

OPTIONAL SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT ENDORSED

Ontario Associated Boards of Trade Approve of Legislation Giving Municipalities Authority to Decide on Form of Municipal Government—Provincial Museum Suggested.

The Associated Boards of Trade on Friday afternoon unanimously approved of a resolution submitted by the St. Thomas Board of Trade in favor of legislation providing for the optional system for municipal government. The resolution follows:

Whereas in view of the fact that a number of the cities in the Western Provinces, also in the Maritime Provinces in this Dominion, having worked out a system of Municipal Government which is apparently giving every satisfaction; and whereas in view of the fact that some cities are under a commission form of Government and some are being managed by a city manager;

And whereas we believe that a better system of municipal government can be arrived at, than is at present in effect;

Be it therefore resolved that the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce recommend to the Provincial Legislature that they provide for an optional system of municipal government for cities and towns in this province, viz. to consist of a council with its present legislative authority, or a city manager, or a board consisting of the mayor and such of the permanent officials as the council shall appoint to administer the affairs of the municipality as a whole.

Mr. E. A. Horton, of St. Thomas, represented St. Thomas Board in presenting the resolution. Cities wanted relief from the obsolete manner of government for cities under 50,000. Larger cities have their boards of control. Smaller cities can only get relief by private legislation. Belleville may seek a private bill to authorize the change of form of municipal government. There are 345 cities in the U.S. under the commission form of government or run by a city manager. There is a similar law in Alberta and New Brunswick giving such authority.

Citizens regret the waste of money under the present system. St. Thomas could have saved thousands of dollars by having a city manager.

All that was asked by the resolution was to let the people of a municipality have the authority to determine whether they wanted to be run by a city manager or commission. The mover thought it a step in the right direction.

Ald. Bone seconded the resolution. Belleville council was, he said, submitting the question to the ratepayers in January. The council favored the city manager plan.

S. H. Kent, of Hamilton, said the municipality had power now to appoint a manager. They have not the power to elect a manager or change the form of government. It would be necessary to have legislation. He had never been in favor of the commission form of government. We never had in Canada the graft and corruption of American cities. He blamed the citizens for the lack of interest in municipal affairs. Who are the men elected today? Those who are practically self-nominated.

Nobody voted against the resolution. Mr. Waddle introduced a resolution regarding bounty to manufacturers by securing an equivalent to the drawback.

Mr. G. C. Martin, of Hamilton introduced a resolution regarding allowing officers to demand naturalization papers if they are found not of British or Anglo-Saxon birth that they be forthwith deported. The matter was referred to the executive.

"That the Ontario Government should consider the far-reaching value of a Museum of Natural Products of the province so arranged as to show such products in their natural and finished states with full information as to their extent and location, available power transportation facilities, their various uses and such other facts as will be of value to investors and manufacturers," was the import of a resolution from Toronto Board of Trade, introduced by Mr. C. J. Dunstan. The resolution was approved of, believing that this would be of material assistance in the development of the province.

Col. C. R. McCullough, of Hamilton, introduced a resolution from Hamilton Board relating to fostering of trade with the West Indies by

the visit of representatives of the various boards of trade to the West Indies. Mr. Waddle, of Hamilton, supported the resolution. Much of the goods made here are not suitable for the West Indies, but our grain, flour, cement and fruit are desired. A large trade can be built up. The resolution was adopted.

A resolution relating to the luxury tax from Belleville was withdrawn by Mr. C. M. Reid, as the act relating to luxury tax would be radically changed.

Mr. George H. Smith, of Cochrane spoke in support of a resolution on the North Bay-Cochrane highway. The boards decided to suggest that the proposed highway be included in the general provincial highway scheme.

Votes of thanks to the mayor, the city council, and the members of the Belleville Club for their courtesy to the delegates, were passed.

The convention came to an end at 4.30 p.m.

The Associated Boards of Trade yesterday adopted the resolution of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce regarding the development of Hydro Electric Power, introduced by Mr. R. J. Graham. The resolution follows:—That in the opinion of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce who believe that herein they are the interpreters and exponents of the public opinion of the Province, the government should utilize all water power and encourage and substantially aid in the development of every possible unit of electrical energy at reasonable cost.—(1) for manufacturing and mining purposes; (2) to supply the lack of coal and render Ontario less dependent for supply from United States; (3) for municipal and local household purposes, including distribution among the agricultural community, as far as possible.

