

Board of Trade Heard Facts on River Service.

No Resolutions Were Passed at Yesterday's Meeting, and a Lot of Business Still Stands Over.

Another meeting of the board of trade subsidy committee and council was held Wednesday, at which some detailed information was received and time wasted in arguments as to whether this information was worth hearing.

H. B. Schofield presided and there were present Samuel Schofield, D. J. McLaughlin, G. Fred Fisher, John McGoldrick, J. A. Lively, Inspector Olive, D. J. Purdy, John McMulkin, R. S. Orchard and Horace Waring.

Samuel Schofield read a series of questions which he moved should be asked all steamship agents in order that concise information should be had.

D. J. McLaughlin thought that perhaps the subsidy committee was going too extensively into the details of the board is to see that a satisfactory service is given and the government which pays the subsidy should secure the information asked for by Mr. Schofield.

J. A. Lively agreed with Mr. McLaughlin that the board had no right to go into details. Steamship owners were present as well as Inspector Olive, and all necessary information could be procured from them.

H. B. Schofield thought it would be no harm to pass the resolution in order that there might be some system in procuring the information. J. A. Lively seconded the motion and it passed.

The Star line is put down for a subsidy of \$500. R. S. Orchard said that the company received no subsidy. Two steamers ran last season, the Victoria and Majestic. Next season a new one will be put on, the Pokanoket.

The Victoria carries 750 passengers, the Majestic 400 and the Pokanoket 700. They are inspected once a year, make about ninety voyages, carry mails, call at all main river points and have large warehouses at St. John and Fredericton.

Samuel Schofield asked if some improvement could not be made in the landing of passengers, which is now often done by small boats.

Mr. Orchard explained that the government built the wharves, and that new ones are being built each season. During the summer perhaps not more than four or five boat stops are made.

Instead of building more new wharves it would be well for the government to improve the wharves already existing. The Star line will present all necessary information to the board if the latter desires to make representations to the government on the subject.

Accidents seldom occur, and when they do they are due to outsiders coming to board the steamer and not when the small boats hired by the company are engaged. The line has a contract of \$1,600 yearly for carrying mails, and would like \$1,000 from the provincial government. There have been no accidents or loss of life during the past year. No dividend has been paid for two years, but in the previous year six per cent. was paid.

Inspector Olive, who wanted to get away, said that the very fact that steamers under consideration had received certificates was guarantee that they were all right.

The recommendation of a subsidy to the Star line will be taken up later. D. J. Purdy represented the Millidgeville line. He has a contract of \$1,000 for the Millidgeville line, the subsidy for which had been increased from \$600 to \$1,000. The steamer Magpie Miller can carry 150 passengers, landings are provided.

mail is carried under yearly contract. The subsidy increase was in return for reduction of fares. The boat is owned by private parties and does not pay any dividends. The receipts last year were \$360 less than in the previous year.

St. John to Belleisle, str. Springfield and Beatrice Waring. Horace Waring gave information on this service. He thought that since the better boat was put on the subsidy should be increased. The old boat was worth \$1,000 and the new one \$35,000. There has been no dividend.

The Belleisle residents have been satisfied with the service but not with the captain, and a change has been made.

John McMulkin represented the May Queen, St. John to Chipman. It receives \$200 subsidy. Had an accident last summer by running on the May Point, and lost six trips. Boat is owned by private company and has not paid any dividend for two years.

In common with all other river steamers the May Queen carries no accident insurance, nothing but fire. He did not ask for an increased subsidy. Freight rates on the I. C. R. and C. M. R. are as low as on the May Queen, and competition is keen.

The C. P. R., St. John, Halifax and London service, the South African service, the South Shore service, the St. John and Digby service, the Grand Manan service, the St. John-Basin-Minas (str. Brunswick) service, St. John-Albert Co. (str. Beaver) service, are still to be dealt with.

Samuel Schofield had some complaints to make against several, and moved that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday next.

J. A. Lively thought the whole business was becoming tiresome. A lot of useless and unnecessary information was causing a waste of time, and members would not attend.

