

BOARD OF TRADE.

Regular Monthly Meeting Yesterday Afternoon, Slimly Attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon. There were in attendance: W. M. Jarvis, president; G. Fred Fisher, W. E. Vroom, D. J. McLaughlin, J. Hunter White, J. H. McRobbie, Jos. Bullock, F. L. Potts, C. F. Kinneer and H. A. Austin.

The summary of the proceedings of the council was read and approved. It was as follows:

COUNCIL'S PROCEEDINGS.

Four meetings of the council and one special meeting of the board have been held since the last regular meeting of the board on 14th February.

The council has decided to recommend to the Dominion government the continuance of the existing subsidies to the lines of steamers running from St. John to the United Kingdom, West Indies and South Africa, and also those to the steamers running to Grand Manan and the Basin of Minas. They have also decided to recommend an additional subsidy of \$750 per trip for the St. John-Glasgow service for ten extra trips for the winter season of 1903-4, making that service weekly instead of fortnightly, and making the total subsidy for that service \$15,000 instead of \$7,500 as at present. They have also decided to recommend the continuance of the present subsidy for the St. John-Digby service, but that the service should be daily (Sunday excepted) during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, and four trips a week during the months of December, January, February and March.

They have further decided to recommend a subsidy of \$10,000 by the Dominion government and \$3,000 by the provincial government for the St. John-Halifax via Yarmouth and South Shore Nova Scotia ports service.

They have also decided to recommend the renewal of the existing subsidies by the Dominion government to New Brunswick for the Grand Manan service, and also to the steamers Clifton, May Queen, Star and the Millerville ferry.

These recommendations have all been forwarded to the Dominion and New Brunswick governments.

The special committee appointed to invite the lumber manufacturers and dealers of St. John to meet with them and consider the matter of the proposed damming of the St. John river at or near Port Kent, Maine, held a meeting at the Board of Trade rooms on 7th February, which was attended by a number of the leading lumber manufacturers of St. John and members of the committee. The matter of the proposed damming of the St. John river was very fully discussed, all of those present expressing themselves as strongly opposed to the proposed damming of the river, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That in the opinion of this meeting the passing of any act of the legislature authorizing the damming of the St. John river at or near Port Kent, Maine, would be most disastrous to the lumbering and mercantile interests of all the river counties, and ruinous to the lumber shipping interests of the port of St. John."

"That this committee would recommend the Board of Trade to take active and energetic steps to prevent the passing of any legislation that has this object in view, by the circulation of petitions against it, and the sending of strong delegations to Ottawa and Fredericton if necessary."

The committee propose to hold another meeting at an early date.

On the recommendation of the room committee, the Manitoba Free Press, the Winnipeg Tribune, and the Quebec Chronicle have been added to the list of papers in the reading room, and the following delegates have been appointed: W. M. Jarvis, president of the board; Walter W. White, M. D., mayor of St. John; W. H. Thorne, T. H. Estabrooks, W. S. Fisher, T. H. Somerville, John H. McRobbie, W. F. Hatheway, Jas. F. Robertson and George Robertson, M. P. The subjects introduced by the St. John Board of Trade for debate will be decided upon later.

A special meeting of the board was held on the 19th inst., which was largely attended by members of the board, and by invitation by members of the Common Council, pilots and captains of vessels, and also by C. E. W. Dodwell, C. E. and E. T. P. Shown, C. E. of the Dominion Board of Public Works, when a resolution in reference to the trans-continental railways was adopted. (This resolution has previously appeared in the Sun.)

The question of dredging at the entrance of the harbor, and the proposed extension of Negro Point breakwater to Partridge Island were fully discussed. While all present were in favor of the dredging, much difference of opinion was expressed in regard to the extension of the breakwater. No motion was made, and the general opinion being that it would be better to have the dredging done as soon as possible, and to have the extension of the breakwater made later, if it was found to be advisable to have it done at all.

