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Officers for 1897-1898.

W. F. FINDLAY, PRESIDENT.

SAM'L BARKER, VICE-PRESIDENT.

CHAS. STIFF, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Members of the Council.

T. H. MACPHERSON, M. P.

GEO. E. BRISTOL.

J. B. FAIRGRIEVE.

WM. HENDRIE.

JAS. TURNBULL.

JOHN PROCTOR.

GEO. ROACH.

A. T. WOOD, M. P.

J. J. MASON.

JOHN KNOX.

H. N. KITTSON.

ALEX. TURNER.

S. C. BALFOUR.

JOHN HOODLESS.

JOHN A. BRUCE.

HON. W. E. SANFORD.

F. C. FEARMAN.

M. LEGGATT.

W. H. GILLARD.

GEO. E. TUCKETT.

W. A. ROBINSON.

W. H. GLASSCO.

Board of Arbitration.

For 1897-1898.

J. M. YOUNG.

S. O. GREENING.

R. T. STEELE.

T. W. LESTER.

J. M. BURNS.

SENECA JONES.

J. TURNBULL.

B. E. CHARLTON.

J. M. LOTTRIDGE.

F. H. LAMB.

ALFRED POWIS.

W. C. BRECKENRIDGE.

Board of Examiners.

For 1897-1898.

W. G. BAILEY.

F. C. FEARMAN.

T. LAWRY.

J. E. BROWN.

ROBERT EVANS.

Auditors.

For 1897-1898.

JOHN BELL.

F. H. LAMB.

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LIST OF MEMBERS.

JULY, 1898.



A

Armstrong, C., Cartage Agent T. H. & B R'y.

B

Baker, H. C., Bell Telephone Co.

Balfour, St. Clair, of Balfour & Co., Wholesale Grocers.

Balfour, James, Architect.

Ballantyne, Adam, Grocer.

Bailey, W. G., Flour Mills.

Bertram, Peter, Hardware.

Bazzard, Geo., Agent D. L. & W. R

Baker, S.

Bartman, George.

Bell, John, Insurance Agent.

Beckett, Henry, W. H. Gillard & Co.

Bickle, J. W., Broker.

Blachford, C. D., Undertaker.

Bisby, G. H., Wool Merchant.

Birge, Cyrus, Canada Screw Works.

Browne, H. E., Wharfinger.

Bremner, C., Grocer.

Brennen, H., Planing Mill.

Bristol, G. E., of Lucas, Steele & Bristol, Wholesale Grocers.

Breckenridge, W. C., The Norton Mfg. Co.

Braithwaite, A. D., Manager Bank of Montreal.

Bankier, P. M., Barrister.

Bowes, J. G., of Bowes, Jamieson & Co., Stove Founders.

Brown, Adam.
Brown, J. E., Tanner.
Bruce, J. A., of J. A. Bruce & Co., Seed Merchants.
Bruce, F. C., " " " "
Burns, Dr.
Burns, J. M., Insurance Agent.

C

Calder, John, of J. Calder & Co., Wholesale Clothiers.
Cameron, J. R., Hamilton *Spectator*.
Charlton, B. E., Vinegar Works.
Climie, J. D., Boot and Shoe Dealer.
Coburn, H. P., of L. D. Sawyer & Co., Agricultural Implements.
Carscallen, O. G., Gurney-Tilden Co.
Close, F. R.
Cartwright, C. W., Landed and Banking Loan Co.

D

Davis, W. R., of Davis & McCullough, Jewelers.
Dixon, W., of Dixon Bros., Wholesale Fruiterers.
Dixon, J., " " " "
Doolittle, C. E., Manager Ontario Rolling Mills.
Dunn, G. S., of W. G. Dunn & Co., Coffee and Spice Mills.
Dexter, D., Federal Life Assurance Co.
Domville, C. K.
Dunn, W. G., of W. G. Dunn & Co., Coffee and Spice Mills.
Draper, W. H., Manager Molson's Bank.
Dunlop, James, Flour and Feed Dealer.

E

Eastwood, J. M., Bookseller and Stationer.
Evans, R., Seed Merchant.
Evans, G. F., Westinghouse Air Brake Co.

F

Fairgrieve, J. B., Coal Merchant and Vessel Owner.
Fearman, F. C., of F. W. Fearman & Co., Pork Packers.

Fearman, R. C., of F. W. Fearman & Co., Pork Packers.
Ferrie, C., Hamilton Provident & Loan Co.
Findlay, W. J., Accountant and Insurance Agent.

G

Gallagher, R. E., Principal Canada Business College.
Gartshore, Alex., Pipe Foundry.
Gillard, W. H., of W. H. Gillard & Co., Wholesale Grocers.
Gillespie, Geo. H., Insurance Agent and Stock Broker.
Glassco, W. H., Warehouseman.
Graham, C. W., of Buntin, Gillies & Co.
Grant, W. J., Agent Canadian Pacific Railway.
Greene, Joseph, of W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co.
Greening, T. B., Tea, Coffee and Native Wine Merchant.
Greening, S. O., Greening Wire Co.
Grossman, Aug., Music Dealer.
Gompf, John, Brewer.
Gibson, William, M. P., Contractor.
Gates, F. W.
Griffith, Robt., Tobacconists' Sundries.

