

W. F. Burditt Heads Board of Trade

Retiring President, R. B. Emerson, Reviews Work of Association for Last Year.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held at their council chambers last night with a fair attendance of members present. The meeting was given over largely to reports of the year's work, the report of the retiring president and a discussion of hydro-electric power.

President Emerson's Report.

The retiring president, R. B. Emerson, gave an exhaustive report of the work accomplished during the past year, and suggested ideas for future consideration that, properly worked out, would mean much for the general advancement of the city's interests. Mr. Emerson said the Board had endeavored during the year to faithfully perform its share of community service. If it had failed to reach its objective, it was due to conditions that were beyond the control of the board—conditions that not only encroached on the activities of the board, but also, of the commercial, industrial, transportation and general interests of the city. He referred to the activities of the council to further port interests, and of the various delegations sent to Ottawa at the expense of the board to accelerate harbor development and secure a better system of harbor management.

The retiring president emphasized the part the board had taken in heartily co-operating with the city and other civic bodies in welcoming trade delegations, receiving parliamentarians from Ottawa and the Imperial Press visitors.

Looking To Future.

Looking to the future President Emerson said there were many outstanding needs for the city that in coming board would have to follow up. Among the most pressing of these was the development of the port along permanent and progressive lines; the extension of the breakwater system; additions to grain conveyors; the providing of wireless direction finding stations; the reducing of port costs; the unification of harbor control; the providing of ample harbor terminals on land and water; the expansion of trackage system of both railroads; improvement and cleanliness of the city; improved housing conditions; furnishing of electric power for industries; extension of tram car system; boys work and general community promotion.

In closing his remarks, the retiring president spoke of the unity of effort and pictured the mighty benefits that would accrue to the city if there were a hearty co-operation on the part of business and professions in the support of the board's work. He believed great things could be accomplished in the way of harbor improvements, publicity for the city, betterment of young citizenship, bringing of capital and labor in closer harmony. It was up to the citizens to accomplish all this by attending the meetings and boosting the work of the board.

If the men of the city, he said, would visualize these things it would not be long before St. John would have a Board of Trade that would be a winner.

As a parting word he said: Come, let us get together for the good of the city. Let us remember that in building up St. John we are building up Canada, and we are likewise strengthening the arm of the British Empire by furnishing it with a well equipped port that can be utilized in peace or war and all seasons of the year.

On motion of W. F. Burditt, a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring president for his untiring efforts in promoting and advancing the work of the board. He has sacrificed his own business and thrown his soul and energy into the board's work for the advantage of the city, work appreciated by all.

Hydro-Electric Power.

Frank B. Ellis brought up the question of hydro-electric power. He thought, as the Premier was to give the city an opportunity of controlling and distributing the power in this city, the board might wisely give it some consideration.

Ex-Mayor Hayes thought the proposition ought to be of great interest to the city which has been handicapped on account of power. Industries have been barred from the city, he said, because of excessive power.

TAKE CARE OF THAT COUGH

Some people get a nasty cough and don't pay much attention to it, saying "Oh, it will wear away in a short time," but while it may wear off, such injury may have been done to the lungs and respiratory organs by the continued hacking, coughing.

On the first sign of a cough or cold get a bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It will stop that nasty, troublesome cough, ease the tightness, loosen the chest, and loosen the phlegm.

Mrs. Wm. Burnshaw, Aspley, Ont., writes: "Last winter I caught a bad cold, and a sore throat and a terrible hacking cough that I could not get rid of. I could not sleep at night. I tried quite a few remedies but they did not do me much good until I got Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. By the time I had taken two bottles, my cough was all gone. I feel that 'Dr. Wood's' has no equal."

When you get Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, you are not experimenting with new and untried remedies, but you are using a preparation that has been used for thirty years.

