

BOARD OF TRADE NOT IN EARNEST

Reply To J. N. Harvey's Objections To Submit Complaints Against Telephone Company To Commission.

To the Editor of The Standard:
 Sir—The interview in today's Telegraph with J. N. Harvey confirms the impression that the Board of Trade committee in discussing the telephone matter was talking simply for the sake of talking and had no intention whatever of taking any effective proceedings for an investigation.

Since the Board of Trade submitted its report the Utility Commission has been appointed, consisting of three gentlemen who have no connection in any way with the Telephone Company and not the slightest interest in it. They are admitted to be fair-minded and able men. The logical result of the action of the committee of the Board of Trade is a submission of their complaint against the Telephone Company to the Public Utility Commission, whose regulations are set by the morning paper, have been approved by the lieutenant governor in council, and who will therefore be in a position to make an investigation.

Deposit Discretionary.
 Mr. Harvey gives the flimsy excuse for not proceeding with the matter that a company before laying a complaint must make a deposit of money, the deposit to be a reasonable amount to cover the cost of investigation. Would it not be well for Mr. Harvey not to cry before he is hurt? The matter is discretionary with the Public Utility Commission and before making the outcry he is doing it would be well to find out what the Public Utility Commission would demand.

Surely the Board of Trade composed of the merchant princes of the city should not complain and cry baby because of the expense of paying a lawyer to present their case, and think Mr. Harvey very much misrepresents the feelings of the members of the board if he thinks that they are men of such small caliber as he would have the people believe.

A Necessary Provision.
 The provision is a necessary one. It is the same provision that is in the Nova Scotia act, and from what I can learn in other public utility acts, and was designed for the purpose of preventing irresponsible persons from putting the commission to the expense of investigating cases against corporations when there was no reasonable basis for the complaint that would be made. Mr. Harvey thinks that if any irresponsible person makes a complaint against the company without being willing to give some security for the payment of costs that the time of the commission should be taken up in investigating such charges.

So far as the salaries of the commissioners and the expenses of the court are concerned they are borne by the public utility companies who are assessed in proportion to their gross earnings.

The Public Utility Act is one that is regarded as an admirable piece of legislation. It is practically a copy of the Nova Scotia Act with which no fault has been found in the sister province and if the Board of Trade accept the flimsy excuse offered by Mr. Harvey for not going on with the investigation and making their complaint before the Public Utility Commission the standing of that body in the community will not be at all strengthened.

Company Welcomes Investigation.
 The New Brunswick Telephone Co. has stated that it will welcome an investigation and is prepared to submit its affairs fully to the commission. I know nothing about the merits of the case myself but I do know that in every community there are always people who object to the stockholders of any company, in which they are not stockholders themselves, receiving reasonable dividends.

The Board of Trade committee consisted of a number of gentlemen not one of whom would be content to receive six per cent. of the capital invested in his business, but would be of opinion that such a return was entirely inadequate for the work he rendered. While these same gentlemen, some of whom are in the hardware and dry goods business, are getting profits running all the way from 20 to 40 per cent., object to the people who have bought shares in the Telephone Company at par, as many have done, receiving 6 per cent. on their investment.

If, however, they honestly believe that the Telephone Company is not treating the public fairly and do not formulate their charges before the Public Utility Commission it will be simply evidence of the fact that the members of the Board of Trade talk too much and do too little.

Yours,
 ANTHONY HUMBURG,
 St. John, N. B., June 3, 1910.

11 ARE INJURED IN STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Newport, R. I., June 3.—One woman was seriously injured and ten other passengers severely shaken up, when a vestibule car on the Newport-Fall River division of the Old Colony street railway turned turtle in front of the car barn at Portsmouth, four miles from here early this evening. The accident is believed to have been caused by the forward truck splitting the switch at that point. Mrs. George T. Douglas, of Newport, was thrown against a tree and received a depressed fracture of one rib which is believed to have penetrated her right lung.

Ferguson-Livingston.
 A quiet wedding took place at the home of R. Seward, 132 Bridge street, last evening, when Rev. D. Hutchinson united in marriage Robert Ferguson of Musquash to Miss Mary Livingston of Glasgow, Scotland. Only a few invited friends were present. Frederick Traflet supported the groom, while Miss Maud Traflet was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson left yesterday for Musquash where they will make their future home.

General Assembly Honors King George

Presbyterian Church in Canada Sends Loyal Greeting to New Sovereign on Occasion of His Forty-fifth Birthday—College Reports and Home Mission Work Occupy Time.

