

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B. FEBRUARY 11, 1899.

BOARD OF TRADE.

EXPENDITURE AT SAND POINT IN CONNECTION WITH WHARF EXTENSION.

The regular meeting of the board of trade was held Tuesday evening being present J. McLaughlin (president), F. O. Allison, W. M. Jarvis, S. S. Hall, G. E. Kinney, T. L. Ray, T. H. Hall, R. B. Emerson, T. B. Robinson, H. H. Harvey, J. B. Woodburn, J. M. Sutherland, A. B. McLean, J. D. Daniel, M. D. J. D. Kent, E. H. Turnbull, H. L. Tiley, G. S. Scovill.

Minutes of former meetings and the following summary of council proceedings met with approval.

At a meeting of the council held last February, the taxation committee reported that a meeting of the joint committee of the board of trade and common council was held on Jan. 9th, at which the following resolution was carried unanimously: Resolved, that the present system of taxing personal property and income be abolished, and that the common council be 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 may be applicable.

The committee further reported that they understood that the common council will apply to the legislature for certain changes in the St. John assessment act, such as exemption of city bonds and mortgages on properties outside the city, a fixed rate on insurance companies, etc. The committee are of the opinion that no change should be made in the act, except on the lines laid down in the resolution of the joint committee.

The council by resolution ordered that the report of the taxation committee stand for special consideration at the monthly meeting of the board on 7th inst.

The council considered the determination of the common council to send the correspondence of the inspector of the building relative to the erection of the proposed grain elevator by the I. O. R., to the minister of railways, with the notification that the common council will not stand in the way of the government getting such legislation as will permit of the erection of the elevator, and the council passed a resolution bearing on the subject.

The president, on behalf of the committee appointed to confer with the O. P. R. in regard to their providing further terminal facilities at Sand Point, West St. John, has reported that they have written to Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, vice-president of the O. P. R., on the subject, Mr. Shaughnessy's reply will be read at this meeting.

A communication was read from Mr. Duff Miller, London, agent general for New Brunswick, asking for copies of the board pamphlet, in a communication to Mr. George Robertson he urged that the members of the board take advantage of the London Colonial Club. The communication was read.

The following was then read:—
To the Committee of the St. John Board of Trade.

Sir:—Referring to your communication of the 4th inst., quoting your resolution of your board of trade, in accordance with which you had been appointed a committee "with the view of ascertaining if the Canadian Pacific Railway Company intends to provide wharves and other facilities at Sand Point, West St. John, to accommodate the increased export trade of the community."

"We gather from published statements by members of the government that attention is now being given to the improvements of harbors and facilities at several points in the dominion, and we know of no place deserving of more consideration than the Canadian winter ports on the Atlantic seaboard."

"These ports are so decidedly national in their character that harbor and dock facilities should be provided at the expense of the general government rather than an individual railway company. The growth of traffic via the port of St. John, notwithstanding the disadvantages of an inefficient ocean service, shows pretty clearly what could be done with modern freight elevators and the necessary facilities for loading and unloading them with despatch. I am afraid that other engagements will prevent me from visiting St. John within the next few weeks, but if your committee, or any member of it, be here at any time I shall be glad to meet you or him and discuss all matters of mutual interest. In the meantime if you prefer I shall request Mr. Tait, manager of eastern lines, to visit St. John for the purpose of conference with you."

I am, very truly,
T. G. SHAUGHNESSY.

W. H. Coates, secretary St. John Typographical Union, in a communication to

the board, drew attention to the fact that orders for large amounts of printing have been at various periods given to Toronto houses to the detriment of the printing interests of this city. He urged that the board use its efforts to secure a stay of proceedings.

Mr. W. M. Jarvis attributed the source of complaint to the activity and persistency of solicitors for upper Canadian legal publishing firms.

Mr. Thomas Hall said the fact was that work could be obtained more cheaply and conveniently from them.

Captain Keast was in favor of all local work being given local men.

No action was taken.

The following report was then submitted:—

"Gentlemen:—In compliance with the resolution passed by this board at its last monthly meeting that

"Whereas, it is desirable that the members of this board and the public generally should have an accurate knowledge as to the expenditure of the board during the past few years

"At Sand Point in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway and the winter port development, in order that correct conclusions may be reached in discussing such questions as may arise in connection with future developments there, therefore resolved, that the president of the board be requested to have prepared and presented to this board at an early date as possible a complete history of the movement, tracing it from the beginning up to the present time, including a statement of the total expenditures or gifts by the city to date, also, a statement of the revenue at present derived during both winter and summer from the improvements in question; and, if possible, a statement of the revenue derived from the same property prior to the time when the improvements were commenced."

"I beg to submit the following summary of expenditure by the city in connection with the terminal facilities provided at Sand Point to meet the demands of the winter port business at West St. John.