Put up in a yellow wrapper; three bottles cross the trade mark; price 35c and 60c a bottle, manufactured by Dr. T. H. Wilson, Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

General Secretary Addressed Veterans

C. Grant McNeil Told of G. W. V. A. Accomplishments, Aims and Aspirations.

At the Great War Veterans' Club rooms last night, C. Grant McNeil, general secretary of the Dominion command, addressed the members of the local branch regarding the accomplishments, aims and aspirations of the G. W. V. A. The meeting was very largely attended, and Comrade Norman P. McLeod, president of the St. John branch, occupied the chair.

His Worship, Mayor Schofield, Commissioners Thornton, Bullock and Frink and Police Magistrate Ritchie were also on the platform.

Becoming Acquainted

C. Grant McNeil explained that he had come to St. John for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the organization here and learning the views of the local veterans, which would be of great assistance in enabling the Dominion command to deal more intelligently with matters put before it from the St. John branch.

He pointed out that headquarters was burdened with a great volume of work, the staff was limited, and consequently little time was left for field work. The speaker expressed the opinion that some branches were inclined to be too parochial, and these should join in the national aspirations of the association, which had 896 branches and about 200,000 members. The G. W. V. A. was founded by returned men of 1916 and 1918 service, who consolidated together on their return from overseas during the war, after having witnessed great sacrifices and human suffering.

The Achievements

The achievements of the G. W. V. A. had been many. Everywhere the association had, in addition to many other things, taken an active interest in the community, and had founded a magazine on little or no capital, which had no peer today. He pointed out its capacity as business agent for returned men, declaring that multitudes of grievances of many varieties had been looked after by the Dominion command, such as adjustment of working pay and separation allowance, divorce cases, employment for returned men, settlement of veterans upon desolved lands and the obtaining of farm implements.

Legislation Secured

Among the legislation secured was the Soldiers' Settlement Act, Vocational Training, Adjustment to the Pensioners' Act, the passing of the Insurance Act, and War Service gratuity for imperial soldiers. The first mentioned had been obtained after two years of the most strenuous campaign.

They have found it just as difficult as American exporters have found it to get cash from European buyers, and have suffered more intensive production handicaps during the last five years than have American producers.

But the British have learned by long experience that periods of economic depression are good times in which to lay the foundations abroad for future business, and he has learned to wait. More than all, he knows that foreign markets cannot be neglected when domestic markets are attractive and then recaptured just when they are needed. He sets aside enough of his product for export to keep his brands and trade marks 'in the market,' and to let his foreign consumers know that they are not being altogether forgotten.

"Such a policy can have only one result. That result is markedly evidenced in the latest figures of British overseas commerce."

Good Quality and Straight Dealing.

The American business man recognizes that England's greatest asset in trade is the character and quality of her goods. Somewhat British business men have succeeded in winning the confidence of the world. No trader from Spitzbergen to Tierra del Fuego questions the soundness of a British bank or the fair dealing of a British insurance company. The final word of praise of manufactured goods anywhere is to say that they are British. The Pathan on the Himalayas, hills has one name for a first class knife; it is a "Rodgers." Why? Because one old Sheffield house has for generations never failed the Pathan in his goods. Now "Rodgers" are, or were, when I knew Sheffield, a very old-fashioned firm, who would not even have a telephone in their premises, but they turned out honest goods. It is just this reputation for honesty built up by generations of straight dealing that the American recognizes to be the British merchant's most priceless asset. He laughs often enough at many of our methods of organization, of selling, even of the manufacturing, but he recognizes that even though sometimes the boxes are not attractive and the packing is wretched, though the business stationery lacks flourish and our commercial travellers are sometimes not expert with the "glad hand," yet the goods in the boxes are good.

The British manufacturer and the British seller have things to learn from the American; no one denies that. One could easily enough write of the things where we envy America, but the American today is looking on the other side. He is asking, not so much what he can teach us, as what he can learn from us.

And out of our mutual appreciation of each other's good points is coming a co-ordination of effort and a co-operation in industry which is going to be for the good of us both. Just as in world politics England and America finally find that when hours of vital strain come they somehow get together, so in world trade we are more and more discovering that it will pay us better to work in double harness than to pull in opposite ways.

