

PRESIDENT IS AN EDMONTON MAN

K. W. MacKenzie Elected to Chief Office of Associated Boards of Trade at Medicine Hat.

Medicine Hat, June 19.—President Peter McAra occupied the chair at the opening session of the convention of the Associated Boards of Trade of Alberta and Saskatchewan, and invited to the platform Sir G. C. McNeil, Laird, C.P.R., Joseph Cornell, president of the Brandon board, A. L. Johnson and H. M. Belcher, of Winnipeg.

The Financial Statement. J. E. Bradshaw, for Treasurer Walter, read the following financial statement of the preceding year. Receipts and annuities from boards of trade: Balgownie \$10, Calgary \$25, Craik \$10, Edmonton \$20, Hargreaves \$10, Medicine Hat \$20, Millstream \$20, Borden \$10, Cardston \$10, Devils Elbow \$10, Grandfield \$10, Indian Head \$20, Leduc \$15, Maple Creek \$10, Melfort \$10, Moose Jaw \$25, Moosomin \$10, Prince Albert \$25, Raymond \$15, Regina \$25, Saskatoon \$25, Tisdale \$15, Wapella \$15, North Battleford \$25, Qu'Appelle \$20, Red Deer \$25, Bonanza \$15, Strathcona \$25, Vermilion \$10, Weyburn \$10. Total \$525.

The President's address followed. A standing ovation of thanks to the retiring president was given to the motion of H. McKellar, of Moose Jaw, and Mr. Cook, of Prince Albert.

Election of Officers. Election of officers, President, K. W. MacKenzie, Edmonton, 1st vice-president, Wm. Cousins, Medicine Hat; 2nd vice-president, E. M. Saunders, Moose Jaw; secretary, John T. Hall, Medicine Hat. A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring treasurer, Joseph Cornell, and to the President-elect, K. W. MacKenzie.

For Consumptive Sanitarium. A Calgary resolution concerning a consumptive park and tuberculosis sanitarium was introduced by R. C. Hutchings. The proposition has been occupying the attention of the board for some time and a deputation waited on Hon. Frank Oliver, who had promised that the government would donate the land and he himself would do his best to secure financial assistance from the government.

Treating of Outside Patients. C. P. McQueen introduced a Calgary resolution relative to payment by the municipality for outside patients at city hospitals. Hospitals were necessary and must be maintained at a high state of efficiency. Fully 75 per cent of the patients from outside points in the Calgary hospital were destitute and the burden should be general in defraying their expenses. It was not fair to tax Calgary with the burden, Mayor Cousins, of Medicine Hat, seconded the resolution.

Some considered \$1.50 per day too high, but the efficiency of a hospital was determined by the cost. E. Bradshaw, of Regina, and H. M. Belcher, of Regina, seconded the resolution. The municipalities should contribute the difference between the government grant and the cost per patient.

Damaging of Goods in Transit. Mr. Short also moved the Edmontonian resolution concerning goods damaged in transit by railway companies. He claimed that Edmontonian wharves had not been advised of the meeting of Railway Commissioners when the classification was set and the goods were thrown up against a direct and improper loss by the classification. Their freight also disappeared off the face of the earth and the owner had no redress. No classification should be made on the basis of responsibility for damage or disappearance.

The Capital Account Aspect. Mayor Cook, of Prince Albert, spoke on the capital account aspect of the case. In Prince Albert the directors had to personally pledge themselves when building. He favored the government being asked to assume part of these charges. Outside patients as a rule were sent in when they could not pay the doctor. He advocated that the government bring a general law, which would bear lightly on all.

Indian Reserves Transfer. T. J. S. Skinner, of Calgary, introduced a resolution on the transfer of Indian reserves. He stated that the government was to give 600 acres to every Indian family of five, but according to the Indian population the redmen are getting 566 and 129 acres more than they are entitled to, or 1,315 acres to every family. The Indians were not cultivating the land, and if it was sold there would be sufficient funds for an annuity of \$241.87 for each family. And if the land was sold open for settlement and 230 acres allowed for each white family of five there would be room for a white population of 19,000. Emile Grosch, of Gleichen, seconded the resolution.

At this morning's session of the Associated Boards Convention, C. H. McQueen, of Calgary, moved, seconded by H. McKellar, of Moose Jaw, a resolution covering the question of government aid to hospitals and calling for such aid from the government. He would reimburse the hospitals for aid extended to outside patients. This was adopted by a large vote.

