

ENTHUSIASM AND OPTIMISM PREVAILED

Get-Together Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Largely Attended—Team Work Necessary, Says New Secretary—Forum Meetings to be Frequent—Suggestions as to 1921 Programme.

A Get-Together meeting, at which an account of the first year's activities of the Chamber of Commerce was given and suggestions were made for the improvement of Belleville was held last night in the city hall, the attendance of members of the Chamber being very gratifying, about two hundred being present. The new secretary, Mr. J. O. Herity, was welcomed and the new regime was inaugurated under the most favorable auspices.

Those on the platform included Ald. Jamieson Bone, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. J. Graham, Mr. W. B. Deacon, President John Elliott of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, Mr. MacRobertson, Mr. Wickett of Hamilton, Mr. McMillan, of the Canadian City Bureau and Mr. J. O. Herity, the new secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. R. J. Graham was chairman and addressing the meeting said: "This is your Chamber of Commerce. The idea of the organization is to get over the difficulty which is experienced in church, in politics and organizations of a few people, conducting nearly all the business. The object of this meeting is to have a general discussion of various problems."

President Bone reviewed work. President Ald. Jamieson Bone declared the meeting was a good representation of the Chamber of Commerce members. He reviewed the situation to date. One year ago the Chamber was organized. New premises were acquired and the citizens of Belleville should do every thing possible to retain these headquarters. He pointed out the progress of the Bay Bridge purchase. Shortly it will be free. Ald. Bone predicted untold benefits from a free bridge. They must be seen to be appreciated. The directors during the year had met once a week for discussion. A booklet had been issued and every copy had been distributed. The president referred to the Chautauque of 1920, and pointed out that a Chautauque course would be given here again in 1921. One of the jobs to be undertaken at the New Year is to get out a new book. Suggestions were welcomed from everybody as to the preparation of this booklet.

"I am sure the new secretary has the confidence of the people," said Ald. Bone. Mr. Herity is starting in at the New Year. "I hope the members will rally around the Chamber and the new secretary."

"I believe Mr. Herity has done more to build up Belleville and create a community spirit than any one class in the city. The reason is because he knows how. (Cheers.) Mr. Herity has striven to build up our city. I think he has advocated that everybody must do his bit for the city."

Col. Marsh, W. B. Deacon, W. R. McCreary and Col. E. D. O'Flynn are the retiring directors. Ald. Bone paid a tribute to the tireless efforts of these men. Ald. Bone referred to the large number of industries the Chamber was in touch with. There is one handicap to our getting new industries. We have no empty buildings.

1920 Council's Work. The president paid a tribute to the Belleville City Council. He said he did not think he would be standing for re-election. "I am quite satisfied that the work performed during the past two years has been for the betterment of Belleville. I believe we have the best looking city between Montreal and Toronto. We have, we adjusted the gas plant and the service has become absolutely satisfactory. We have had some advertising through Heaton's Agency, several industries being available he thought. Ald. Bone thought he was the first man to suggest a labor bureau for Belleville. He had consistently advocated some ladies going into the Board of Education. He said that if any of our citizens are willing to pay for improvements they should get them. Council was to be commended for carrying out the wishes of the people.

Bridge St. East Pavement. Ald. Bone said that before his departure from Belleville early in the summer, it was decided at a meeting that Bridge St. East pavement should not be built this year owing to the high cost. On June 26, the work was undertaken. On July 12th he came back and was surprised and pleased that the work of paving Bridge street east was begun. He read the following recommendation of the council of June 7th: "Hanna-Ostrom: That Ald. Bone be granted leave of absence for one month from June 14th and that Ald. Ostrom be appointed to sign cheques and otherwise take up his duties during his absence."

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Industrial Research. Dr. Wickett, of Hamilton, an old Belleville boy spoke of Belleville and its advantages. He heartily endorsed everything he had heard at the meeting. He was Hamilton in thought and yet Belleville he felt has greater advantages in waterfront and electric power. Belleville has great railway facilities. Then think of the firming facilities and our rich resources of the County of Hastings. He spoke in favor of a provincial foundation for scientific and industrial research in the province. How investigations were carried out in the great foundations in the United States, he explained. Men came to one research institute, working out problems affecting hundreds of thousands of workers.

Research and Wealth. We have in Hastings wonderful resources. We must see to it that we do our own developing. What help would it be to Belleville and Canada if the cheese industry were carried on as far as curds and the curds shipped out? Yet that is what we are doing with our resources, particularly in nickel and minerals. The faculty of applied science was most in need of research work. The Ontario Foundation for Scientific and Industrial Research might cost \$5,000,000 as some suggest. He thought the people would help in what was to result in an industrial development.

here for nothing? There are double the number here now than there were 14 years ago. There is more money in Belleville than ever before and more in Canada. Our merchants can compete with any. Our factories are sending out goods. All we want is more people. We want pavements and we cannot have them without spending money. Mr. Elliott said Belleville should be proud of its pavements and sidewalks. It should be seen to that every man shovel his sidewalk.