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 has the right to ask you to make the appointment of Mr. Kent to Pine Hill. I may say that the nomination is not unanimous. No interest will suffer if the appointment is delayed until the synod meets in October. I move to that effect.

Judge Forbes said:—"I think the assembly ought to weigh carefully the judgment of such an old friend of the college as the last speaker. He has been over forty years related to it. To wait a little while will do good as time leaves. I therefore second the amendment."

Dr. Lyle said:—"There must be something behind this amendment. Let me say that no college board is unanimous in its appointments. Are we to understand that this assembly is not qualified to give a fair judgment on this matter, according to the facts?" (Hear, hear.)

There is a suspicion against men who have studied in Germany, but such prejudice has long since lost its effect. (Applause.) I think that Pine Hill is to be envied that in having had a man for two years, who now commends himself to the board and his Presbyteries. (Loud applause.)

Dr. E. Scott, Montreal—it has been said that this is an extraordinary request. It is a very ordinary one. Would it not be better to leave it to the Maritime Synod and let them thresh it out?

Dr. J. B. Calkin, Truro, is a new face in the general assembly. He made one of the liveliest speeches. He did give a reason. I said it is a matter belonging to ourselves and we are capable of settling it.

Dr. Sedgewick—Mr. Moderator, I rise to object to this statement. I did give a reason. I said it is a matter belonging to ourselves and we are capable of settling it.

Dr. Calkin (continuing)—I leave it to the house to decide whether that is a reason or not. Dr. Sedgewick, I expected that it was that there was something about Mr. Kent, either physically, mental or moral (a voice—spiritual). What, let me ask, will the majority of the board think of the proposal, and the Presbyterians who have nominated him?

Judge Forbes (loudly)—How many Presbyterians did not vote at all?

The Moderator (some confusion)—I am not in this personally, but I must see right and justice done. (Applause.)

Dr. Calkin—Let us suppose for a moment that the charge—

Judge Forbes (warmly)—There was no attack. I ask your ruling, moderator.

Moderator—I thought my friend the ex-moderator went a little too far in hinting at any reasons.

Dr. Sedgewick—Moderator, I want this cleared up. I made no charges against Mr. Kent.

Dr. Lyle—I ask the privilege of explaining. Everybody knows what is at the back of this.

The Moderator—I don't think that Dr. Lyle is competent to make such a statement. To come down here on a visit for a few days, and see a man once or twice does not give a stranger the knowledge necessary to introduce such a subject (hear, hear, said Judge Forbes) go on Dr. Calkin.

Dr. Calkin—I am only a young fellow. Interruption gives me time to think. I am persuaded that this is a very serious question. Mr. Kent might seek even for legal redress if his standing were injured. I am not afraid of new news. We want teachers who are able to bring out of their treasury, things both new and old. (Great applause.)

Courtesy or Duty.
 Mr. Hamilton Cassels, Toronto said: It seems to me that the difference between the amendment and the motion is that one asks us to exercise courtesy and the other to do our duty. There has been no adequate reason presented to show why the assembly should not perform its right.

Dr. Campbell, Montreal—I differ from Mr. Cassels. Hitherto such matters have always been left to this synod. They could plead a grievance if we now change our attitude. (No, no, several voices.)

Dr. R. Murray, Halifax—I want to correct Dr. Campbell. We as an assembly have not, at the solicitation of a small minority, referred such matters to the synod. There were many calls for a vote and when the amendment was lost by a large majority. The motion was then carried.

LOAN MEANS 2 RAILWAYS IN CHINA

New York, N. Y., June 3.—In connection with the consummation of the \$30,000,000 Chinese loan for railroad building by European and American bankers, a new phase of the negotiations was made known by H. P. Davidson, member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Co., who was a passenger on the Lusitania from Europe. "My negotiations in Paris in regard to the Chinese loan have been eminently successful," said Mr. Davidson. "We have tentatively arranged for a loan of \$30,000,000 for the commencement of building operations of two trunk line railroads in China, one running north and south from Hankow to Canton and the other east and west from Hankow to Schenwan."

Regarding the terms of the loan, Mr. Davidson said:—"That depends, arrangements up to the present are merely tentative and are dependent upon whether the Chinese will be able to raise sufficient money in their own country or not. The Chinese government has reserved to itself the right of refusing to accept the loan provided they can raise sufficient funds at home."

Montreal college report was then presented by Walter Paul. He spoke very briefly, but called upon Rev. A. L. Burch, Montreal, to address the assembly.