The council advised that the embargo on the shipment of cattle passing over the Canadian Pacific railway through the state of Maine for shipment from Canadian ports, has been removed.

The council has decided to have the resolutions passed by the board in reference to trans-continental railways, and also that portion of the report of the committee appointed to consider the president's address at the annual meeting of the board affirming the belief that an entirely new Assessment Act is required, be printed in the annual report of the board.

The tariff and customs committee have had under consideration the payment of customs lockers by an increased fee for public and private bonds, and have recommended that the existing arrangement may remain unchanged. This recommendation, and also the request that an attendant may be provided at the telephone in the long room at the Custom House, have been forwarded to the minister of customs.

THE TAXATION COMMITTEE have requested the publication of the following memorandum sent to the

Common Council on 18th January last: "To the Assessment Committee of the Common Council:

"Regarding civil taxation, which is now under consideration by your committee, the Board of Trade thinks it desirable to remind you that about four years ago the board requested the Common Council to obtain legislation so as to enable the assessors to procure the information as to rentals and other taxable values required to secure the preparation of an improved system of municipal taxation for St. John.

"The necessary legislation was obtained about three years ago, but so far the Common Council has declined to undertake the procuring of the information.

"Shortly after the time of asking the Common Council to obtain the above legislation, the taxation committee of the Board of Trade passed a resolution 'that the present system of taxing personal property and income should be abolished, and that the Common Council should be respectfully requested to consider the adoption of a measure based on the principles of the Montreal system and that proposed for Halifax, so far as the same might be applicable to St. John.' Further consideration of the subject of this resolution has been postponed by the Board of Trade because the information about rental values, etc., has not been obtained.

"It is perhaps proper to say here that some are in favor of taking into consideration business rentals for taxation purposes who do not approve of the Montreal system as a whole for St. John, and who think that income taxation should have a place in a new law.

"At a public meeting on February 19th, 1900, a resolution was passed 'asking the Common Council to amend the St. John assessment law so that in the valuation of stocks and merchandise and manufacturing plants the same may be assessed on a basis less burdensome than at present.'

"The Board of Trade on March 22nd, 1899, passed itself on record as 'heartily in favor of the exemption of incomes under the subject to any taxation,' and on November 27th, 1900, a resolution was passed that incomes of \$300 and under should be exempt from taxation, that a reduction of \$100 should be made in the taxable value of incomes of \$400 and \$500, and that the poll tax should be changed from \$2 to \$3."

IN JANUARY, 1902, the board urged upon the Common Council the appointment of a commission to inquire into the whole question of taxation in the city of St. John, as provided for by act of the New Brunswick Legislature, passed in 1901 (1 Ed. VII., cap. 47).

In March, in response to a request from the Common Council names were submitted of members of the Board of Trade suitable to serve on the commission.

The council of the Board of Trade is still of the opinion that a new law is required, and that nothing satisfactory can be made of the present law by amendments.

It may be added that, as before shown, the Board of Trade is not committed to the Montreal system. That system may or may not be suitable for this city.

A letter has been sent to the Bankers' Association at Montreal giving replies received from the various boards of trade in Canada in reference to the redemption by the government of worn and mutilated Canadian silver coins, and asking the Bankers' Association to press on the government the necessity for the re-coining of worn and mutilated Canadian silver.

The Bankers' Association has also been notified that the St. John Board of Trade is not in sympathy with the section of the Hamilton Board of Trade resolution referring to the suppression in Canada of the circulation of United States silver coins.

On ballot, A. H. Hanington was elected a member of the board.

A letter was read from the

MARCONI WIRELESS TELEGRAPH COMPANY

of Canada, asking for information concerning this port and intimating that the erection of a Marconi station here was quite possible, and would be of great value to St. John shipping interests. The matter was referred to the council.

The secretary said that Col. Tucker desired to know the feeling of the board re the extension of the breakwater and custom house lockers before going to Ottawa.

J. H. McRobbie thought a resolution should be passed. The chairman pointed out that the council could attend to the matter.