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Reception to New Secretary. The new secretary, Mr. Herity, was given a warm reception as he arose to address the meeting. He mentioned the expression of good will which had come to him in reference to the appointment, this leading him to believe that with the united good will of the people the Chamber of Commerce could accomplish much.

He was surprised to find himself in the position. The Board of Directors had thought he could do the work and had asked him to do it. So he promised his best efforts in the office.

Every Member a Partner. The Chamber of Commerce had not been brought down to the private member, who had not been made to feel as much as he should have been that he was a member. To make the members feel that they were the Chamber of Commerce was necessary. The idea of the Chamber as an organization is to make every member a partner.

Value of Team Work. Ten years ago when he came to Belleville the city had a population of about 9,500 people. The people seemed pessimistic at that time. It was not 9,500 people working together, but 9,500 individuals. The trouble is that we have had a great deal of misdirected energy in kicking in Belleville. Team work is essential for progress.

The Ideal City. The ideal city, had said Dr. Flint possesses attractiveness, healthfulness, educational facilities, recreation progressiveness and so forth. A salesman must have confidence in the goods he is going to sell. The same is true of the advantages of the city. At a far distant future date a forum meeting is to be held to see where we fall short of the ideal city and then to remedy the weak points will be the object. If any one had helpful suggestions to make, he would be pleased to lay them before the directors.

Belleville's Advantages. Mr. John Elliott, president of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce, addressed the gathering at some length. He said: "I am beginning to feel like one of the old citizens of Belleville. We find fault from time to time with the council and Chamber of Commerce." He favored public meetings to give faultfinders a rest. He did not know any city with greater advantages—water front, three railways, churches, schools.

City's Growth. "Do you think banks are coming here for nothing? There are double the number here now than there were 14 years ago. There is more money in Belleville than ever before and more in Canada. Our merchants can compete with any. Our factories are sending out goods. All we want is more people. We want pavements and we cannot have them without spending money. Mr. Elliott said Belleville should be proud of its pavements and sidewalks. It should be seen to that every man shovel his sidewalk.

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GOVERNOR GENERAL OPENS PEARSON HALL ANNEX

Last Wednesday His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire opened the Vocational Training School for Blind Soldiers in Toronto. Photo shows, left to right: Mrs. Lionel Clarke; His Honor Lionel Clarke, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire; His Excellency the Governor-General, and Col. Noel Marshall of Toronto, the war time President of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Ferguson Leads Conservatives

Convention Attaches String to Leadership of Ferguson—Blow Struck at Boss Rule.

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—A new voice, loud, clear and insistent, will be heard in future in the councils of the Conservative party in Ontario—the voice of the rank and file. They received their political emancipation at the hands of the big convention which concluded its business in Massey Hall last night. From now on they will be something more than the hewers of wood and haulers of water. No longer will the machine bosses control the destinies of the party. Their wings have been clipped by the formation of a new governing body, provincial-wide in its scope and endowed with the power of making or unmaking its leader. It will practically have the right of the recall, and will summon conventions every three years. The creation of this body marks a new era in the history of the party.

Ferguson the Winner. When the convention opened yesterday, the selection of a leader was the principal business. Hon. Howard Ferguson received the position. The other contestants were Hon. Gen. Ross and Hon. G. S. Henry. Of the 1884 ballots cast, Mr. Ferguson received more than the combined vote of the other two who promptly made the election unanimous.

Previous to the voting the former minister of lands and forests made a heated attack on Judges Riddle and Latchford for their findings in the timber investigation, accused them of being partisan and biased and out to "get Ferguson." To Liberal Leader Dewar he also paid his respects, declaring that that gentleman's fingers reeked with corruption. Nor was Crown Prosecutor Harding forgotten, and he, along with the others, may expect to have his "hide hung on the fence" for the part he took in the timber probe, because Mr. Ferguson assured the convention that he did not propose to sit quietly down when wrongly charged with all sorts of things.

But the crowd had heard enough about the timber investigation and became restless. Many left the hall and Mr. Ferguson quickly concluded his address.

Side-tracked Liquor Question. When the liquor question came up it looked for a while as if there would be fireworks. Things, however, were smoothed over and discussion was deferred. When it came up later there was very little interest manifested, and the views of the convention were epitomized in the following colorless and non-contentious resolution, fathered by David Spence, Toronto, and Geo. Spotton, Wingham: "That this convention deplore the flagrant lack of enforcement of the Ontario Temperance Act and the lawlessness so prevalent throughout the province, and in the opinion that such measures should be adopted as will improve the present unsatisfactory situation and carry out the law in accordance with public opinion."