A new concrete bridge crossing the Williams River in Washington is notable not only for its light and graceful lines, but for the length of the span, which is 385 feet, with a dip of 130 feet.

CLOTHING MAKERS BREAK AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNIONS

Charge is Made That Workers Restrict Output at Least Fifty Per Cent.

Boston, Dec. 6.—The Clothing Manufacturers' Association of Boston voted today to break all relations with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Agreements between the two organizations which have governed the employment of 6,500 persons in the clothing industry here were said to have been abrogated by the workers' union. Encouragement by its members of deliberate restriction of output amounting at times to 50 per cent, was charged.

PRESENTATION TO REV. H. E. BENNETT

Rev. H. E. Bennett was greatly surprised and pleased last evening when he was presented with a silver watch, suitably engraved by the Badminton Club of Mission church. Twenty-four members of the club sat down to a high tea at the school-room at six o'clock. At the close of the supper Rev. J. V. Young made the presentation, speaking of the interest taken by Father Bennett in the Badminton Club, and how greatly he would be missed. A fitting reply was made by Rev. H. E. Bennett, who leaves for England on Friday.

Vocational training had been so satisfactory that there was now a movement on foot by which men engaged in industrial occupations could receive such an education. Previous to the passing of the last amendment to the Pensioners' Act, the pensions paid had been wholly inadequate. A Federal Emergency Fund was created, and an adjustment of vocation pay was effected and other legislation had been secured in the way of finding employment for veterans.

Asked to Form Alliance

The Great Army of United Veterans had made definite overtures to the G. W. V. A. to form an alliance for political purposes. Nothing, however, will be done by the Dominion command of the latter to compromise its political independence until a convention had been held.

It was also proposed to have an amendment passed to the Housing Act on the same principle as the Soldiers' Settlement Act, whereby returned soldiers, and eventually other citizens, may own their own homes.

The vote of thanks was moved by G. Earl Logan and seconded by Police Magistrate Ritchie. His Worship Mayor Schofield also spoke, and the meeting was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem.

Local Clergyman In Boston Hospital

Serious Operation on Rev. J. H. Jenner Proved Successful Last Sunday.

The many friends of Rev. J. H. Jenner, pastor of Charlotte street Baptist church, will regret to learn that he was obliged to go to a hospital in Boston and have a serious operation performed. Mrs. Jenner received word yesterday that the operation had been successful. Rev. Mr. Jenner was in Boston on a two weeks' vacation, and while there it was found that an operation was necessary. On Sunday morning he preached at Clarendon St. Baptist church, entering the hospital in the afternoon. Members of his congregation and his large circle of friends will wish him a speedy return to health.

FATHER GAVE LIFE IN VAIN ATTEMPT TO SAVE CHILDREN

Edmonton, Dec. 6.—Guy Patterson, a pioneer of Hardisty, Alta., and two young daughters, aged seven and four, were burned to death when the Patterson home was destroyed by fire.

Patterson's efforts were successful in saving his eldest daughter. In the desperate effort to rescue the other two he was overcome and died with them. Mrs. Patterson was badly burned in her efforts to save the family.

ADmits THEFT CHARGE.

Fredericton, Dec. 6.—Blair Denison, charged with theft from the D. S. C. R. hospital here, appeared before Judge Wilson, of the York County Court this morning under Speedy Trials and pleaded guilty. He was freed on recognizance.

AT HIS NEW POST.

Fredericton, Dec. 6.—Hon. D. W. Messer, the new Minister of Agriculture, was at his office this morning. Announcement as to the appointment of the new deputy minister of agriculture will not be made until the meeting of the government at St. John on or about December 15.

The Friends of A. J. Gulon, of Haverlock, N. B., will be glad to know that he hopes to be able to return home in the near future.

Some six weeks ago Mr. Gulon entered a New York hospital, where he has undergone a serious operation.