The president called attention to an article in the Monetary Times on the first volume of the census re the proportion of families to dwellings in the larger cities of the Dominion. In St. John there was just double the percentage of families to dwellings as compared with Halifax, Quebec, etc. This was forced on the city, the president said, by the remarkable leasehold system that obliged one-fifth of the people of this city to live in tenements.

After some informal talk on the matter the meeting adjourned.

THE MERION.

It is Hoped the Dominion Liner May be Got Off.

QUEENSTOWN, Mar. 3.—The remaining passengers of the Dominion liner steamer Merion, from Boston, Feb. 20th, for Liverpool, which grounded near Rock's Point, Sunday, were landed at seven o'clock this morning and will proceed by rail to Dublin, thence by steamer to Liverpool, when the baggage is landed. They have not suffered from their experiences. The weather has moderated, but three tugs, which made another attempt today to pull the Merion off failed to do so and more powerful tugs have been ordered to the scene from Liverpool. The officers of the Merion believe there is every probability of the ship being saved, although this morning a tug that a rock has pierced her bottom forward.

THE ELECTIONS.

WOODSTOCK, March 3.—Quite a large audience gathered in the Court House this afternoon on the occasion of the official declaration of the result of the polling. The sheriff gave out the following figures as official:

Smith.....2,039
Fleming.....2,077
Jones.....2,072
Waterford.....2,038
Shaw.....2,038
Good.....1,997

The successful and defeated candidates made speeches and everything passed off quietly.

IN RESTIGOUCHE.

Hon. Mr. Labllois Polled a Great Vote.
CAMPBELLTON, March 3.—Declaration proceedings passed off quietly at Dalhousie today. The official declaration of the vote was:

Labllois.....1,566
McIntyre.....1,537
Mott.....1,537

The three candidates addressed the meeting.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., March 2.—When Sheriff Hatfield opened his court at noon today for the declaration of the result of the poll in Kings county at the provincial election of Feb. 23rd, there were just twenty-five persons present, and at one o'clock the number by actual count was fifty. It had increased to about a hundred by two o'clock, when the sheriff had completed the declaration of returns, and announced the final outcome to be:

Pugsley.....2,210
Scoville.....2,214
King.....2,196
Sproul.....2,077
O'Neill.....1,926
Moore.....1,973

The details by parishes are:

Parishes.	Pugsley.	Scoville.	King.	Sproul.	O'Neill.	Moore.
Hampton.....	223	221	217	145	149	149
Cardwell.....	120	119	119	83	83	83
Waterford.....	101	101	111	84	84	84
Kings.....	49	49	49	52	52	52
Upham.....	81	83	80	71	71	71
Hammond.....	101	101	101	84	84	84
Rothsayer.....	134	127	122	48	48	48
Non-res.....	5	5	5	1	1	1
Norton.....	105	105	89	83	83	83
Greenwich.....	60	60	59	47	47	47
Vassal.....	81	82	81	89	89	89
Wassal.....	82	82	83	75	75	75
Hawcock.....	33	30	30	34	34	34
Studholm.....	124	119	117	232	232	232
Kingston.....	102	101	99	76	76	76
West.....	85	82	78	83	83	83
Sussex.....	26	23	27	28	23	23
Springfield.....	220	234	230	296	296	296
.....	110	112	110	88	88	88
Totals.....	2220	2234	2196	2077	1926	1973

The first three being declared elected, and the court then adjourned.

THE GROWING TIME?

Civil Servants Memorialize the Government for an Increase of Pay.

(Ottawa Citizen, Thursday.)
For some time past there has been a movement on foot in the inside civil service looking to an increase of salaries in view of the general advance in the cost of living in Ottawa, and the inadequacy of a scale of remuneration fixed many years ago to present conditions. A meeting of the service was held on Monday last, at which a committee was appointed to draw up a memorial on the subject and present it to the government. This committee consists of W. F. King, chief astronomer of the interior department, chairman; J. G. Foley, of the privy council, secretary; Fred Colson, of the department of state; John Fraser, chief clerk, finance department; S. Steward, Indian affairs, and P. M. Cote, department of justice.