Mr. Graham referred to the development still possible of 4,500,000 H.P. There are three dams on the Trent River, which are having water run over the tops. He referred to the difficulty between the government and the Hydro.

Mr. Hall, of Parry Sound, spoke of misapplication of funds by the Hydro. There were people who think that the Hydro should be absolute in control and make a sink hole of money. He did not think so.

Mr. Burgoyne thought not the Hydro but the people had fallen down in not providing funds for development. The resolution carried.

Torrens System of Land Titles.

Ald. Bone introduced a resolution from the Belleville Chamber on the Torrens System of Land Titles, which was adopted.—That in the opinion of the Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of the Province of Ontario, the development of the province agriculturally and the providing of homes for workmen, and the dealing with real property, will be greatly facilitated by the adoption in this province of the Torrens System of Land Titles, where practicable.

Mr. Cocksbutt, M.P., of Brantford, and Col. Ponton spoke in favor of the resolution from Toronto board regarding the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

The Associated Boards placed on record their strong protest against any suggestion that would tend towards the abolishment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, or with any interference with the time-honored and inalienable right of His Majesty's subjects to take their disputes to the foot of the throne for disposition and protested against any move that might in the last analysis, seem to have the effect of lessening our connection with the Mother Country, and possibly create in foreign countries the false impression that Canadians wish to weaken the ties which bind them to the great commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire.

Associated Boards were emphatically opposed to the proposal that the appeal (so far as Canadians are concerned) to the Judicial Commit-

tee to the Privy Council be abolished.

The resolution carried, the speakers looking on the Privy Council as the unalienable right of every subject.

Hamilton Board of Trade supported a levy of 25c per capita on membership of boards to raise a fund in order to make the Associated Boards function throughout the year. The resolution was referred to the executive to report upon at the next annual meeting.

K. J. Dunstan, Toronto, introduced on behalf of Toronto Board of Trade a resolution on assessment and taxation. The per cent method of assessment and taxation throughout Canada constitutes discrimination as between merchants carrying on the same kind of business in different places. It was urged that there should be greater uniformity so as to eliminate or reduce this discrimination. Toronto Board's resolution was that the Boards request some competent authority to take the necessary steps to call together in conference recognized experts from the various provinces to discuss this important problem and make such recommendations to their respective governments as will tend to standardize the methods of assessment and taxation throughout the Dominion, and that the executive be instructed to confer with the Dominion and Provincial Governments with respect to bringing about such conference.

Mr. J. G. Elliott moved, seconded by Col. Ponton, that the Associated Boards regret the condition of health and pressure of work render it impossible for Mr. Arthur Hewitt, first vice-president of election, to take on the duties of president.

A resolution was passed expressing thanks to Dr. Coughlin, superintendent of the Ontario School for the Deaf for the reception of the delegates and praising the work done in the interests of the deaf.

Albert College Social at Y. M. C. A.

Gym Games Held Attention of the Students.

On Friday night the Albert students and faculty spent a social evening at the Y.M.C.A. Gym games were indulged in for the greater part of the evening during which time the students had a great deal of fun and enjoyment under the direction of Mr. Chas. Keeber who had charge of this part of the program. Prizes were presented to the winners in each event, the ladies receiving a box of chocolates and the gentlemen were presented with useful but valuable gifts. The popular view of the evening was that of Miss Gardiner and Prof. Staples when they handily won the one minute walk. No doubt Prof. Staples' musical training assisted in this event as his sense of time was very evident. At the close of the program refreshments were served by a group of young ladies of the "Y" who were assisted by members of the senior auxiliary. Thanks are due to the young people of the Epworth League who supplied the sandwiches. After some complimentary remarks from Mr. Mason, representing the student body and Messrs Broekel and Keeber of the "Y" the group gathered in a fellowship circle and sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King".

Splendid Lecture on Newer Canadianism

Col. Chas. R. McCullough, of Hamilton Addresses Women's Canadian Club of Belleville.

Col. Chas. R. McCullough, founder of Canadian Clubs, and honorary president of the association of Canadian Clubs gave a very interesting lecture on "The Newer Canadianism" to the Women's Canadian Club of Belleville in the High School Assembly room last night.