H. McKellar, of Moose Jaw, moved the resolution, pointing out that this was essentially a question of the government and had to produce what its people lived upon. There was production and no way to market this production. The resolution would be a loss, as better transportation was very necessary. There had been very little opposition to the resolution in the Calgary board, and this had simmered down to a question of whether the government should be asked to contribute drawn. The movement gradually gained ground, and the resolution was carried by a large vote.

An Edmonton Resolution. William Short spoke to Edmontonian's resolution relative to the exemption ordinance and insolvency law. The wholesaler, he stated, found it difficult to keep track of small dealers, some of whom took up land and stocked their farms at the expense of their business and could pay nothing on their liabilities. On bringing about this result was the present exemption ordinance. The basis of all trading should be absolute honesty between wholesalers and traders, as it was the first requisite in the building of a nation. F. M. Douglas, Strathcona, seconded the resolution. H. M. Belcher, of Winnipeg, stated that the intention was not that exemption be done away with, but that it be no taken advantage of in an unfair way. Dishonest action on the part of traders weakened the credit of a country. He also urged that official assignees be appointed with a view to obtaining men of honesty and integrity to act as assignees. The official assignee should also be the man to institute proceedings if there was dishonesty and fraud. The resolution was carried.

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TO SIT IN MOOSE JAW.

The Board of Conciliation Will Hold Session There Tuesday.

Winnipeg, June 17.—It was decided at today's session of the Conciliation Board that the board sit in Moose Jaw next Tuesday as there are many witnesses there and it has been the bone of contention in the evidence. Excellent progress was made, two blacksmiths gave testimony to the past and present conditions in the shops, and President Bartlett, of the Trades and Labor Council, gave his reasons for believing there was a combination among certain classes to destroy unionism. He stated that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was fomenting trouble with this end in view. In the C.P.R. shops there had been a marked improvement in the working conditions and till recently the officials had shown a desire to meet the men on any grievance which had come up. There was no suggestion the C.P.R. took any part in the effort to disrupt the unions. So far the progress made has taken the line that no hardship would result from changes in schedules, as proposed by the company.

Progress Was Slow. Winnipeg, June 17.—The conciliation board made little progress today. The afternoon session was convened by Thomas McCafferty, an Irishman. He gave a graphic and clear account of his efforts to get on in the shops, a feature being his statement that nothing had been done until the establishment of the men's shop committee. R. J. Shore was examined on the technical aspect of various grades of labor. A cloud of witnesses are to be heard and there is no possibility of forecasting the end of the board's labors.

At Banquet in His Honor—Refers to a Republican Convention. Chicago, June 17.—James Bryce, ambassador to Washington, was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Republican Club. Bryce said that he had been watching with great interest and great edification the proceedings of the large public gathering which is meeting at present in this city. The machinery of convention is working smoothly and is complete for a full recognition of the rights of the people, because the people are in the measure, said Bryce, following the passage of the anti-trust laws by the state legislatures last week. This cannot be done without the aid of the people, and it is only in the payment of wages that any danger will be encountered.

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BORDEN HOLDS PARTY IN LEASH

Foster Opposes Measure For Financing Movement of Grain Corp., Keeping Party From Following.

Ottawa, June 20.—Hon. Geo. E. Foster, yesterday opposed Hon. Mr. Borden's amendment to the Banking act to allow the banks to issue additional currency from October to December to handle the grain crop. R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, was present, and the party was not allowed to follow Mr. Foster, again and the bill passed. Mr. Foster's progress was and the bill passed. Mr. Foster's progress was and the bill passed.

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EMPEROR TO GO TO ENGLAND.

The Czar and Kaiser Will Meet on British Soil.

Berlin, June 18.—The German emperor will spend the summer months in England, and on a holiday on the south coast of England. Agents of the court marshal have been searching for a suitable country mansion, as it is uncertain whether Highcliffe could again be placed at his majesty's disposal. The emperor's stay in England, it is declared, would be primarily dictated by considerations of health, but of other considerations, such as the consumption of some sort of contract. Unless that could be proved, the emperor would be obliged to remain in the country, and a person arrested charged with violating the anti-betting law.

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CORONATION SCHOOL PICNIC

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