

ONTARIO ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE

Meeting at Belleville Discusses Power Question, and System of Land Titles in Province

THE seventh annual meeting of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce was held in Belleville, Ont., November 25 and 26. The president, Wm. Taylor, of Owen Sound, occupied the chair. F. G. Morley, of Toronto, secretary-treasurer, presented his report showing that fifty-seven boards were affiliated with the association, six new boards having been added since the last annual meeting. Resolutions expressing gratitude to the board of trade of Toronto relative to the hospitable manner it entertained the delegates in the Ninth Congress of Commerce of the British Empire, and commending the government for giving encouragement to aviation, also endorsing the proposition for the extension of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway to James Bay.

A resolution, moved by the Toronto board, was carried, supporting the continuance of appeals from the Canadian Courts to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Differences on Power Question

R. J. Graham, of Belleville, introduced a resolution urging the government to utilize all water powers, and encourage and aid in the development of every possible unit of electrical energy at reasonable cost for manufacturing, mining and domestic purposes, and to supply the lack of fuel, and to render the province of Ontario less dependent on the United States for its supply. While the resolution was unanimously adopted by the meeting considerable discussion was precipitated before that was done. R. R. Hall, M.L.A., in a somewhat lengthy speech, expressed the opinion that the Hydro-Electric Commission had been remiss in its duty, and had misapplied the funds of the people. W. B. Burgoyne, ex-mayor of St. Catharines, strongly supported the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and claimed that it had not failed in any way to supply the people of Ontario with power. As for hydro-electric radial railways, it was the municipalities themselves that should be responsible for the movement in favor of radials, Mr. Burgoyne asserted.

Advocates Torrens System

A resolution was passed in favor of the adoption of the Torrens system of land titles wherever possible, and it was claimed that this system would make it easier for people to buy land than the present method of establishing titles to land.

On motion of J. K. Dunstan, vice-president of the Bell Telephone Co., Toronto, a resolution was passed in favor of greater uniformity between the assessment and taxation methods throughout the Dominion and urging that the methods of assessment and taxation be standardized.

It was decided to hold the convention next year in Brantford, Ont.

Officers were elected as follows: President, John Elliot, Belleville; first vice-pres., Col. H. Brock, Toronto; second vice-pres., G. C. Copley, Hamilton; third vice-pres., M. P. Byrnes, Collingwood; sec.-treas., F. G. Morley, Toronto; executive, G. C. Martin, Hamilton; Cecil Bethune, Ottawa; Arthur Hewitt, Toronto; John Ferguson, North Bay; A. B. Carscalen, Wallaceburg; Col. W. F. Cockshutt, Brantford; E. A. Porter, St. Thomas; K. J. Dunstan, Toronto; J. G. Hannigan, Guelph; J. G. Henry, Sudbury; J. A. Hussey, Sault Ste. Marie; G. F. McKimm, Smith's Falls and J. A. McInnes, Iroquois Falls.

The Mann Corporation, of Chicago, Ill., a subsidiary of the Deering Plough Company, has awarded contracts to the Western Construction Company, of Vancouver, for the building of eight miles of logging railway in the Lillooet River district. When the railway is completed it is estimated that 900,000,000 feet of commercial timber will be made accessible.

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