

AT THE BOARD OF TRADE

SPECIAL MEETING HELD FOR THE ASSOCIATED BOARD.

Hon. T. Mayne Daly Delegated to Nelson. The Revision of the Tariff—The C. P. R. and the Town of Phoenix.

There was an important meeting of the Board of Trade last night with reference to the suggested mining commission and the action to be taken by the Associated Boards of Trade of Southern British Columbia on the matter.

There were present the following members, with Mr. C. O. Lalonde, as president, in the chair; Messrs. J. M. Smith, J. B. McArthur, H. F. Mytton, J. S. C. Fraser, R. Hunter, A. H. MacNeill, H. W. C. Jackson, Hon. T. Mayne Daly, J. B. Johnson, M. R. McQuarrie, A. B. Clabon and J. F. McCrae.

After the reading and adoption of the previous minutes Mr. H. F. Mytton, as chairman of the special committee appointed to interview the Minister of Mines, reported that as regards the points submitted to Hon. R. McBride by the request of the board, the Minister of Mines received them with approval and that he greeted the members of the committee with marked cordiality.

Mr. H. F. Mytton moved, and the motion was seconded by J. B. Johnson, that the secretary of the board be instructed to obtain from the Trades and Labor Council a copy of the report on the Chinese question in this city submitted to the Dominion Chinese commission with a view of using the same as a basis of a report to be made to the same commission by the Rossland Board of Trade.

A letter was read from the Vancouver Board of Trade suggesting the amalgamation of the coast and up-country associated boards.

Mr. J. S. C. Fraser thought that the proposed scheme would result in the formation of too cumbersome a body. He was, therefore, opposed to the proposal. In this view, from the same and other reasons, Messrs. Mytton, McArthur and MacNeill concurred. The secretary was thereupon instructed by resolution to reply that in the opinion of the Rossland Board of Trade the time was inopportune. A copy of this reply is also to be sent to the Associated Boards of Trade at Nelson as the question was likely to be there brought up so as to represent the feeling of Rossland in the matter.

A letter was read from Mr. Gossnell of the Provincial Bureau of Information applying for photographs which were wanted by the agent-general in London for instructing the public there as to the machinery mine buildings, etc., which were in existence here. A committee was appointed for the selection of these photographs.

The main issue before the meeting was the proposed commission by the provincial government to enquire into the legislation needed for the better development of the mining, smelting and refining interests of the province. There is also another commission with much the same objects with especial reference to the tariff revision which is likely to be appointed by the authorities at Ottawa. A meeting is called at Nelson of the Associated Boards of Trade to confer as to this matter and to suggest that the government be asked to permit the Associated Board to submit the names of several gentlemen from whom one or more selections could be made to act as members of the commission or commissions.

The president thought that he knew insufficient of the subject to allow of his fairly representing the Rossland Board of Trade and he therefore nominated as his proxy Hon. T. Mayne Daly.

Mr. Daly asked for instructions from the board as to the attitude he should take.

The first point coming up was the names of gentlemen to be submitted to the Associated Board to be offered for selection to the government for membership upon the commission. On this the instructions were that the meeting felt that Hon. T. Mayne Daly should be asked to exercise his own discretion.

The board was in approval of the objects of the commission and thought that every assistance should be given the government in the collection of any data that might be wanted.

As the Associated Board was also meeting to discuss any other question that might come before it the following subjects were recommended for discussion through Hon. T. Mayne Daly.

The question of the lack of a passenger service over the C. P. R. track between Greenwood and Phoenix. Mr. McArthur said that a great deal of merchandise was going to the town of Phoenix, which now numbered 1,500 people, and which was exporting daily 500 to 600 tons of ore and which, therefore, was deserving of a passenger service being instituted.

The C. P. R. had promised to see to this and to have a passenger service running by the 15th of October last, but up to the present nothing had been done.

It was further felt that the Associated Boards of Trade should urge the provincial government to expedite matters on the Coast-Kootenay railroad as the opening up of the Similkameen country was a great desideratum.

A third matter was the Pan American exhibition at Buffalo. The Board was informed that it was the intention of the Ottawa government to appropriate \$100,000 towards providing a simultaneous exhibition at Toronto. Now in the present state of finances the province could not afford to place a good exhibit at the Glasgow exhibition and at the same time give adequate representation at Buffalo.

But it was the feeling of the meeting that the Associated Boards might approach the Dominion government on the subject of an appropriation for the Kootenay as so to place a good exhibit of ores both at Toronto and at Buffalo.

There was a question of the wagon road to the Velvet Mines, which was thought to be, under the circumstances, out of the cognizance of the Rossland Board of Trade.

THREE TELEGRAPHIC INLETS.

Next to Impossible to Shut Off Communication by Wire.

Mr. James Wilson, superintendent of the C.P.R. telegraph lines in the Pacific division, is here on an official visit. He reports that betterments are being made in the telegraph lines from time to time.