Rev. Mr. Burch—Montreal college is the only institution we have that is making any attempt to solve the problem of Quebec. It stands at the centre of that great French province, and the people feel a life of freedom which they covet. Not long ago I rode on the train with an intelligent French Roman Catholic. He said we are just waiting for a leader. He must be one of ourselves. We are waking up and rubbing our eyes. I was amazed when I found out who he was. Now Montreal college stands in the midst of this current and ought to be supported.

Rev. W. C. Clarke, Quebec and Rev. J. E. Robertson, Toronto, both distinguished graduates, moved and seconded the report in brief and telling addresses.

The moderator referred to the serious illness of the premier of Nova Scotia, who was a son of the church. He called upon Dr. T. C. Jack to lead the assembly in prayer on his behalf.

Principal Patrick moved that the sympathy of the house should be conveyed to him and his family.

Halifax, N.S., June 3.—Reports of the colleges consumed the whole morning session of the Presbyterian General Assembly, Principal Patrick, of Winnipeg, was the first speaker called upon. His first words being warm commendation of Principal McKay and of his great success in Vancouver. He said:—"I think the history of Westminster Hall is unexampled in the history of our church. Manitoba college also deserves the affection and support of the church. They are still keeping up the traditions of our fathers. Our students are leaders in the university where they have to meet the 'Lads O' Parts' from other denominations. But Presbyterian brain is still so strong in its 'parish' and Catechism that they have won four out of the five scholarships."

In moving the adoption of the report for Manitoba College that there is a splendid spirit of Evangelism in our students. They are a fine class of men.

Rev. W. M. Rochester said:—"We have heard of Vancouver people raising money. In this connection we should never forget that in different times and trials the late Principal King went gathering the small savings of slender treasures. They are still here Professor Bryce, the 'Jangle,' on the stage. He has such a sunny face and cunning way. I have had occasion to frequently differ with him—a great blessing to him—it keeps him humble."

Then we have Principal Patrick in the lead in western education."

The speaker's reference to the great force which the principal is in the west was received with loud applause.

Rev. Dr. Gaudier of Fort Massey followed. He said:—"It is usual to treat the baby as the flower of the family. Knox college is no longer a child, but a maiden, a little old to be attractive like Westminster Hall. She is also growing old with services to the church, having given to the ministry about a hundred."

We are raising money and have broken into the last \$100,000 to be raised. Dr. Gaudier referred to the late principal McLaren. He also stated that the college had met with another most serious loss in the death of Mr. McFadyen to succeed Professor G. A. Smith in Glasgow. Here the speaker spoke like a brother who had lost another of the dearest, but he spoke hopefully of the future. Rev. C. W. Gordon, D.D., Winnipeg, (Ralph Connor) said:—"The beautiful eulogy of the principal on our beloved father and teacher, should be left as unsurpassed in tribute. I only wish to pronounce his name."

He mourned the loss of Principal William McLaren. It is a great stroke for any institution to lose two men so lately as Professor Kennedy and Mr. McFadyen, but there is to our credit, we have taken ministers into our Canadian embrace and made them our professors which have to the envy of all schools and colleges. We commend the spirit of evangelism manifested by the Knox College. "Team" and other missionary services. They like the aggressive work. This may look like the practice of the Salvation Army, but we are not ashamed to pay our tribute to that great zealous post of the Lord.

C. H. LABILLOIS WILL PROBABLY RETIRE

Newcastle, N. B., June 2.—Special Announcement may be expected almost any day of the retirement, as a member of the Legislative Assembly, of Hon. C. H. Labillois, M.P.P., one of the Restigouche representatives and former Chief Commissioner of Public Works for the Province. The North Shore Leader this week contains an authoritative statement that the popular member for Restigouche has decided to retire and will shortly take the necessary steps. The article further states that Hon. Mr. Labillois will be appointed collector of customs at Dalhousie, succeeding Mr. George Haddon, the present incumbent of that important office. It is probable that his appointment will be gazetted during the next few weeks.

Another rumour is to the effect that Hon. Mr. Labillois will contest Restigouche county in the interests of the Liberal party for Ottawa. However, such a course seems very unlikely, as it is believed that the present Liberal member is using his influence to have Hon. Mr. Labillois appointed as collector of customs. It is known that Mr. Labillois's health has been none too vigorous for some time and that he has been advised by close friends to get out of the turmoil of party politics.

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ONE POINT OF VIEW

By Colin McKay

Cheap Electric Lighting.
 In London, Ontario, the people will soon be getting electric lighting for household use at 4 1/2 cents per kilowatt. The London Electric Company are offering light at 5 cents on a continuous basis, but the city commission controlling the supply from the Niagara has decided to undercut this rate.