D. J. McLaughlin agreed with this. The motion to adjourn passed.

At the meeting on Tuesday a memorial to be presented to the government regarding the West India service was read. It was forwarded last evening and will be made public in a few days.

At a meeting last week, when the Furness line was under discussion, it was decided to refer the matter back to the subsidy committee to be reported to the government on the subject.

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MADE MANY FRIENDS. LOWELL, Mass., Jan. 9.—A large gathering of friends of H. D. Curtis met at his sister's residence, Mrs. P. H. Colburn, 194 A street, to pay Mr. Curtis a farewell visit, as he is going to start for his home in Bristol, N. B., tomorrow. Mr. Curtis has won many friends during his visit to Lowell. A flash light was taken of the group by Mr. Colburn and the party dispersed for their several homes.

FREDERICTON. BAD WEATHER ATTENDS OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

Station Agent Dismissed—No Cause Given.

Connected With the Railway Since Canada Eastern Was Built—More Trouble Over Arctic Rink.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 11.—The county court today was engaged in an interesting suit. The case was one brought by Mr. Hanson, the lessee of the Arctic rink, against Edward Washington, restitutor of the rink.

During last winter the latter ran a restaurant in the rink, for which privilege the former alleged that Washington had agreed to pay him fifteen dollars per month. The claim was for sixty dollars, being four months' rental. During the morning both the plaintiff and defendant were examined by the plaintiff.

Washington denied the arrangement as alleged by Hanson, and said the agreement was that he was only to pay his landlord ten per cent. of the gross receipts. These receipts only amounted to twenty-five dollars during the season, and he was willing to pay \$2.50 and no more. After dinner Mr. Barry addressed the jury on behalf of the defendant, and Mr. Gregory followed for the plaintiff. The evidence was most contradictory, and the judge's charge was brief, he saying that it was entirely a matter of fact to be decided, and he would leave the question to them to decide.

Jury retired about four o'clock, and after less than an hour's deliberation returned a verdict for the plaintiff for \$37.50 cents more than the defendant had agreed to pay. The court then adjourned until Tuesday next.

In the police court this morning Col. Marsh gave judgment in the assault case of Ernest S. Blanchard against Frank O. Foster. He found the defendant guilty and deferred conviction until Friday next.

At Bathurst this morning Frank G. Foster was wedded to Miss Helena Manson. The happy couple left for St. John immediately after the ceremony and will proceed to Fredericton, where they will locate.

License to expire August 1st, 1905. The license of Joseph G. Lusher on timber berth of two square miles on the Miramichi Portage road and five mile Brook Lake of Cross Creek was sold at auction at the crown land office yesterday. It was bought by John Gibson of this city, the applicant, at the upset price of \$20 per square mile.

Odour White, station agent of the I. C. R. here, received notice today from Montreal of his dismissal. No cause whatever is given for the act, and his news came as a surprise to both Mr. White and his many friends. That the dismissal is a most unpopular one is expressed by the strong sentiment expressed in the report of the subsidy committee on this service was not presented.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—In spite of in-pituitous weather, bitter wind, with driving drizzle of sleet and rain, which froze to everything it touched, the opening of the tenth parliament was in every respect the most brilliant in Canadian history.

Notwithstanding This, Proceedings Were the Most Brilliant in Canadian History--Speech From the Throne.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I invite your best attention to the subjects I have mentioned and invoke the divine blessing on your deliberations.

A few minutes later the commons re-assembled in their chamber, where Laurier moved the traditional resolution and later moved that the standing committee of the house be appointed and that Laurier, Mulock, Foster, Hyman and Haggart be a special committee to prepare the committee lists.

In answer to a question from Foster, Laurier said he did not expect the minister of finance before the last of the month.

On motion of the premier the house then adjourned till Monday, when the speech from the throne will be considered.

After the conclusion of the ceremony the senate also adjourned until Monday.