A NOTABLE PARTY OF VISITORS

MR. SAMUEL HILL AND FRIENDS VISIT THE LE ROI MINE.

They Were Greatly Pleased With What They Saw and Think that the Camp is a Permanent One.

Mr. Samuel Hill, president of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railway, which is a part of the Great Northern system, and party arrived here yesterday afternoon in a private car. The members of the party got off at the Black Bear and put in three hours in inspecting the Le Roi and its machinery and expressed themselves as much pleased with their visit and particularly with the immense ore bodies and the large plants which have been assembled on the surface. The party consists of Mr. C. M. Amsden, manager of the Minneapolis and Northern elevator company, the largest handlers of grain along the Great Northern system; Mr. F. A. Smith, of the Scandinavian American bank of Minneapolis; Professor F. W. Taussig, of the chair of political economy of Harvard university, and Francis McLennan, of Montreal.

FOR THE CHINESE COMMISSION

COUNCIL REQUESTS THE GOVERNMENT TO APPOINT FOLEY.

An Unanimous Expression of Opinion on the Part of the Council of Organized Labor Here—The Man for the Position

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last evening, Mr. A. Ferris in the chair and a full attendance present.

The question of the Chinese commission and the appointment to be made by the government to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., was discussed at some length and it was decided that the interests of labor ought to be safeguarded by the appointment to the post of a recognized friend of the workingman and a leader in the labor cause and that the government should be memorialized to that effect. As Mr. Chris Foley, the labor candidate in Yale-Cariboo, was in the opinion of the council the proper and fitting man for the position by reason of his ability and knowledge of the question and the fact that he possesses to the fullest extent the confidence of the workmen of the province, it was resolved that the Federal government be urged to appoint him to the vacant post on the commission. It was further resolved that a telegraphic message be despatched to Hon. Clifford Sifton, the minister of the interior, to place the view of the council before the Dominion cabinet.

It was decided that any information which the Trades Council could give the Board of Trade in reference to the number of Chinamen employed in and about the city would be furnished, if a guarantee were given that the fact would be used for the purposes which would meet the views and desires of the Labor Council and as far as possible to prevent the immigration of Chinese into this district. The matter of the civic elections was discussed at some length, but no action was taken, the question being laid on the table.

ASSAYERS EXAMINED

Eight Out of Nineteen Failed to Pass the Board.

The examinations for assayers, held in Nelson, began on Monday, December 3rd, and were completed on Saturday, December 9th. There were 20 entered for certificates, but only 19 submitted to the examination. The examinations were conducted by Provincial Assayer Herbert Carmichael, Provincial Mineralogist W. H. Robertson, Mr. H. Harris, chemist for the Hall Mines smelter, and Mr. A. McKillop, an assayer of Nelson, who composed the board of examiners. The general impression among the assayers present was that the examinations were very thorough. It is understood that eight out of the 19 examined failed to pass. Among those who were successful were Messrs. Richard Marsh and Robert Talley of this city. These were the only two who submitted to the examination from Rossland. After March 1st all persons practicing assaying, either for companies under salary, or for the public, must pass the examination, or get a certificate to which those holding diplomas from English or Canadian colleges are entitled, at the discretion of the board of examiners.

THE FIRE HALL.

The fire hall has now been nearly completed. The doors have just been put in and they are handsome ones of their class. The remaining work to be accomplished is merely that of finishing off the interior and plastering the walls of the library. The contractor, Mr. J. Dunlop, thinks it will be ready to turn over to the municipal authorities by the end of the month.

SUPREME COURT.

Railway Injunction Case Will Be Heard Today Before Mr. Justice Walkem.

Although the court has been sitting every day of late, there has been no evidence taken, as the matters dealt with have been wholly chamber motions. Today will come up at 11 o'clock in the forenoon the injunction case which is being brought by the Red Mountain railway and Nelson & Fort Sheppard Land company against the Columbia & Western railway in order to prevent any further work being done on the side hill of the Le Roi and Centre Star mines so that the connections with the Black Bear machine shops, compressor, boiler house cannot be made. A. H. MacNeill is acting for the Red Mountain and J. L. G. Abbott for the defendant.

W.C.T.U.

A regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held on Tuesday afternoon, 11th inst. and was well attended. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Freese, who read the fifth chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians. Mrs. Graham then read a paper entitled "The Power of Religion and Woman's Work in the Home," which was most helpful. Mrs. Graham pointed out the three necessary qualifications for an ideal home: 1. Love; 2. Discipline; 3. Order. Love to others; discipline not only of children but of ourselves, and order in the home. This, with the singing of several hymns, made up the sum of a very pleasant and profitable afternoon.

One new member was received. These meetings are held on alternate Tuesday afternoons, at 3 o'clock. Ladies of all denominations are welcome.

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