Col. McCullough reviewed the early history of Canada and read extracts from the speeches made by several of the fathers of Confederation. D'Arcy McGee and Mrs. Susanna Moodie which showed the vision that these people had for Canada at that time which has materialized as they foresaw it.

Men from Montreal and Quebec are bringing their sons to Toronto University to learn English and the sons of Ontario men are going to McGill University to learn French, thus bringing closer together upper and lower Canada.

In the Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal, there is a book called "The Record of Ages" in which the noble deeds of twenty-two Frenchmen in fighting the Iroquois in 1660 is written. They fought for the love of their country. The men who fought in the great war had the same spirit as the gallant twenty-two had in 1660.

Canadians must learn to appreciate all good. There is an invasion being made by the United States into Canada, not an invasion in the war-like term of the word but by propaganda good and bad. Nearly all magazines for public perusal in libraries and American, bundles of American newspapers are sent for sale Saturday evening, the majority of the plays which come from the States are excellent and the picture shows are not very elevating. Col. McCullough asks: "When are we going to strike?"

He says the Canadian clubs ought to get busy. They ought to refuse the Hearst publications and they should demand a higher class of plays and pictures.

The I.W.W.'s and Red propagandists in this country must be dealt with.

Canadians should get inspiration from the wonderful songs of her poets and from the thoughts of her philosophers and great writers.

Canada is a nation amongst nations, a nation among a family of nations of the British Empire with Great Britain as the great light. Canada demands her place among nations and she must determine her lot.

We must not depress the patriotic spirit of country, or be other than ourselves but be good living Canadians and build up a national spirit. We must build up our character. A Canadian soldier could be discerned in any crowd, he was not an imitator and the spirit of Canadian men was shown on many occasions in France. Canadians must have the pluck to get up and criticize and point out weaknesses, and get a national, imperial and world view. We must build up the newer Canadianism.

Mrs. (Dr.) Tower in a few well chosen words moved a vote of thanks to Col. McCullough, which was seconded by Mrs. (Dr.) Kinneer. Mrs. S. D. Lazler, who is President of the Women's Canadian Club, opened the meeting.

ON PROVINCIAL POLICE.

E. A. Rae, Toronto, has been appointed to the staff of the provincial police and will be in charge of Leeds and Grenville. The new officer will make his headquarters at Brockville.

GANANQUE BOYS' PROMOTION.

James F. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, Gananoque, has been on the staff of the Muskogee, Mich. Daily Chronicle for some months past. Recently he was promoted to the position of sporting editor of the paper, and is well qualified to fill it. This paper is owned by the Booth Syndicate, and is one of the many dailies controlled by them in the states of Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana.

FURNITURE FACTORY OPENS IN JANUARY.

The installing of the machinery at the Langslow-Fowler Company plant at Cobourg, will be completed very shortly and it is now expected that everything will be in readiness to commence operations about the first of January. The first activities of the new industry will be directed to the manufacturing of school desks and also the manufacture of canoes, the latter at the new plant, which has absorbed what was formerly known as the Rice Lake Canoe business of Gore's Landing.

The foundation for the new canoe manufacturing building is laid and it is expected that it will be completed about the beginning of the new year.

COMPELLED TO LEAVE OWING TO ILLNESS.

The many friends of Mr. W. A. Ward, of Bancroft, will regret to learn that he has been compelled through illness to leave his position at the station and seek restorative health in a hospital at Peterboro. Mr. Ward, accompanied by Mrs. Ward, left on Friday. His many friends in Bancroft trust that medical assistance will completely restore his health and that he will be able to resume his duties at an early date.

KILLED FOUR BEARS.

In a lively chase lasting a day and a half, Messrs Roy and E. Sears of Bird's Creek, shot and killed four bears one day last week. Farmers in that vicinity have been missing sheep of late and in the extermination of this family believe the mystery has been solved. Bears are plentiful in the north this fall. Several hunting parties had the luck of bagging one or two.

TAXES WELL PAID.

Havelock tax payers took advantage of the three per cent discount to such an extent that the sum of \$15,500 was paid in to Collector Mc-Nicol on Saturday night last. A little over \$18,000, and those still owing the town would be well advised to pay up before the 30th of this month, as after that date five per cent will be added.

WEDDING IN CLOUDS.