Among notices of motion to be made Monday is the following resolution by Hughes (Victoria): "That in the opinion of this house the best interests of Canada and the empire at large would be advanced and the prosperity of humanity be assured by a full partnership union of Great Britain and the empire, wherein there would be a united imperial parliament empowered to deal with inter-imperial and international, commercial, financial and other necessary national problems, their present powers, functions and control of tariff and other matters necessary for their own purpose."

Among other notices of motion are the following: Mr. Lancaster (Lincoln and Niagara) a bill entitled "Act to amend railway act of 1903."

Mr. McLean (South York), a bill with same title.

Mr. Guthrie (South Wellington), "Act to amend the dominion elections act."

Mr. Kempt (East Toronto) will ask: Did the government previous to Nov. 2nd, 1904, give instructions permitting leaving its own territory by its subjects, in being called upon to represent the dominion in the senate chamber on Saturday evening promises to be exceptionally brilliant. As the attendance will be so much larger than usual, extra precautions are being taken to ensure satisfactory presentation of those desirous of doing homage to the representative of His Majesty.

Senator L. G. Power and Hon. N. A. Belcourt, retiring speakers of the senate and commons respectively, were sworn in as members of the privy council of Canada this afternoon.

Though the announcement was not officially made, it is understood that Charles Marcell, the government member for Bonaventure, has been chosen deputy speaker of the house of commons.

Judging from the large number of ladies and gentlemen from distant points of Canada who have arrived in Ottawa for the opening functions, the drawing room to be held by their excellencies in the senate chamber on Saturday evening promises to be exceptionally brilliant. As the attendance will be so much larger than usual, extra precautions are being taken to ensure satisfactory presentation of those desirous of doing homage to the representative of His Majesty.

On the invitation of the president of the United States, my government has joined in the formation of an international commission composed of three representatives from each country, to investigate and report upon the conditions and uses of the waters adjacent to the boundary line between the United States and Canada, and to make such recommendations for improvements and regulations as shall best subserves the interest of navigation in said waters.

The rapid growth of the population of the Northwest Territories during the past two years justifies the wisdom of conferring on these territories provincial autonomy. A bill for that purpose was submitted to your consideration.

The surveys necessary for the location of a line of national transcontinental Canadian railway are being vigorously prosecuted, and it is confidently believed that tenders for the construction of several sections may be invited during the coming season.

The display of Canadian products at last year's St. Louis exhibition proved such a magnificent success in attracting emigrants to the western prairies that it is proposed to accept the invitation of the government of Belgium to send samples of our products and manufactures to the exhibition to be shortly held at Liege.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts for the last year will be laid before you. It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the expenditure has been less than the revenue, leaving a surplus over all charges. The estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with a due regard for economy consistent with the development of the resources of the dominion.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Trouble in French Cabinet Over Election of M. Doumer.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—Consideration is being given in the highest quarters to the eventuality of the retirement of the cabinet as a result of the election of M. Doumer as president of the chamber of deputies. It is expected that M. Millerand or Rouvier will form a cabinet in the event of the retirement of the present ministry. Foreign Minister Delcasse is expected to remain without reference to the other changes.

M. Doumer assumed the presidency of the chamber this afternoon amid disorder which threatened to precipitate a crisis, though a test of the ministry's strength will probably not reach a decisive vote until tomorrow.

HALIFAX, Jan. 12.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the center shop connected with the open hearth department of the Dominion Steel Co. in Sydney. Loss \$400. Origin unknown.

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DIGNIFIED PEACE. AT MOUNT ALLISON.

Meeting of Sackville Town Council and Board of Trade.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Jan. 11.—An adjourned meeting of the Sackville town council was held last evening, when water rates were discussed.

The annual meeting of the Sackville Board of Trade was held last evening. The president, A. B. Copp, occupied the chair, and the following gentlemen were present: H. C. Read, Silas Copp, F. A. Dixon, T. R. Anderson, A. B. Wry, W. H. Harrison, Chas. D. Stewart, C. W. Cahill, L. B. Black, J. W. S. Black, H. Miller, B. M. Fawcett, Harvey Phinney, G. B. Lord, F. Ryan, B. C. Rawley, F. T. Langley and representatives of the press.

