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BOARD OF TRADE OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

A THREE DAYS' CONVENTION IN KENTVILLE, N.S., THE PRETTY LITTLE TOWN
IN THE CORNWALLIS VALLEY.

THE sixth annual convention of the Board of Trade of the Maritime Provinces opened in Kentville, N.S., the pretty little town in the Cornwallis Valley, on Wednesday, August 15.

The sessions of the convention were held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, which the local board had tastefully decorated for the occasion with bunting, while over the platform was a large streamer with the word "Welcome" printed on it in letters of blue and red. It was the first occasion on which the Maritime Board of Trade has met in a hall decorated in its honor.

The first session was held on Wednesday evening. It was 8.30 o'clock when the president called the meeting to order, with the remark: "Gentlemen, I think the hour has now arrived when we should proceed to the business of the sixth annual session of the Maritime Board of Trade. I will now request the secretary to call the roll."

Secretary Calkin read the roll and the following delegates were reported for their respective boards of trade:

ST. JOHN, N.B.—W. M. Jarvis, C. W. Bostwick, L. G. Crosby, F. C. Allison, R. B. Emerson, J. Willard Smith.

HALIFAX, N.S.—W. A. Black (president), J. E. De Wolfe, Geo. J. Troop, C. M. Creed (secretary), E. G. Smith, F. C. Simpson, J. A. Chipman, J. Taylor Wood, J. P. Longard, I. C. Stewart, E. F. Stevens, George A. Hoak, A. E. Jones, Senator Power, George Mitchell, M.P.

KINGS COUNTY, N.S.—P. Innes (president), J. Hubbard, Ralph S. Eaton, A. Blahop.

KENTVILLE, N.S.—R. W. Eaton (president), H. H. Wickwire, M.P.P.; B. H. Dodge, M.P.P.; Col. L. D. V. Chipman, Judge Chipman, F. H. Armstrong (general passenger agent of D.A.R.), J. W. King.

TRURO, N.S.—Dr. W. & Muir.

BRIDGTON, N.S.—J. E. Woodworth.

PARSONS, N.S.—H. W. MacKenna, P. F. Lawson, James W. Day, E. R. Reid.

MIDDLETON, N.S.—Percey Bentley, W. G. Parson.

WESTVILLE, N.S.—A. R. Munro.

CHATHAM, N.B.—W. S. Loggie, D. G. Smith.
SUSSEX, N.B.—W. J. Mills, C. G. Armstrong, W. B. McKay, C. D. Davis.

WINDSOR, N.S.—Clarence H. Dimock, W. Kerr

Dimock, J. W. Blanchard, Dr. J. B. Black

WOLFVILLE, N.S.—Dr. DeWitt.

ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—Fred Ham

NEW GLADDOCK.—John Underwood.

CANNISQ, N.S.—W. Rand.

Just preceding the calling of the meeting to order, the following were invited to seats on the platform: Ex-presidents of the board, George J. Troop, Halifax, and W. M. Jarvis, St. John; Mayor Loggie, Chatham, N.B., and W. A. Black, president of the Halifax Board of Trade. President DeWolfe had Mr. Troop at his right and Mr. Jarvis at his left, and as he took his seat between them he remarked facetiously, "We divide Halifax and St. John because it is not safe to have them together."

There was a general laugh amid which Mr. Jarvis arose and facetiously remarked that there would be no danger at all were he and Mr. Troop put side by side.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter was read from the Lunenburg Board of Trade, regretting inability to send delegates. "But we will be there next year," wrote the secretary. The Stellarton board also wrote regretting inability to send representatives. Mr. D. G. Smith, of the Chatham board wrote, "We expect to have the board meet here next year."

"I am glad," remarked the president, "that we have an invitation from at least one place."

Among other letters read was one from Mr. D. J. McLaughlin, of the St. John, N.B., Board of Trade, in which he regretted that as he was compelled to go to Minnesota he would be unable to attend the convention.

"OLD HOME WEEK."

In a letter which was read from Mr. W. S. Fisher, of St. John, was the following:

In connection with the subject of better accommodation for tourists, it has been suggested that along these lines it might be well for the gathering to discuss the question of "Old Home Week," such as they have been having this week in Portland, Maine. It seems this idea was first originated in New Hampshire, and has been gradually extending. I presume you are aware of what it means. If not, allow me to state briefly that the object sought is to induce all the former residents of the State or Province to visit their old home. For this purpose a week has been set aside and advertised well in advance, when the railway and steamship companies offer for that period extremely low rates and passage from every part of the Union. This naturally brings a large concourse of people back to their former homes, renews acquaintances and keeps them in touch with it, whereas otherwise they would gradually lose entire touch with it. This revival of interest is a good thing from many points of view which I will not undertake to discuss, but which are apparent on the surface, and the expenditure of money is an important source of income to the community.

Applying this to the tourist question, it would appear that considerable good might be derived from such a movement if once started in the Maritime Provinces, as it would awaken an interest in the minds of many former residents and be an effective means of advertising the country. The matter could be taken up more effectively by all three Provinces working together, for the very good reason that all the transportation companies would in that case be much more deeply interested and their hearty approval and assistance would be absolutely necessary.

Messrs. C. W. Bostwick, St. John, and Percey Bentley, Middleton, were appointed auditors.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MANY IMPORTANT SUBJECTS DEALT WITH IN AN INTERESTING MANNER

President DeWolfe, in rising to deliver his annual address, was greeted with applause.