

ing increase of business, that the Bank of Hamilton has arranged to open a branch in Brantford. An office has been leased for the bank on the corner of Colborne and George streets, and is being fitted up. Mr. J. P. Bell has been chosen for the management of the branch. This gentleman has been in charge at Berlin for some time, and made a good record there, having been recently chosen vice-president of the board of trade.

John Henry Clews, a nephew of Henry Clews, and one of the stock exchange floor members for Henry Clews & Co., of New York, received in change from a New street barber recently a ten-cent piece of the date 1856, across the face of which were the words "John Clews" and a small stamp of an insignia peculiar to the Clews family. Mr. Clews explained that it was the custom of his father, upon the birth of each of his children, to stamp the name across a dime and start it into circulation. John Henry was born in 1856, and the dime he received in change recently, he said, was undoubtedly the one his father had stamped and paid out in Dunkirk, N.Y., forty-six years ago.—Dickerman's Detector.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE

On Wednesday, 5th inst., was held the annual meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade, the retiring president, Mr. F. F. Burns, in the chair. Between thirty and forty members were present. Before the reception of reports a ballot upon the nominations for officers for the current year was taken, with the following result: President, Mr. W. H. Malkin; vice-president, Mr. A. O. Campbell; secretary, Mr. W. Skene. Council, Messrs. R. H. Alexander, F. F. Burns, F. Buscombe, W. Godfrey, F. Carter-Cotton, C. E. Tisdall, W. H. Kerr, H. Bell-Irving, F. Cockburn, Campbell Sweeny, W. G. Harvey, W. Braid, H. T. Lockyer, A. B. Erskine and W. F. Salisbury. Board of Arbitration, the first six and last six members of the council.

Mr. Campbell Sweeny and Major-General Twigge were appointed representatives of the board to the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, in London.

Many matters relating to the development of the province have been considered by the board during the year. Among them we remark fire insurance rates, decimal weights and measures, the development of shipbuilding on our Pacific coast, railway rates, fishery disputes on the Fraser river, deep sea fisheries, and a preference by Great Britain to products of the colonies. The address of the president was very lengthy and dealt with most of the matters mentioned and with others. The prolonged strike of the miners in the Kootenay had affected Vancouver's business generally, though an improvement came in the latter half of the year. Lumber export from British Columbia abroad fell off to 34,074,000 feet, as compared with 43,030,000 feet in 1900; and of the ships which carried this lumber, 12 were American, 6 British and 15 of other nations. A smelter is being erected at Cranbrook, and there is a prospect of a lead plant being erected there to treat the silver-lead ores of East Kootenay, as well as the one being erected at Trail. A smelter is being built at Osborne Bay, and another at Ladysmith, both on Vancouver Island, to treat Mount Sicker district ores. The salmon pack on the Fraser River for 1901 was the largest on record, 920,313 cases having been put up by 49 canneries in operation; but in northern British Columbia waters the pack was not so large as usual. A committee of the board is discussing with the Edmonton board the bringing of Alberta grain southward and westward to be transhipped at Vancouver and the Pacific instead of being carried eastward to the Atlantic. Improvements in agriculture and dairying, fruit and tobacco culture, and the manufacture of cigars in the province, are other matters Mr. Burns refers to. He also touches upon the poll tax on Chinese immigrants. His paragraph on Vancouver's growth is full of interest, but too long to quote.

ROSSLAND BOARD OF TRADE.

This board held its annual meeting on the 5th inst. Its actual membership is now 57, but many nominal members are in arrears. The secretary, Mr. H. W. C. Jackson, in his

report, recalls what so often occurs in the history of new organizations—that the enthusiasm in them wanes. For example, the Rossland Liberal Association has not paid its rent to the Board of Trade since the close of 1900; and the Retail Merchants' Association of the town, holding fortnightly meetings in the Board hall, owes for two years' rent, and has not kept its bargain to bring in sixteen new Board members. It may of course be that the depression in Rossland and other camps during 1901 in consequence of strikes and bad legislation is to blame for such arrears. The Rossland Board has done and is doing a lot of work in a public-spirited direction. It has obtained from the Government of the province and the Dominion various expenditures, such as road grants, needed by the district, and would have secured more, says the president's address, but for "the unfortunate state of affairs existing in Victoria," meaning, doubtless, the change of Government in British Columbia.

Mr. Johnson, the retiring president, rejoices that in spite of the shut-down of the large Rossland mines for three months, the ore shipments from that important camp amounted to 279,133 tons for the year 1901, which is 50,000 tons more than the shipment for 1900. Business generally, he says, is on the increase, and sales of real estate are being made at encouraging figures. The town is justly proud of its new Court House, and a creditable Post Office and Customs building is in progress and is to be ready for occupation in the fall. The Board is now making an effort to secure a reduction in freight rates from the railways, and hints that passenger rates will receive attention also. It has made efforts to have the timber dues on mineral claims abolished, and takes a strong stand against the imposition of the two per cent. mineral tax, as discriminating against low-grade ore properties. The reports of the president and secretary were adopted by resolution, and a complimentary reference made to Mr. Johnson's review of the year's work.

The election of officers for the ensuing term resulted in the return of the following: J. B. Johnson, president; A. S. Goodeve, vice-president, H. W. C. Jackson, secretary-treasurer; council, Messrs. Fraser, Anderson, Lalonde, Smith, Clute, McBride, Agnew, Marsh, Daly, McMillan, McNeill and Hunter.

President Johnson and Mayor Clute were appointed a delegation to go to Victoria for the purpose of urging the Board's recommendations upon the Government.

GODERICH BOARD OF TRADE.

Seldom has there been so much interest displayed in the Goderich Board of Trade as there was at the annual meeting, held on the 10th ult. There was a large attendance, the president, Mr. R. S. Williams, being in the chair. This gentleman, in his annual report, referred to the continued wonderful prosperity of the whole country, in which Goderich had fully shared. As for themselves, he said, they were more immediately concerned with the development of the region to the north, as it was in that district that the chief increase of business was to be looked for. He then gave a brief review of the more important transportation enterprises, which affected Goderich and its tributary country. Speaking of the result of the past year's operations, the situation might be said to have been satisfactory, with the exception of the losses sustained by apple buyers last fall. For hogs, over \$100,000 had been paid in that town to farmers. No less than \$55,000 worth of horses had been purchased and shipped, many of them to South Africa. The soundness of the business situation had been made manifest by the fact that no failure had taken place during the year. Merchants and industrial establishments had had a fairly prosperous year, and business had been active. Several improvements were to be made in the town, including a hotel, a new armory, and possibly a hospital. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, R. S. Williams; vice-president, J. H. Colborne; treasurer, W. A. McKim; secretary, James Mitchell; council, F. W. Doty, S. A. McGaw, Alex. Saunders, Wm. Campbell, G. M. Elliott, Chas. Lee, Joseph Beck, George Porter, W. C. Goode, C. A. Humber, C. A. Nairn and J. T. Goldthorpe.