Yesterday committee waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding and laid before them a memorial asking for an increase in the salaries of the inside civil service, and the inside civil service, in view of the enhanced cost of living and the general increase in rates of pay in industrial and commercial employment.

The premier received the representatives of the deputation courteously, but withheld no reply to the memorial.

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LATE SHIP NEWS.

ST. JOHN, March 3.—Ard, str St. Croix, Pike, from Boston, W. C. L. mds and pass. Domestic Ports.
HALIFAX, March 3.—Ard, str Adria, from Malta for New York, for coal, and cleared; Unique, from Providence, R. I.; Foyser Quaker (French cable), from sea.
CLT. str Newfoundland, for sailing: Harlaw, for do.
Sid, str Glencoe, Erake, for St. John, N.F. British Ports.
MANCHESTER, March 3.—Sid, str Manchester, Trader, for Halifax, N.S.
BROW HEAD, March 3.—Passed, str Uttonia, from Boston for Liverpool.
QUEENSTOWN, March 3.—Ard, str Uttonia, from Boston for Liverpool, and proceeded.
HULL, March 3.—Ard, str Albura, from New Orleans.
Foreign Ports.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, March 3.—Ard, str Treasurer, Morris, from Grand Turk, for Boston; barkentine Albabrosa, from Perth Amboy for St. John, N.B.; schs Madagascari, from Port Liberty for Calais; Winnie Lawry, from New London for St. John; Phoenix, from New York for Parrabero, N.S.
ST. VINCENT, March 3.—Ard, str Eretia, from Norfolk for Australia.
BALTIMORE, March 3.—Ard, bark Katahdin, Roberts, from Rosario.
PORTLAND, March 3.—Cld, str Britannia, for Liverpool.
Boston, March 3.—Ard, str Reporter, from Ipswich.
Sid, str Boston, for Yarmouth.
Calais, Me, March 3.—Sid, str Sarah, for do.
CITY ISLAND, March 3.—Bound south, schs McClure, from Sydney, N.S.; Beaver, from St. John, N.B.; tug Gypsum King, from Southwest Harbor, Me. towing schs Gypsum Emperor and barges Ontario, from Windsor, N.S. and T. B. King and Co No 17, from Boston.

ALEXANDRIA, March 3.—Ard, str Commonwealth, from Boston via Genoa, etc.
PROVIDENCE, March 3.—Ard, str Cheronea, from Barry via Louisburg.

SPORTING NEWS.

HOCKEY.

HOCKEY IN MONTREAL.

(Montreal Gazette.)
Over forty thousand people have witnessed some of the most exciting and slightly over 40 per cent. of the aggregate attendance at all matches was made up of the crowds at the four Stanley cup matches. In all 43,181 persons witnessed hockey matches played in the Arena, 25,315 were present at the scheduled league matches, of which there were eleven, one match—Quebec and Montreal—not having been played, and 17,866 saw Montreal and the Winnipeg Victorias struggle for the Stanley cup. Last season 26,126 people saw the regular league matches, but twelve matches were played, while this season, owing to the postponement of the Quebec-Montreal match in order to allow the Stanley cup to be played for, only eleven contests were pulled off at the Arena. On this account it is probable the attendance at scheduled matches would have averaged about the same total. The record attendance of the season was when Montreal and Ottawa played, while Quebec and Victoria had the inevitable honor of appearing before the smallest audience. Financially both seasons were about the same in regard to the regular gates.

Below will be found the records of attendances:—

Match.	1902.	1903.
Shamrock-Montreal.....	2,247	2,600
Ottawa-Shamrock.....	1,562	2,279
Quebec-Shamrock.....	2,145	1,631
Victoria-Montreal.....	4,192	5,978
Quebec-Montreal.....	4,532	872
Ottawa-Victoria.....	1,903	2,248
Shamrock-Victoria.....	683	473
Montreal-Shamrock.....	828	1,023
Ottawa-Montreal.....	4,132	5,405
Montreal-Victoria.....	392	428
Quebec-Montreal.....	1,738	...

