

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade was held Saturday night when there was a large attendance.

At the commencement of the meeting Mr. R. H. Alexander, late president of the board, introduced Mr. J. Hendry, the new president, to the members, and stated that Mr. Hendry had taken the necessary oath.

Mr. Hendry, who then took the chair amidst applause, said that the first thing for him to do was to thank them for the honor they had conferred on him by electing him president. He hoped that they would be as well satisfied at the end of his term of office as they were at the general meeting. He hoped to advance the interests of the board of trade, as well as those of the city and province. In seeking to advance the interests of the city, they would also seek to advance those of the province, and especially the New Westminster district. He had been president of the New Westminster board of trade for one or two years, and so the work would not be quite new to him. He did not expect this honor, and was quite surprised when he received the letter in San Francisco. He then brought his speech to a close by saying that he hoped that they would be as well satisfied with him at the end of the year as at present. (Applause.)

Mr. James Orr said he would like to know if Mr. Hendry was still a member of the New Westminster board of trade.

Mr. Hendry replied that he was, but he saw nothing in the by-laws to prevent him from being a member of both boards. He thought that he might do more good by being a member of two or more boards.

The minutes of the last meeting and the special meeting were then read by the secretary.

As soon as the minutes were read Mr. G. I. Wilson said he objected to his name being down on the minutes as candidate for a member of the council, and would like his name expunged.

Mr. James Orr also objected.

The chairman said that if no member had any objection, the names would be expunged. The names were then struck off the minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Cotton, seconded by Mr. Skene, the minutes were adopted.

Communications were then received and read from H. Abbott, general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railroad, stating that he had forwarded a map on which were marked the shacks on the foreshores. The communication also stated that he would be pleased to supply further information, if required, from the manufacturers' Locating bureau, offering to exhibit specimens of the products of this province in their show rooms at Chicago for \$25 per annum.

The following communication was also received:

SYDNEY, N. S. W.,
January 26, 1881. }

To the secretary Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce of Vancouver, British Columbia.

DEAR SIR.—Seeing the progress now being made towards the establishment of the fast Canadian Pacific mail service from Vancouver to Australia, we are now forming a committee of mercantile gentlemen

who are desirous of opening up trade with British Columbia and the Dominion, and have much pleasure in asking your kind favor and assistance in supplying us with information in reference to the following:

1. Dominion tariffs, and probable exports to Australia via Vancouver.

2. Quantity of fresh salmon caught adjacent to Vancouver terminus, wholesale prices, etc.

3. Quantity cases tinned salmon exported to Australia via San Francisco.

4. High class fish and game, wholesale prices, etc.

5. Fine dressed lumbers, doors, window frames and sashes, sheoks, staves and fruit cases, all in bundles, etc., quantity manufactured, wholesale prices, etc., whether manufactured adjacent to Vancouver terminus of the steamers, and any other information you may be pleased to furnish us with.

Sydney, Brisbane and Fiji exports:

1. Frozen mutton, butter, fruit.

2. Wool, wines, sugar and copra. If sugar refineries are erected or likely to be erected in Vancouver, adjacent to the steamers, etc? Are woolen mills erected or likely to be erected in Vancouver, adjacent to the steamers, etc? Are oil manufacturing factories erected, or likely to be erected adjacent to the steamers, etc?

3. Sisal, hemp and flax. What demand, if any market prices, etc.

4. Wines. Shall be pleased with a special report in reference to this. We are turning out in these colonies first-class wines, and in the course of a few years will be one of our principal industries.

5. Have you cold storage rooms in Vancouver, adjacent to the steamers? Our committee is desirous of promoting a profitable trade between Australasia and Vancouver and vice versa, and we have, therefore, taken the liberty in seeking the necessary information with a view to this object. In conclusion, we shall esteem it a great favor if you will comply with our request.

We have the honor to remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours, faithfully,

I. C. ROUNDING,
R. C. GHEST.

Mr. James Orr moved a resolution that the secretary be requested to ascertain what information he could get about the industries of this province that would promote trade with Australia, and report the same to the board. The members also to give such information as they may obtain.

Mr. R. C. Ferguson moved as an amendment, that the secretary report to the council, and they take action in the matter.

Mr. Skene seconded this amendment.

Mr. McLagan suggested that the secretary be instructed to notify the parties of the receipt of the letter, and state that he was preparing the information.

Mr. Ceperley thought it would be better if the secretary were to get up a list of questions and have them printed, and then send them to the manufacturers, who would answer them.

Mr. McLagan said he would agree to that, but thought it would only be courtesy to acknowledge the letter.

The secretary stated that all letters were duly acknowledged.

Mr. Orr was of the opinion that Mr. Ceperley's suggestion was very good, that a circular be sent.

Mr. Cotton thought that this matter be left to the council, as the letter contained various details, and that they should go into it and take the necessary steps and then report to the board.

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Skene then withdrew their motion, and Mr. Cotton moved that the matter be left for the council to go into it, and take such steps as may be necessary and then report.

Mr. Ferguson seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Skene and Mr. Penzer, the letter from the Manufacturers' Locating bureau was left in the hands of the council.

The question of the shacks now came up before the board, and a lengthy discussion ensued. A resolution and an amendment were proposed, but in the end, Mr. Cotton proposed the following amendment to the amendment: "That the matter of the shacks be referred to the council of this board, with the request that they procure and forward to Ottawa, as soon as possible, the information required."

The chairman then said that it was his painful duty to have an election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of their late vice president. He then called for nominations for this office.

Mr. Berteaux was proposed and seconded.

Mr. Cotton then raised the question as to whether, under section 10 of the Statutes, the election of a vice-president, caused by the death of a member, should not be by the council and not by the board.

After considerable discussion on this matter, Mr. Skene asked whether Dr. Whetham had taken the necessary oath.

The secretary stated that he had not, and it was decided by the board that he had not therefore been elected.

Mr. McLagan then moved, and Mr. Penzer seconded, that a vice-president be elected. Carried.

As Mr. Berteaux was the only member nominated, the chairman declared him elected.

Mr. Berteaux then made a few remarks, thanking the members for the honor they had conferred upon him, and stated that he would always do the best he could to advance the interests of the board and Vancouver.

After the chairman had, in a few well chosen words, congratulated Mr. Berteaux on his election, Mr. Skene mentioned that a vacancy now occurred in the council, and asked if it would be in order to elect a member.

On the motion of Mr. Cope, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, it was decided to leave this to the council.

Mr. Fred Cockburn, manager of Dun, Wiman & Co.'s agency in this city, was then nominated as a new member.

Mr. McLagan then moved, and Mr. Cope seconded, a resolution requesting the board to memorialize the legislature to make certain grants and concessions to the Vancouver, Peace River & Alaska railway, which was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.—News Advertiser.