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In London, England, a big private company has been supplying electric lighting for residences and offices for 4 cents per kilowatt for some years. The Montreal Power Company has just established a new 8 cent net rate.

Moving Picture Houses.
 The manager of the Nickel theatre is somewhat indignant because some newspaper editor has blamed the moving picture shows for the fact that there appears to be an increase of crime among boys. Probably this criticism was inspired by the liquor interests, of which the moving picture show has become a formidable rival, or rather opponent. The editor of the Times ought to come to the defence of an institution that is proving so powerful a counter attraction to the allurements of the saloon—that fills what has hitherto been a void in the life of large cities where there are many young men without home ties. Many a young man who formerly dropped into a saloon to while away a few idle moments, and probably ended by making a night of it, now drops into a moving picture show.

It is cheaper, and if one does not get the same sense of exhilaration, he probably gets as much entertainment.

So far as my observation goes moving picture shows in this country do not seem calculated to awaken criminal propensities. Being made to order they are usually more moral than life. Even the most sensational generally provide an adjustment of rewards and punishments for virtue and crime, such as the human heart for some inscrutable reason demands and life too often denies. But perhaps, for that very reason they may produce in some instances dangerous reactions. It is apparently not given to men to contemplate unharmed the full glory of those things that transcend the law of nature. David, the psalmist and glory of Israel, was guilty of crimes that among the austere northern races of his time would have lost him his head. Deviousness has often been associated with bigotry and cruelty, and genius is next door to madness. Apostles of the cult of beauty like Byron, Nero, and Wilde have fallen victims to the fascination of the admirable.

But it may well be argued that the moving picture shows are less dangerous than a play like The Climax, a production that, without being sensational or vulgar, is absolutely and terrifically immoral.

SATURDAY HALF-HOLIDAY

Today will find many of the city merchants and their employes enjoying the first of the popular week end half days. The hardware merchants this year are granting four months, from June to the last of September.

In addition to the hardware merchants, the following firms will also observe the holiday:

The McLean and Holt Co.; John E. Wilson, Ltd.; The McClary Mfg. Co.; The Pender Natl Works; The Mealy Brass Works; The Jast Robertson Co.; I. and E. R. Hurpee; St. John Iron Works; James Fleming and Sons; The T. S. Simms Co., Ltd.; T. H. Estabrooks; the city blacksmiths; the wholesale grocers; printers; Brock and Paterson, Ltd.; Wm. Vassle Ltd.; Wm. Thomson Co.

The large dry goods and clothing stores have closed for the last few years during July and August only, but it is hoped they will join the others and grant the month of September. A movement is now on to get all the jewelry, boots and shoes, crockery and hat stores to close.

EMPERESS OF BRITAIN SAILS FROM QUEBEC

Quebec, June 3.—The Empress of Britain sailed this afternoon, at 3.30 with a splendid list of passengers, including Major H. V. Bennett, Major H. S. Douglas, Lt. Col. Stimson, Judge Margaret Snell, Captain R. Taylor, Capt. A. B. Wilkie, Dr. A. Wakefield and Mrs. Wakefield, Marquis Don Luis De Salamanca, Lady Ross, Mr. R. E. Esson and Mrs. Esson, Mr. Samuel Hoff and family.

The steamer Castano, lumber laden, sailed last evening for Brow Head, for orders. She takes a large cargo of deals shipped by John E. Moore and

Hunting Big Game With Camera.

D. W. Clinch, secretary of the Fish, Forest and Game Association, left last evening for Fredericton to meet Radcliffe Dugmore of New York, who is on his way to Kewick where he will hunt big game with a camera. Mr. Dugmore who is said to be the greatest big game photographer in the world, is a man of vast experience in every country where they hunt big game. He was chosen as the representative of Collier's Weekly who covered the African game trails shortly before Roosevelt and pictured the things the mighty hunter might meet in the jungle. He will spend some weeks in the woods and the result of his trip should be a good advertisement for the province.

The steamer Gogovale arrived last evening from New York and is docked at No. 1 berth, Sand Point. She will load 25,000 barrels of potatoes here for the Cuban market.

The Dominion Conservation Commission is considering the question of including a health department in its sphere of activities. Possibly in our present stage of mental development, the conservation of natural resources is a more important matter than the conservation of human life; certainly one of Canada's most notable faults is its wanton waste of human life. In our greatest city the death rate among young children is over 40,

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