Stanley cup matches, 1903:—
First.....2,637
Second.....4,820
Third.....5,127
Fourth.....4,582

After glancing over these figures it can readily be seen what the Stanley cup means to the holder.

McCHESNEY SOLD FOR \$30,000.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28.—E. E. Smathers, the New York trotting horse turfman, bought the champion of the western turf, McChesney, for \$30,000. Asked as to the purchase, Mr. Smathers said:—
"Well, there are no strings to the sale at all. I bought McChesney for \$30,000 cash. Of course, I would like to get on a match with Hermis, but that was not my object. I like a good horse, and from McChesney's record, and what has been told me here, I believe I have got a good horse."

"I will race him in the west, and if he trains on all right will take him to the Saratoga meeting. The horse was not entered in any of the eastern handicaps, owing to the uncertainty as to Mr. Danell's standing in the east. The Saratoga entries, however, have not yet closed, and I will be able to get him in some of the handicaps there."

"As to Hermis, I would like to have a match, but I want it distinctly stated that I did not buy McChesney to match him with Hermis or any other horse. He is a somewhat delicate one, and I will let Duane train him through that meeting. What arrangements I may hereafter make I do not know."

MT. ALLISON DEFEATED DALHOUSIE LAW SCHOOL Yesterday.

SACKVILLE, March 3.—Mt. Allison defeated Dalhousie Law School at hockey this afternoon by a score of ten to nothing.

Sackville tried conclusions with the visitors tonight, the result being a score of twelve to one in favor of Sackville.

ATHLETIC.

A Sanction Issued by the Maritime A. A. V. with jurisdiction of the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, governing amateur athletes under the definition adopted by the Amateur Athletic Association of Canada and amateur athletes under the definition adopted by the Canadian Association of Amateur Games.

Sanction—Sanction is hereby granted the Dartmouth Companies Athletic Club for the holding of the maritime provinces championship skating events at the Empire rink, Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday evening, March 10, 1903.

Races to be one-half mile, and one, two and three miles.

OURLING.

Carleton Plays St. Andrews to a Tie—Good Sport and Great Ice.

Six rinks of St. Andrews curlers and a similar number of Carleton players competed last night on the excellent ice in the rink found in the two rinks. The game resulted in a tie. The Carleton men won out by a point on their own ice, and the St. Andrews people put a similar number to their credit at the St. Andrews rink. The players and scores follow:

St. Andrews.	Carleton.
R. T. Leavitt.	J. A. Kindred.
W. F. T. Harrison.	W. J. Watson.
J. U. Thompson.	W. D. Baskin.
C. H. Ferguson.	Dr. Wheeler.
skip.....20	skip.....12
J. H. Tiltson.	J. A. Coter.
P. L. Harrison.	Rev. G. P. Scott.
C. E. Allan.	Chas. Carter.
skip.....11	W. M. Dunham.
A. Clark.	P. Wetmore.
W. J. Draper.	Wm. Rudick.
Rev. P. Owen Jones.	E. Brodie.
J. M. Clarke.	G. N. Kennedy.
skip.....20	G. N. Kennedy.
J. M. Magee.	F. H. Belyea.
P. M. White.	J. F. Belyea.
Rev. Jones.	E. B. Taylor.
skip.....21	skip.....19
C. S. Robertson.	S. Wilson.
W. S. Barker.	Geo. Bailey.
Rev. P. Owen Jones.	S. M. Wetmore.
T. P. Christian.	Chas. Clark.
skip.....14	skip.....18
H. B. Robertson.	E. V. H. Ingraham.
W. J. Macaulay.	W. S. Jewett.
T. H. Estabrooks.	J. R. C. Wilson.
P. M. Magee.	James Scott.
skip.....13	skip.....17
Total.....99	Total.....99

At the Carleton curling rink on Monday evening Skips S. M. Wetmore and W. J. Watson played off for the club medal. Skip Watson won by a score of 15 to 12.