"There has been expended for construction purposes, including purchase of Carleton branch railway, purchase of J. D. Leary lease and improvements thereon, grant to Canadian Pacific Railway for elevator, purchase of O. more lease with improvements thereon, and sundry expenditures for land, wharves, warehouses, docks, dredging, etc., \$525,230.17. From this amount should be deducted the amount received from the Canadian Pacific Railway, \$57,771.66, leaving a balance of \$467,458.51.

"To meet this expenditure, which represents the actual cost of the Sand Point improvements to date, the city has created a bonded indebtedness bearing 4 per cent interest, payable in 40 years, viz:—

Year	Amount	Interest	Total
1898	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1899	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1900	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1901	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1902	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1903	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1904	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1905	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1906	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1907	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1908	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1909	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1910	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1911	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1912	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1913	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1914	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1915	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1916	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1917	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1918	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1919	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1920	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1921	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1922	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1923	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1924	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
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1970	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
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1972	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1973	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1974	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
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1993	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1994	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1995	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1996	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1997	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1998	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51
1999	\$467,458.51	\$18,700.00	\$486,158.51

Costes Bros and Mr. F. Williams were elected members of the board.

There was some discussion over a resolution introduced by Mr. W. M. Jarvis which provided for the opening of a subscription to obtain the funds necessary to have a special act passed by the legislature giving the government authority to erect a wooden building (elevator) in the fire district No. 3.

The matter was dropped, as Ald. T. B. Robinson promised to look after it in discussing the matter Mr. Jarvis said that although not a follower of the dominion government, he must confess that the citizens of St. John were greatly indebted to Mr. Blair and Mr. Fielding for the interest they had shown in the welfare of this port.

The following statement of the exports of the whole port for the season, compared with that of last season was submitted:—

ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE.

Statement of Winter Exports, St. John, N. B., 1898-99 to Feb. 1st, as compared with the Corresponding Period of 1897-98.

1898-99	Bushels	Bags	Value
Grain of all kinds	1,200,000	345	\$31,770
Flour and meal	10,000		\$36,000
Live stock		5,000	\$18,500
Cattle		1,000	\$10,000
Sheep		1,000	\$10,000
Horses		1,000	\$10,000
Lumber		50,000	\$1,000,000
Other lumber		50,000	\$1,000,000
Hay		50,000	\$1,000,000
Butter		50,000	\$1,000,000
Eggs		50,000	\$1,000,000
Meat		50,000	\$1,000,000
Liquors		50,000	\$1,000,000
Apples		50,000	\$1,000,000
Miscellaneous		50,000	\$1,000,000
Total			\$3,350,700

1897-98	Bushels	Bags	Value
Grain of all kinds	1,200,000	345	\$31,770
Flour and meal	10,000		\$36,000
Live stock		5,000	\$18,500
Cattle		1,000	\$10,000
Sheep		1,000	\$10,000
Horses		1,000	\$10,000
Lumber		50,000	\$1,000,000
Other lumber		50,000	\$1,000,000
Hay		50,000	\$1,000,000
Butter		50,000	\$1,000,000
Eggs		50,000	\$1,000,000
Meat		50,000	\$1,000,000
Liquors		50,000	\$1,000,000
Apples		50,000	\$1,000,000
Miscellaneous		50,000	\$1,000,000
Total			\$3,350,700

INCORPORATED.

Grain of all kinds. 1,200,000 Bushels. 345 Bags. Value \$31,770.

Flour and meal. 10,000 Bushels. Value \$36,000.

Live stock. 5,000 Head. Value \$18,500.

Cattle. 1,000 Head. Value \$10,000.

Sheep. 1,000 Head. Value \$10,000.

Horses. 1,000 Head. Value \$10,000.

Lumber. 50,000 Cubic Feet. Value \$1,000,000.

Other lumber. 50,000 Cubic Feet. Value \$1,000,000.

Hay. 50,000 Tons. Value \$1,000,000.

Butter. 50,000 Casks. Value \$1,000,000.

Eggs. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Meat. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Liquors. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Apples. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Miscellaneous. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Total. Value \$3,350,700.

DECREASED.

Grain of all kinds. 1,200,000 Bushels. 345 Bags. Value \$31,770.

Flour and meal. 10,000 Bushels. Value \$36,000.

Live stock. 5,000 Head. Value \$18,500.

Cattle. 1,000 Head. Value \$10,000.

Sheep. 1,000 Head. Value \$10,000.

Horses. 1,000 Head. Value \$10,000.

Lumber. 50,000 Cubic Feet. Value \$1,000,000.

Other lumber. 50,000 Cubic Feet. Value \$1,000,000.

Hay. 50,000 Tons. Value \$1,000,000.

Butter. 50,000 Casks. Value \$1,000,000.