The annual report of the council was read by the secretary, Chas. D. Stewart.

The following officers were elected: President, C. C. Campbell; vice president, W. H. Harrison; treasurer and secretary, Chas. D. Stewart; members of council, A. B. Copp, H. C. Read, H. M. Wood, B. C. Rawley, J. W. S. Black, Geo. E. Ford, A. B. Wry, W. W. Fawcett, Jr., auditors, H. C. Read and W. Turner.

Resolutions committees: Farming and forestry—Dr. Andrews, Bliss M. Fawcett, Bliss Anderson, W. W. Fawcett, Jr.

Railways and shipping—H. C. Read, Senator Wood, T. R. Anderson, A. B. Copp, B. C. Rawley.

Advertising—Chas. D. Stewart, A. H. McCready, C. C. Avard, Thos. Murray and F. T. Langley.

Good roads—F. C. Harris, F. A. Dixon, C. Pickard.

New industries—F. B. Black, Geo. D. Ford, C. W. Cahill, James Smith.

Fire insurance—T. F. Allison, F. A. Harrison, B. C. Borden.

The following committees gave reports: Merchants, railways and shipping, advertising, new industries, Capes route.

A. B. Copp, the retiring president, expressed the pleasure that it had given him to attend the duties of the office and thanked the committees for the attention which they had given matters referred to them.

F. B. Black was appointed representative of the Maritime Board of Trade.

Charles E. Burt of Plymouth, Mass., arrived in Sackville Tuesday and will assume the duties of leader of the Sackville Citizens' Band. Mr. Burt comes very highly recommended and will no doubt prove a splendid acquisition to the band.

The students are nearly all back now and work at the institutions is well under way.

Dr. Borden returned from Halifax today, where he had been attending the funeral of the late Rev. John Lathern.

RECENT DEATHS. Of Former Provincialists in United States.

Among recent deaths of provincialists were the following: In Brockton, Jan. 7, Mrs. Ellen Collins, widow of Daniel Collins of St. John, aged 78 years. In this city, Jan. 6, John F. Campbell, formerly of Plymouth, Mass., in Chelsea, Jan. 4, Mrs. Elizabeth Lannon, wife of Thos. C. Lannon (nee Ennis), aged 38 years, formerly of Prince Edward Island; in West Somerville, Jan. 7, Nellie M. Gallagher, daughter of Andrew Gallagher, formerly of Prince Edward Island; in Somerville, Jan. 10, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Backman, wife of Jas. L. Backman, aged 72 years, formerly of Halifax, lost from Gloucester schooner Ella M. Goodwin, Jan. 4, John McKensie, aged 21 years, of Annapolis, N. S.

NOMINATION DAY. WOODSTOCK, N. B., Jan. 12.—This was nomination day for the mayors and councillors. The present mayor, John A. Lindsay, and Councillor A. E. Jones were nominated as candidates for the majority. There will be no contest for the council, as there were but six nominations—Cous. Stevens and James of last year's board, and petitioners, and J. J. Power and H. Leighton, Jr., and W. B. Nicholson.

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TERRIBLE EXPLOSION.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 12.—Two men were blown to pieces, a small building demolished and windows with a radius of more than a mile were shattered today by an explosion in the Ladin & Rand powder works at Wayne, ten miles from here. The cause of the explosion is not known.

DEATHS. In this city, on Jan. 8th, Beatrice, infant, daughter of M. and Edna P. Blewett days. In Boston, on Jan. 7th, Mrs. Mrs. widow of Daniel Col. 84 years. In this city, on Jan. 6th, wife of William Gillen, husband, four daughters in. Died at Elgin, Albert county, 28th Dec., 1904, Alexander, aged 102 years, a resident of quick for 44 years, leaving widow to mourn her loss. In U.—at Bridgetown, N. S., on Jan. 6th, Adaline A. loved wife of D. W. Mercey suddenly. On Saturday, January 7th, 12 St. James street, Cecil beloved infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Hamsey, aged 18 months. Safe in the arms of