A wedding in the clouds, with eight guests in addition to the clergyman, and bow man, took place last month in an aeroplane flying over Ontario. The ceremony of the marriage of Miss Vera Gower to C. H. Mann took place according to the Ontario Statute, when the machine was a mile from the ground. Captain F. R. Stackard, a friend of the bride and groom, was at the wheel and the Rev. J. G. Eastbrook was the officiating clergyman.

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Escaped Through Furnace Room

John Williamson Found Bed Afire in Hotel.

"The man who set the Crystal Hotel afire on Saturday night," was the way in which Chief Kidd introduced a young man, John Williamson, of Toronto, to Magistrate Mason this morning.

John had an interesting time since Saturday. He claims to be afflicted with rheumatism. Arriving at the Crystal on Saturday night he rented a bedroom and went to bed. He awakened up to find the bedding afire. He rushed to the window and broke the glass in order to get air. P. C. White saw smoke issuing from the window, ran in a fire alarm and rushed upstairs. The mattress was thrown out into the gangway and then John got into the limelight. The officer accused John of intoxication and took him to the police station.

Yesterday at the police headquarters John began to groan and yell with pain. The officers let him out into the parade ground in the cell room and a doctor was sent for and went into the office. Suddenly there was a little noise and on investigation Williamson was found gone. He had gone down into the furnace room and opening the door used for taking out ashes, was this enough to crawl through.

G. T. R. Officer Donovan met him on Bridge Street, all covered with ashes and brought him back. Magistrate Mason this morning took his plea of guilty and remanded him for a week. The accused wanted to be let go home at once to go into a Toronto hospital. The court thought he was addicted to drugs but Williamson said he was drinking iodide of potassium for the rheumatism. Being so protive in his references to the Deputy, the Magistrate told him that if he did not cease another charge of using protive family might be put against him.

The class at the Crystal did not spread beyond the bedding.

MUST INSTALL PLANT.

Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, chief officer of health for the province, insists that Smith's Falls proceed at once with the installation of a filtration plant for its water supply. He claims that the unfiltered water serving the town is unfit for use and that chlorination, a temporary thing, should give way to a filtration plant. The Provincial Board of Health, he says, was at once called and is doing everything possible to save the sight of Stuart's eye.

BOY'S EYE REMOVED.

Master Stuart St. Michael, the five-year-old son of Hector St. Michael, should give way to a filtration plant. The Provincial Board of Health, he says, was at once called and is doing everything possible to save the sight of Stuart's eye.

Will Manage Store at Campbellford

Mr. Duncan Montgomery Appointed Manager of McIntosh Bros.

Mr. D. A. Montgomery, who has been for the past five months connected with the McIntosh Bros' store here has been transferred to the Campbellford branch as manager. Before entering the employ of McIntosh Bros., Mr. Montgomery was for eight years with the Ritchie Company, having come here from Stirling. He is very popular and courteous as his rapid promotion would indicate. Mr. Montgomery served overseas with the 80th battalion as signaller till the end of the war. He is a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mr. Montgomery will be greatly missed in town, but his many friends are much pleased at his promotion.

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ESTABLISHED

CANADIAN PORT

Forty-Five Mill Grain Slipped While U. S. the Embargo Ships Leave

DR. WILLIAM, Ont., while the United States is talking about an embargo on grain, exporters have moved over the border 45 bushels of "Western Canada" N. M. Patterson, prominent and grain man here, is reported for the statement.

The record wheat rush cut in the departure from this the past 24 hours of fifteen all laden to the coamings with and bound for United States notably Buffalo, practically any more that southern may take to save their home markets from the Canadian product.

Of 72,584,000 bushels received.

Chas. Thompson New Care

Public Building Successor to E. Haight.

Police Constable Charles Thompson of the Belleville Department received this morning from Ottawa, the following announcement: His appointment as chief of the Public Building Department has been confirmed.

Mr. Thompson was appointed at once from Mr. McDonald, as by law when you will do Donald wishes to hand a equipment, etc., over to you immediately.

"Gregory," "Architect in Charge of Y. M. C. A."

P. C. Thompson is a native of Ontario and has been an officer of the Police Force since January 1910, with the exception of two years and a half overseas, first the 33rd Battery, C.E.F. and instructor on the staff of the Canadian School of Gunnery in England. He came to Canada in 1900 and spent three years in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery at Kingston. Mr. Thompson's family is composed of his wife and a young daughter. His friends are delighted with his appointment.

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