MOHAWK CARNIVAL.

The Mohawk Carnival dress carnival at the Queen's Rink tonight promises to be the event of the season. The Mohawks have sent out invitations to their friends, and a large number have signified their intention of skating.

Cake and coffee will be served to skaters during the evening. A committee of ladies having this in charge.

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

A Number of Donations to the Library Received—Lecture by J. Vroom on Violets.

The regular monthly meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening, Hon. Senator Ellis in the chair. A number of donations to the library was received and for the museum some fine specimens of copper ore from Cape d'Or, N. S., presented by Ingis C. Craig of Amherst, Dr. W. S. Morrison was elected an ordinary member, and Miss Alice Hamilton and Miss Kate Turner associate members. An interesting and suggestive paper was read by J. Vroom on Violets, showing that many changes in species had been made by botanists in recent years, and urging the plant hunters to investigate these changes. As a further contribution Mr. Vroom read a paper on "Wintering in Plants," in which he very fully explained the varied means of plant protection against changes of temperature with many interesting and instructive details of plant growth and habits, given in a pleasant way pleasing to all minds in the large audience which gathered to hear him.

A paper by Dr. W. F. Ganong on "The Forestry Situation in New Brunswick" was read by title and it was explained that Dr. W. L. Ellis, who was to have given a paper last evening, was prevented doing so by absence from the city.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Vroom and Prof. Ganong for the papers of the evening.

Next Tuesday evening W. McIntosh and others will take up exotic ferns in the elementary course.

RESTFUL MR. BALFOUR.

The Premier Takes Very Little Exercise Except to Play Golf.

Mr. Balfour is not an early riser. Until he took seriously to golf he was a man who took very little exercise, and who seemed as if his chief desire in life was to take it easily. I remember hearing from poor Bret Harte a most amusing description of a day he had spent in the country house of Lord Cowper. It was in summer, and the day was beautiful and sunny. Other guests employed themselves in different ways, but Mr. Balfour steadily stuck to one simple method of passing the time and enjoying the air. He lay down on the sofa, and when he was not stirred even when people came to speak to him, and Bret Harte took a keen delight in giving a picture of this strange method of carrying on conversation—the company standing up and leaning—each in turn, and Mr. Balfour calmly lying down and listening and replying, but never moving from his position he had chosen, and gazing in the intervals of conversation in silent enjoyment or philosophic reverie on the cloudless blue sky. But, on the other hand, Mr. Balfour does not take those snatches of rest which were so useful to Mr. Gladstone. He rarely sleeps or dozes in the house of commons unless there has been an all-night sitting the night before; and, curiously enough, unlike many other members of the house, he is always very bright and very quick, and absolutely master of his highest resources, after dinner.

Never once have I seen that keen mind of his show any of the slowness which overcomes even ready and brilliant men when they are in the throes of digesting a hard meal. Though he is a slight man and apparently a delicate one, Mr. Balfour seems to have wonderful staying power, and perhaps this is partly because he takes things a little easily and spares his strength in the mornings so as to be fresh for his work from afternoon to midnight.—M. A. P.

TOO SHARP FOR THE MINISTER.

A Story of a Farmer and a Church Out West.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)
"In a certain parish not far from Waterloo, La., said a western traveler, 'the people, or at least the farmers, never buy gold bricks. They sell them. There are a few families where all its members never go to sleep at the same time. Some are always up. The men have a penchant for swapping a horse for a cow, or a cow for a horse, or a pig for a cow, or a cow for a pig, or a pig for a cow, or a cow for a pig, or a pig for a cow, or a cow for a pig, or a pig for a cow, or a cow for a pig, or a pig for a cow, or a cow for