

BIG GATHERING AT BOARD OF TRADE

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR

There Were No Fireworks—Addresses by Lieut.-Governor, Lord Bretton and Hon. Mr. Tatlow.]

The annual general meeting of the board of trade Friday afternoon unquestionably was the largest in the history of that body. Under the circumstances this was not unexpected, and there is no doubt that the prospect of a hot session, and a lot of excitement connected with the annual meeting, had added strength to the gathering. The large attendance also represented to a material extent the activity of the supporters of the two factions who saw that every available member received an urgent call to be on hand.

Table listing officers elected for the ensuing year, including President S. J. Pitts, Vice-President W. T. Oliver, Secretary F. Elworthy, and various other officers.

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traps on the coast tributary to Victoria city were continued and resulted, in direct result, in the Dominion government granting your request. Unfortunately it was then too late to take full advantage of this season of the changed conditions.

Attention being directed to the conditions of the Marine hospital, a special committee was appointed to report. The Dominion government, with commendable promptness, carried out extensive improvements along the lines desired.

The steamship service with Puget Sound has for years past engaged the board's serious attention, and in January last the board approached the Canadian Pacific Railway Company with proposals to operate the route. That company immediately complied, and it is gratifying to announce that the service is now being made before the act was passed, and it is believed the company also is a gainer by the change.

In consequence of the absence of a Bankruptcy Act applicable to the whole Dominion it has devolved upon the individual provinces to enact laws to meet to some extent the exigencies of the situation. This board has taken every opportunity to urge Dominion government legislation; at the same time the board was successful during the session of 1902 in securing the passage of the "Act to prevent priority among creditors." Creditors who have proved beneficial, but something further was required in regard to chattel mortgages and bills of sale.

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report was forwarded to Ottawa, and the board's recommendations, as contained therein, are receiving serious consideration. The board's recommendations that a light be kept burning on the island on Trial Island will be found in the committee's report. The hon. minister of marine and fisheries has promised to give the matter due consideration.

Actual construction of the Canadian Pacific railway hotel has not yet commenced, due entirely to a further agreement between that company and the city, made at the suggestion of His Worship the Mayor, G. H. Bernard, Esq. The company has undertaken to acquire by purchase considerable property on the south side of Humboldt street, and the corporation has agreed to transfer the strip of Victoria city property for that which was deeded to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for hotel purposes.

Another attempt was made to organize a meeting of representatives of the boards of trade in British Columbia. Some of the boards promptly endorsed the proposal, but taken collectively, sufficient encouragement was not found in the replies to warrant the expectations of a successful gathering, and the matter was therefore allowed to drop. It must be remembered that such a meeting entails considerable cost, both in time and money, while the subjects for discussion of equal interest to the entire province are many. Better means of communication will bring the various boards into closer touch, and joint meetings, thoroughly represented in every way, may then be looked for.

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ment committee prepared another programme which embodied the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to form an idea of the trade possibilities of Victoria and vicinity. The excellent impressions carried away by that party will doubtless result beneficially.

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upon, was cordially received. He said he had come to the meeting under a misapprehension—he thought it was to be an interesting discussion of the entrenchment of the strangers' gallery, and 'not to speak. He mentioned that he had been private secretary to Mr. Chamberlain, which was probably why he was often expected to speak.

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Notices regarding land sales and mining operations. Includes notices from G. H. Blackmore, F. R. Blackmore, and others regarding land parcels and mining rights.

THE STRIKE CONTINUES. Indians Coming South to Fraser and Others Return Home, Refusing Work. A dispatch from Port Essington says: "Three hundred Indians have left on the steamer Betts to fish on the Fraser."

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RUSSIANS ADVANCING LOSSES WEIGH HEAVILY. THREE DAYS' FIGHT NEAR PO. Warships Retired into When Japanese Fleet Oku Continues to Advance.

THE JAPANESE ARE STILL MOVING. St. Petersburg, July 12.—The Russian retreat from Manchuria, which is hailed as a triumph at Tokio, according to the reports of the Japanese army, has been a little more than a series of tactical retreats.

THE RETREAT OF RUSSIANS. Tientsin, Saturday, July 10.—A correspondent of the Associated Press has just arrived with the news that the Japanese army has evacuated Kaichow to-day and has shifted its headquarters to the west side of the river.

JAPS LOST ABOUT TWO MILES. Tientsin, July 12.—(The Associated Press.)—In the fighting between the Japanese and the Russians, the Japanese have lost about two miles of the Manchurian front.

RUSSIAN LOSSES. Tientsin, July 12.—(The Associated Press.)—The Japanese have captured a large number of Russian prisoners and a great amount of military stores.