

## ENCOURAGEMENT OF NEW INDUSTRIES

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONSIDER SUBJECT

Report of the Committee Was Unanimously Adopted—Interesting Discussion.

Friday night's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was devoted principally to a discussion of the report of the home industries committee. Each clause was considered in turn and adopted. The recommendation that the chamber endeavor to secure a tract of land to be used for the encouragement of new industries excited a lively debate. During the discussion it was suggested that the Indian reserve when acquired by the city would be an ideal site for the location of new factories. This found favor with all those present, and it was decided that a recommendation to this effect should be made to the city council. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted before the close of the meeting. The chair was occupied by Chairman J. L. Beckwith, and in the absence of the secretary, A. J. Morley, that position was filled by Mr. Morat.

Mr. Walker submitted seven applications for membership, who were all accepted. They follow: C. F. Schilling, P. T. Patton, L. Stenler, D. P. Barnhardt, F. V. Robertson, W. Von Rhein and T. F. Gold.

J. Knight wrote giving notice of motion drawing attention of the postmaster-general to the detention of Eastern mail bound for Victoria at Vancouver. He understood this was attributable to sorting required to be done in the Terminal City.

D. Fraser submitted an application for the position of secretary of the chamber. Laid on the table.

Phil R. Smith, on behalf of the transportation committee, said that work was progressing very satisfactorily. Circulars had been sent to a large number of the commercial centres of the province asking for information which was necessary in the compilation of their report. It was also the intention of the committee to have a map drawn showing the commercial centres with all transportation particulars, etc. The committee hoped to be in a position to report fully in a short time. Mr. Smith then read the circular issued, which follows:

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly aid the above committee by filling in the appended form and return at the earliest opportunity to the undersigned. This information is necessary in the compilation of their report. It was also the intention of the committee to have a map drawn showing the commercial centres with all transportation particulars, etc. The committee hoped to be in a position to report fully in a short time. Mr. Smith then read the circular issued, which follows:

A. J. MOHLE, Secretary.

1. What means of communication have you with Victoria?
2. What other centres?
3. State the nature of exports from your locality.
4. Where is your marketing done at present?
5. What advantages do you gain thereby?
6. Contrast the freight and passenger rates from your point to Victoria.
7. State the time coming and going on such trips to Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster, etc.
8. Have you any idea of the yearly exports from your point?
9. Value of importations for home consumption.
10. Have you any suggestions for an improved service and better trade relations between your point and Victoria?
11. Any additional information to the above?

Mr. Levy moved that further time be granted. He complimented the committee on the mastery way the work had been taken up.

The report on home industries, which was partly dealt with at the last meeting, was again considered.

When the clause proposing the use of a British Columbia label for all goods manufactured here came up, one of those present asked how it was intended to issue the label.

Mr. Walker thought this should be left in the hands of the committee. All manufacturers would not doubt be favorable to the proposal as it was in their interest. The labels could be printed here and distributed to the manufacturers.

Mr. Grant, who is one of the home industry committee, explained the manner in which it was proposed to carry the proposal to a successful issue. The clause finally passed.

The chairman read the portion of the report recommending the setting aside of a tract of land for the encouragement of home industries.

Mr. Levy did not believe in this proposal.

Mr. Walker thought it was a good scheme, and suggested that a portion of the Indian reserve when obtainable might be secured for the purpose.

Mr. Smith commended the idea if it was an inducement to new industries. If it was to encourage manufacturers in opposition to those already here he thought it was unfair.

Mr. Kingham alluded to the very favorable opening for a straw-plaiting establishment here. British Columbia was nearer the raw material than Eastern manufacturers. Such an industry, in his opinion, would be very profitable. He asked whether it was the intention of the committee to bonus manufacturers opening up here.

Mr. Grant replied that it was no case of granting them a site.

Mr. Townley thought a point that had to be considered was that of obtaining the necessary power to run a plant.

Mr. Price thought this city was a very favorable place for the establishment of a sugar refinery.

The clause was finally put and carried.