Hot Shot for Judges. The convention's feelings regarding the timber inquiry were embodied in a resolution sponsored by W. S. Davis, that those in charge of it were actuated by a desire to fix the odium of fraudulent transactions on the Conservative party, and the in- term reports issued by the judges

Wedding Bells

On Wednesday, December 1st at the Redfernville Parsonage, Miss Mary Cairns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Cairns, of Ameliasburg, was united in marriage with Ernest Leslie VanAlstyne, of Sophiasburg, Rev. L. M. Sharpe, officiating.

Obituary

MICHAEL KELLEHER. The death occurred Wednesday morning at the General Hospital of Michael Kelleher. He was born in Belleville in 1854 and spent his entire life here. He was a son of the late Michael Kelleher. In early life he was in the service of the Grand Trunk and later had been with the Elliott Co. Surviving are three brothers—William and Charles of Belleville and John of Trenton. He was a widower. Mr. Kelleher belonged to St. Michael's Church. He had been ill but a few days.

Home-made Still is Found in Port Hope

By License Inspector on Searching a Merchant's Store There.

COBOURG, Dec. 3.—License Inspector Goodrich, of Cobourg, was in Port Hope this week, and as a result of his visit there a case of breach of the O.T.A., as well as obstructing an officer, will be laid in police court there on Monday against a merchant there. It was suspected that the man in question was selling liquor to a returned soldier there, who is very ill from the effects of the liquor consumed, so ill in fact that little hope is held out for his recovery. Several samples of the brand of liquor were obtained, and are more like home-brew concoctions of shellac, alcohol and turpentine. The place of business of the man in question was searched, and a home-made still found, and on the inspector finding this he was threatened with his life. During the past two years three men have died from the effects of drinking poisonous liquor, and the authorities are trying to find out who the guilty parties are. In this respect Cobourg bootleggers are more honest than Port Hope's. While here liquor is often watered, so far consumers have not reported getting poisonous liquor.

Million Dollar Company Will Locate in Deseronto

Will Start in a Small Way in Old Rathburn Buildings West of Mill Street, Deseronto.

Prospects are bright for a new industry in Deseronto. During the past couple of weeks a gentleman has been in town trying to interest local capital in the opening of a factory for the manufacture of wire goods, stamped metal goods, certain kinds of electrical goods, automobile specialties, metal fittings, auger bits, wrenches, etc.

The promoter's efforts to interest capital here has resulted in nearly \$12000 being subscribed. Plans are to take over the machine shop and smithy, and secure for extension, the old sash and door factory of the Rathburn Company.

The company which is incorporated by letters patent has a capitalization of one million dollars. Head office will be in Montreal.

The Post is informed that nearly \$25000 has already been subscribed—a part of which was put up in Montreal. Men will be here at once to install machinery. From ten to twenty-five hands will be employed to get the business going will be rushed with a possibility of manufacture beginning early in the new year.

It is presumed that in the meantime shareholders and directors will meet, reorganize the company, and get everything down to a working basis.—Deseronto Post.

L. Burke Was Sent Up For Six Months

Witness in Cornell Case Faced Charge and Was Fined \$100.00.

Lawrence Burke was found guilty of sale of liquor by Magistrate Mason in police court yesterday afternoon and sentenced to a term of six months in the county jail at hard labor without the option of a fine as this was his second offence.

From a Bard's Wounds

Battle With Beast Work Warehouse.

Dec. 3.—In a terrible battle with a leopard in a dark East Tenth street parking of November 20, a man, of 48 Street, became known as a victim of injuries that caused a stay in Belleville Hospital, owner of the red the place unarmored and other anti-upward. The leopard, as such as a Doberman, bit him from a corner, in the man's neck.

Termin's watchman in his home early in the morning to tell him the collector stored in the warehouse Island Amise had caused a disturbance in the vicinity was echoes.

Hurried to the warring doors against the watchman, he and, raising an electric to inspect the crowd greeted him, and forward another pace through the air to him. The torch was in his hand and the next man's teeth had met in shoulder.

He was hurried to Belleville where attention developed, and acted spinal meningitis. Death followed.

LATE MARY SHEEHAN The remains of the late Miss Mary A. Sheehan, who died in Montreal on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, arrived here last evening and were taken to the private funeral parlors of the Belleville Funeral Company, Campbell St., whence the funeral will be held tomorrow morning to St. Michael's Church.

BIKES AWAIT OWNERS. Two bicycles await owners at the police station. These were found some days ago by the police on the streets.