

Payne, H. G. Bauld, A. E. Jones, J. E. DeWolf, H. L. Chipman, Hon. L. G. Power, J. A. Chipman, George E. Boak, Geoffrey Morrow, W. A. Black, I. H. Mathers. Council.—Messrs. W. J. Clayton, E. G. Kenny, James Hall, John Peters, A. M. Bell, G. E. Faulkner, Geo. Musgrave, E. G. Smith, H. L. Chipman, M. Carney, A. Mackinlay, W. A. Black, James Morrow, F. C. Simson, George E. Boak.

#### BRANDON BOARD OF TRADE.

On the 15th inst. the Brandon Board of Trade held its annual meeting, at which there were some fifty members present, and a generally optimistic tone was evident. The financial report showed the association to be in good shape.

The advisability of seeing American cattle, which drift over the border into the North-West Territories, taxed, according to law, was discussed, and steps were taken whereby the matter might be more closely brought before the proper authorities.

Mr. F. Nation was elected president for the ensuing year, John Hanbury, vice-president; Kenneth Campbell, secretary; and the following members of the council: Messrs. Inglis, Machaffie, Zink, Lindsay, J. Brown, Harcourt, Fraser, Rankin, McMillan, McDiarmid, F. W. Smith and Coldwell.

#### TRAIL BOARD OF TRADE.

The Trail Board of Trade has elected the following officers for the present year: President, E. S. Topping; vice-president, D. M. Stevens; secretary, E. N. Lewis; council, Messrs. Binns, Welch, Byers, Anderson, Weaver, Richard Coleman, Steele, McAnally, McKenzie and Schofield.

#### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Portage La Prairie Board was held on the 11th inst., when there was a large attendance of the prominent business men of the town. After the reading of the financial statement, which showed a very satisfactory position of the treasury, a discussion took place on the best methods to be employed to bring the importance of the town before the notice of the provincial railroads. There is a possibility of its becoming a divisional centre on the Canadian Northern system. An effort will be made to have railroad shops established there. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, W. Dickins; vice-president, W. Bell, and secretary-treasurer, H. W. B. Douglas (all re-elected). The following were elected for council: Messrs. E. Brown, W. J. Cooper, George Davidson, G. A. J. A. Marshall, C. R. Garland, C. S. Burley, W. J. May and Hroace Ormond.

It is stated that a large new bridge, independent of the one built by the C.P.R., is to be erected across the Red river, in Winnipeg.

#### OAK LAKE BOARD OF TRADE.

The above Board met at their annual meeting last week, and after reading of the reports, which were deemed very satisfactory, elected the following officers: A. Cameron, president; T. J. Parsons, vice-president; and Henry Stevens, secretary-treasurer. R. L. Hood, J. M. Bender and the above gentlemen were elected for the council.

#### QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of the Quebec Board of Trade took place on the 15th inst., when Ald. George Tanguay was elected president in succession to Mr. M. Joseph. Mr. John Ritchie was elected first vice-president, and Mr. P. J. Bazin, second vice-president. The annual report dealt with a number of important trade questions, and strongly urged upon the local government the establishment of suitable abattoirs. During the course of the meeting, great satisfaction was expressed with the formation of a Canadian Lloyds, and with the prospect for winter navigation in the future.

Mr. E. SPENCER JENNISON is arranging for an estimate to be made of the spruce and pulpwood existing in the neighborhood of Thunder Bay, with a view to the establishment of a large pulp mill at Port Arthur.

JOSEPH WEBB, of Ypsilanti, Mich., is arranging details for the projected Chatham and Kent radial electric line. The rates are to be cheap; 2 cents a mile when the passenger paid on the train; 1½ cents a mile when he bought a ticket at the station, and 1 cent a mile when he used a mileage book.

THE New Brunswick Government has inspected an area of some 40 square miles of coal fields in Queen's County, extending from Newcastle river on the east to Little River on the west, and proposes to assist in their development. The coal is mainly near the surface, and is estimated to be not less than 50,000,000 tons, and said to be of fine quality.

A REPORT proceeds from New York to the effect that the Vanderbilts are buying such stock in the Canada Southern Railway as they do not already own, with a view to the absorption of that property by the New York Central or the Michigan Central. The Canada Southern is now under lease to the Michigan Central, and is operated by that railroad. The lease expires January, 1904.

Less than two years ago, the Standard Manufacturing Co. (not incorporated), began the manufacture of tin cans, etc., in this city, but soon found that they had not sufficient capital for their needs. For the past two months they have been endeavoring to organize a joint stock company; meanwhile the business has been practically suspended. Failing to succeed in raising money, they were obliged to assign. Their assets, largely composed of machinery, etc., are between \$5,000 and \$6,000, with liabilities of a similar amount.

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