neighborhood of Douai. A German observation balloon was bombed down in flames. None of our machines are missing."

HOME RULE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED SOON.

London, May 9—Right Hon. A. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons, yesterday that he hoped the Home Rule Bill would be introduced before Whit Sunday.

A Grippe Epidemic

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