Young Ladies' League The Young Ladies' League of the Y. M. C. A. held their regular meeting last evening in the board room at the "Y." Miss Marguerite Blagden, president, in the chair. Ten new members joined. Plans were made for an entertainment to take place shortly, and other matters in connection with the winter's work discussed.

WELL DESERVED HONOR Lieut.-Col. H. H. Powell has been honored by the French government, having conferred on him the Cross of Honor.

PREMIER'S PROPOSALS

Premier Foster is expected to go before the city council today and present his proposal to the city for taking over the control and distribution in the city of the power to be developed at Musquash.

A Nebraska inventor has invented a combination mangle and wringer, which, coupled with an electric washer, is said to reduce the laundry drudgery to a minimum.



ONLY 15

Buying Days to CHRISTMAS

"He Wants a Gillette"

P.S.—A man is glad of two Gillettes—one for home—one for travel.

An Unusual Christmas Sale of Odd Pieces of Furniture Offers Timely Helpfulness

Prices have been very specially reduced, so that substantial savings prevail on every piece mentioned below. In getting ready for stock-taking we have assembled many Odd Pieces of Furniture for Living Room, Dining Room and Bedroom. These are mostly high grade qualities, but regardless of this we have marked them to bargain prices that make it decidedly to your advantage to select a few wanted pieces now. These odd pieces suggest many practical and thoroughly useful Christmas Gifts—Our advice to the thrifty is to buy now and here. The prices mentioned below represent great savings:

<p>NINE ODD SETS OF DINING CHAIRS</p> <p>Fumed and Golden Polished Oak, with Upholstered Leather Seats. Sets consist of five side chairs and one arm chair.</p> <p>Sale prices \$33.50, \$42.00, \$44.25, \$46.50, \$51.00, \$54.00, \$56.50 and \$68.50.</p> <p>FIVE ODD DINING TABLES</p> <p>Golden and Fumed Oak with fashionable round tops.</p> <p>Sale prices \$28.50, \$36.00, \$48.50, \$52.00 and \$71.50</p> <p>ODD BUFFETS</p> <p>Old English finished oak; also fumed and golden polishes</p> <p>Sale prices \$46.50, \$48.50, \$52.00, \$72.50 and \$88.00</p> <p>CHIFFONIERS</p> <p>Several neat designs in these, no two alike. Made of good quality dull walnut, quartered oak in polished finishes; also dull and polished mahogany finishes. All have plane mirrors.</p> <p>Prices are exceptionally low in order to make quick disposal.</p> <p>\$42.00, \$49.50, \$52.00, \$61.50, \$63.50 and \$66.50.</p> <p>DRESSING TABLES</p> <p>Golden Oak, polished \$27.00</p> <p>Mahogany finish \$26.50</p>	<p>ODD ARM CHAIRS AND ROCKERS</p> <p>Fumed Oak Finishes.</p> <p>Used extensively for living rooms.</p> <p>Sale prices \$12.50, \$16.50, \$24.00 and \$35</p> <p>BEDS</p> <p>Wooden Beds in oak, walnut and mahogany finishes—Double size only. Sale prices \$43.50, \$46.50 and \$52.50.</p> <p>White Enamel Beds, mostly double sizes. Sale prices \$7.75, \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.75.</p> <p>Brass Beds, double sizes. Sale prices \$30.00 and \$41.25.</p> <p>ODD BUREAUS</p> <p>Mahogany finish and golden oak.</p> <p>Sale prices \$41.50, \$44.00 and \$49.50</p> <p>SECTIONAL BOOK CASES</p> <p>Three Units in each—Early English finish. \$27.50 complete with base and top.</p> <p>ONE ODD TAPESTRY SUITE OF THREE PIECES</p> <p>Consisting of Sofa, Rocker and Arm Chair. Made with rounding back, all upholstered in tapestry. Lovely for living room. Extra special value, \$92.50 Suite.</p>
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