

THE MINISTER TO RECEIVE ADDRESS

REPORT PRESENTED TO BOARD OF TRADE

Will Be Incorporated in the Presentation—Address by Secretary of Toronto Navy League.

The principal business before the regular monthly meeting of the board of trade on Friday afternoon was the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to prepare an address to be presented to Hon. R. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, on his arrival here.

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Mr. Shallockross read the correspondence that passed between the board and the deputy minister on the question. A. W. Knight seconded the motion.

Harbor Commissioners—The views of the Board of Trade are fully set forth in the report of the special committee and correspondence hereto annexed, and, in the opinion of your committee there can be no doubt that a board of harbor commissioners, with the powers suggested, would aid greatly in the efficient regulation of all matters connected with shipping and harbor improvement.

Recent investigations have demonstrated that the system of inspection of vessels is not as thorough as it should be in order to give adequate protection to life, and in this connection the general supervision of a board of harbor commissioners could not fail to be of value.

Harbor Improvement—The expenditure on the improvement of the inner harbor does not produce the best results owing to its intermittent character and in consequence the shipping and trade of the port is being seriously hampered.

Shipping of Seamen—Your committee would recommend that greater facilities should be given for the procuring of crews for foreign-going ships as proposed in the special report attached hereto.

Lights and Buoys—The present light-houses and buoys are quite inadequate to give sufficient protection to navigation, and the increasing amount of shipping in these waters make it of paramount importance that further light-houses should be provided. Special reports and correspondence are annexed.

Lights of Victoria Harbor—The present lights at and about the entrance to Victoria harbor are not satisfactory. The fog signal on Brodiche Ledge is not sufficiently distinct to be a safe guide, and the light-house at the entrance of the harbor is not placed as to fully answer its purpose.

Marine Hospital—Your committee is pleased to note that since the report of the board to the department very great improvements have been made at the Marine hospital. Your committee would, however, recommend that the recommendations of the board in regard to the system of maintenance and medical attendance should be adopted and that the furnishings of the hospital should be completed.

West Coast Service—Your committee regrets that the recommendations of the board in regard to this service have not yet resulted in a thoroughly satisfactory service being maintained. The West Coast of Vancouver Island is open to the Pacific ocean and requires a steamer which can face any weather. There is a considerable and growing trade on this coast, but your committee is informed that it is not yet sufficient to make a larger steamer profitable.

Marine Casualties—In the opinion of your committee it is a serious omission in the regulations that there is no inquiry held as a matter of course in all cases of shipwreck, casualties in Canadian waters, with power to deal with the certificates of officers.

Improvement of Victoria Arm—Your committee begs to state that the Hon. James Bay Athletic Association urges that the rocks called the "Stetters" in Victoria Arm and the main bank adjoining should be removed, and that the channel in the Arm should be subject to regulations. Your committee would recommend that

These requests should be endorsed by the Board of Trade. JOHN G. COX, J. J. SHALLOCKROSS, J. SIMON.

W. H. Maroon expressed regret that the report did not contain a reference to the subject of inspection of shipping at this port. He had prepared the following, which he moved be added to the report.

We desire to draw your attention to the matter of inspection of steamboats and other vessels sailing out of Victoria. The Clallam inquest shows that vessels are inspected on a day previously arranged, and that in the past equipments have been borrowed from other vessels and after inspection have been returned to owners.

Mr. Shallockross, chairman of the committee, explained that this matter has been exhaustively dealt with by the board, and there had been considerable correspondence with the deputy minister of marine and fisheries.

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ANNUAL OUTING OF NATIVE SONS

ENJOYABLE DAY SPENT AT SHAWNIGAN LAKE

Results of Land and Aquatic Sports—Victorians Won the Baseball Match.

Thursday the third annual picnic of the Native Sons of Vancouver Island was held at Shawnigan lake. Large crowds of pleasure seekers went from Victoria, Nanaimo and points along the line and established themselves for the day on the beautiful grounds adjoining the Strathcona hotel.

There were in attendance the Fifth Regiment and the Nanaimo brass bands. During the progress of the sports in the afternoon the latter rendered a choice programme of selections, which were judged by the frequent applause.

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DRASTIC INTERPRETATION

Company Now Doing Business Has Monopoly of Lighters on Southern Coast.

Several firms in this city are awaiting the arrival of the Canadian and Mexican contract for a steamship service between the two countries. In regard to the prospective trade between British Columbia and Mexico the following facts, obtained from Messrs. R. W. Clark & Co., commission merchants of Vancouver, appear in the News-Advertiser.

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EXHIBITION NOTES

Numerous Applications For Space—Many Entries For the Annual Boxing Tournament.

As a result of the energy and enterprise displayed by members of the executive of the B. C. Agricultural Association applications for space for exhibits are already being received. Second notices for the exhibition are now being issued, and the prospect is that a large number of entries will be received.

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