Eggs. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Meat. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Liquors. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Apples. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Miscellaneous. 50,000 Cases. Value \$1,000,000.

Total. Value \$3,350,700.

To adopt such a system legislative authority had to be obtained to enable the chairman of the board of assessors to examine under oath to obtain information as to rental values. He was surprised that the bills and by-laws committee had not thought this authority.

Mr. George Sutherland said that had information be printed and the public educated to the benefits which will result from a change to the Montreal or rental system of assessment. This would bring pressure of public opinion on the common council to make a change. He suggested that the pamphlet be printed and distributed.

Mr. E. M. Sippell spoke against the anomalies of the St. John system of taxation. He pointed out that the assessment was under three or four times more expensive for taxes than if located at Moncton or Halifax.

Ald. Robinson was heard on the resolutions, pointing out the difficulties of the situation.

The resolution offered by Mr. Harvey was then carried.

Mr. Schofield moved that a committee be appointed to prepare and publish such information on the assessment question as may be necessary, to be paid for by the Board of Trade, at a cost not to exceed \$25. Messrs Geo Schofield, W. Jarvis, H. Harvey, S. S. Hall, were appointed a committee, and the meeting adjourned.

THE ORANGE ORDER.

County Lodge Holds Annual Session.

The annual meeting of the St. John County Orange Lodge convened at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Orange hall, Gormain street. The attendance of delegates was large when County Master George E. Day called the meeting to order. The county master in welcoming the delegates said he had derived both pleasure and profit from the discharge of his duties, and he knew it would cause them both satisfaction and pride to hear that the order is going ahead in every direction. He referred to his visit to the annual meeting of the Orange of British America, where he was honored with the office of deputy grand lecturer, and in this connection presented the county lodge with a large framed portrait group of the delegates in attendance at the grand lodge, to be hung in the meeting room. Mr. Day reported having officiated at the new lodges in the jurisdiction, and said he had found these visits pleasant and profitable. As a result of them every lodge has its returns in, which has not been the case in many years. Reference was made to the spreading out of the pointed hat at this is the 50th anniversary of the order, and the new lodges are springing up here and there all over the country. The Orange of St. Martins were warmly commended on the erection of their new hall at Hardwicke. A plan was outlined for the revival of the order, and the county master urged the delegates to give consideration to the same. The county master drew attention to the healthy state of the finances and to the handsome increase in membership which would be disclosed by the reports of the treasurer and secretary. The 12th of July celebration was referred to, and it was pointed out that this is the 50th anniversary of what is known as the battle of York Point. The county master, in addition to the remarks of the delegates he had given and of the general management of his office.

The reports of the other officers were submitted at the meeting last evening.

The Grand Orange Lodge of the Province of New Brunswick will meet in a special session at Fredericton on the 21st inst.

Arctic Navigator in Town.

Captain J. E. Berzel, pilot of the Canadian dredge International, now in port, is endeavoring to secure from the dominion parliament and from the legislature of Quebec, subsidies to assist him in a proposed expedition in search of the North Pole. He has asked the dominion government for \$50,000 and the Quebec government for \$5,000. He is well qualified to command such an expedition, for he has had experience in all kinds of climates and has been in command of fifty-five ships during his career. He would start from Vancouver in May, 1900, in a wooden whaling vessel, capable of being run by steam or sail, of 300 tons, and carrying a crew of eight all told. Captain Berzel is very popular in the city, and he gets his subsidy to start. He has been in St. John before, having come when Hon. Mr. Tait came here last year in a yacht on his tour of inspection of the port.

ANNAPOLIS ELECTION.

Very Little Interest Taken in the Contest.

ANAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—The election of town councillor for this town today there was very little interest taken in the result. At the close of the poll the vote stood as follows:—

H. Edwards. 102
H. Rogers. 80
J. F. Edwards. 74

The council as at present constituted stands as follows: Mayor, Wm. DeBlois; Councillors F. Pickles, E. L. Fisher, W. McCormack, S. H. Edwards, H. D. Rogers and H. A. Wak.

AFTER THE STORM.

ANNE M. SMITH.

A dreary, leaden, lowering sky,
His cheering beam so cold and dry,
Gloomy mist enshrouds the hills,
And all the quiet valley fills.
Snow-white first that in the blast
Their shrouds immaculate from them cast.
Winter birds that trusting came
To search and happily find a crumb,
Dependent on this come I gaze,
But quickly turned, surprised, amazed;
The sunburst broke the clouds between,
And with his light he shone again,
Upon your path, my friend, and mine;
And what seemed desolate and drear
In cruel grandeur will appear.
Then, like Diogenes in his tub,
Face we over the sun's warm rays
When cometh wintry days,
Lower Kintore Vio. Co.

"That Tired Feeling"

Is just as common and just as reasonable in horses