After the adoption of the remaining clauses of the report the same committee was appointed, with power to add to

their numbers, to take in hand the work contained in the report.

On motion of Mr. Smith the report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. Knight's motion was then taken up and carried. It will be forwarded to the city's representatives in the Dominion House.

The meeting then adjourned.

### BUSINESS DELEGATION.

Mayor Dean's Opinion of the Provincial Mining Association's Meeting in Victoria.

Mayor Dean, of Rossland, upon returning home from the convention of the Provincial Mining Association, which was held in this city, speaks enthusiastically of the gathering in an interview given to the Rossland Miner. He says:

"There is no room for doubt as to the usefulness of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia. I feel positive that its formation will go down in the annals of this province as among the events that have been great factors in the up-building of the country."

"In common with the balance of the Rossland delegation I enjoyed the gathering and was strongly impressed with the representative and solid nature of the delegations in attendance. Every class and avocation was represented, and the delegates either understood the business in hand when broached or were quick to grasp details and arrive at conclusions. It is really surprising to contemplate the amount of business that was transacted without friction or chaff, although animated debates took place on various matters of importance."

"The Victoria people were especially enthusiastic on the question, their contributions to the association's funds totaling some \$1,400. The delegates were so hospitably entertained and the city did so well by the association, that we felt it was only just to hold the convention in Victoria next year, and this will be done."

### VICTORIANS SELL TO U. S. CAPITALISTS

American Rights of Imperial Automatic Voting Machine Disposed of by Local Company.

A syndicate of San Francisco millionaires have acquired the United States rights for the Imperial Automatic Voting machine on which a Victoria company own the patents. The deal has been in negotiation for several weeks, but was finally ratified by the shareholders at an adjourned meeting held in Labor hall Friday. In addition to other valuable consideration, the local organization retain one-quarter of the stock in the new American company, and receive ten per cent. of the cash returns from the sale of treasury stock. The San Francisco parties will at once exploit the American market, disputing the field with the Standard Machine Company, which they consider the only serious rival of the Canadian machine.

The inventor, Dr. Farwell, who has been in the city for a week past in connection with the matter, after having visited San Francisco, left last night for the East, where he will at once commence the manufacture of a complete American model for the use of the American company. This is expected to be completed in three months. A subsidiary company is also to be formed in Toronto to manufacture and push the sale of the Canadian machine.

The members of the local government have been interviewed, and asked to introduce legislation at the forthcoming session to permit the machines to be tested at one parliamentary election, the company guaranteeing the successful operation of the device, and depositing sufficient to pay the cost of a bye-election in case of accident. The ministers promised their favorable consideration. The same concession will be sought from the members of the Manitoba government next week.

The local and parent company will, in the event of these companies being successfully launched, confine its work to the manufacture and sale of the automatic lodge ballot box, the patent of which it also controls.

### TO VISIT CANADA.

The Times Friday received the following from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor:

Government House, March 13th, 1903.  
Sir:—I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor to send you the enclosed copy of a communication which His Honor has received from Lord Lytton, who is organized a party composed of members of both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, with the object of visiting Canada during the summer months.

His Honor hopes that this province will take advantage of the opportunity to extend a fitting reception to such a distinguished delegation.

R. B. POWELL.

Guernsey House, Folkestone, February 24th, 1903.

Dear Sir:—I have just had a conversation with Lord Strathcona with reference to the proposed visit to Canada of a number of members of the House of Lords and of the House of Commons, including Harrovians and their friends, during the summer recess. Lord Strathcona has suggested that you and I should communicate with the authorities of the towns and cities to be visited, and with the heads of certain public institutions, with a view of knowing whether any special facilities can be afforded to the party for seeing places of interest, etc.

The business arrangements are to be carried out by Mr. Henry S. Lunn, the well known railway and steamship agent, but I shall be glad if you will reply as to our reception in Canada to me personally.

Yours faithfully,  
(Sgd.) LYTTON.

The Hon. Sir Henry G. J. de Lubitz, K. C. M. G., etc., etc.

P. S.—I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have just received from Lord Aberdeen.

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