H

Hazell, A. T., Grocer.
Harris, J. M., *Herald*.
Harris, R. B., *Herald*.
Haskins, Raymond, Wine Merchant.
Hall, J. T., Assessment Commissioner.
Hendrie, J. S., Contractor.
Hendrie, W., Cartage Agent and Contractor.
Hendrie, W. Jr., Clerk.
Hood, T.
Hoodless, J., of J. Hoodless & Son, Furniture Manufacturers.
Hope, A. H.
Hope, Geo. of A. Hope & Co., Wholesale Iron and Hardware.
Howell, F. J., Lithographer.
Hore, J. G., Hamilton Wheel Works.
Hobson, Robt., Smelting Works.

I

Irwin, J. T., of Thos. Irwin & Son, Iron and Felt Roofing.

Irwin, Thos., of Thos. Irwin & Son, " " "

J

Johnson, J. P., Manager Canadian Express Co.

Jones, C. J. Manager C. P. R. Telegraph Co. and Dominion Express.

Jones, S., Insurance Agent.

K

Kenney, S. S., Federal Life.

Kittson, H. N., of W. H. Gillard & Co., Wholesale Grocers.

Knox, Jno., Knox, Morgan & Co., Wholesale Dry Goods, etc.

Kuntz, Henry, Brewer.

L

Lamb, F. H., Assignee.

Lancefield, R. T., Librarian.

Lake, Isaac, of Lake & Bailey, Flour Mills.

Leggatt, M.

Lennox, J., Wholesale Boots and Shoes.

Leather, T. E., Railway Supply Agent.

Lester, T. W., of Rutherford & Lester, Insurance Agents.

Levy, A., of Levy Bros., Wholesale Jewellers.

Long, W. D., of Long & Bisby, Wool Merchants.

Lottridge, J. M., of Grant-Lottridge Brewing Co.

Lucas, R. A., of Lucas, Steele & Bristol, Wholesale Grocers.

Lees, Albert, of Wm. Lees & Son.

Lees, Thomas, Watchmaker.

M^c

McIlwraith, J. G., Dry Goods.

McInnes, Hon. Senator.

McKay, Rich'd, Real Estate Agent.

McKay, J. D., of McKay Bros., Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.

McKay, R. O., Coal Dealer and Forwarder.

McLerie, J., Freight Agent, C. P. R.
McLaren, Jno. J., Hamilton Coffee and Spice Co.
Macpherson, T. H., of Macpherson, Glassco & Co., Wholesale Grocers.
McHaffie, J., of Winer & Co.

M

Malcolm, W., of Malcolm & Souter, Furniture, Carpets, etc.
Mason, J. J., Accountant.
Meakins, C. W., Brush Manufacturer.
Middleton, J. T., Marble Dealer.
Mills, Geo. H., Victoria Mutual Insurance Co..
Milne, J., of Burrow, Stewart & Milne, Stove Founders, etc.
Moore, A. H., Manager Stinson's Bank.
Moodie, J. R., Manufacturer.
Morgan, C. E., G. T. R'y Ticket Agent and Exchange Broker.
Morrison, J. J., Manager Bank of B. N. A.
Morrison, Angus, Imperial Oil Co.
Murray, A.
Murray, C. S.
Myles, C., Coal Merchant.
Myler, P. J., Westinghouse Air Brake Co.

N

New, Henry, Sewer Pipe Manufacturer.
Newport, Wm., Confectioner.

O

Osborne, J. Y., Grocer.
Osborne, A. G., of J. Turner & Co.
Oliver, Thos., of W. E. Sanford, Manufacturing Co.

P

Parker, J. E., Meriden Britannia Co.
Patterson, J., Cataract Power Co.
Pigott, M. A., Contractor.
Pottenger, J., Manager Merchants' Bank.

Proctor, J., Railway Supplies.
 Powis, A., Agent Nova Scotia Sugar Refinery.
 Pullen, John, District Foreign Agent G. R. R'y.
 Pray, W. R., Undertaker.

R

Robinson, W. A., The D. Moore Co.
 Robertson, R. A., of R. Duncan & Co.
 Roach, G., Property Owner.
 Roberts, W. P., Manager Bank of Commerce.
 Ross, J. W., of Ross Bros., Painters.
 Rutherford, Geo., J. Winer & Co.

S

Sanford, Hon. W. E., of Sanford Mfg. Co., Wholesale Clothing.
 Scott, James, Wholesale Fancy Dry Goods.
 Southam, Wm., Hamilton *Spectator*.
 Steele, R. T., of Lucas, Steele & Bristol, Wholesale Grocers.
 Stevens, H. S., Cashier, Bank of Hamilton.
 Stiff, C., Secretary-Treasurer.
 Strathy, Stuart, Manager Traders' Bank.
 Stroud, A., Tanner.
 Scott, C. S., Assignee, etc.
 Stuart, Jno., of Stuart Bros., Wholesale Grocers.
 Sweet, Geo., of W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co.

T

Thompson, Robert, Lumber Merchant.
 Thompson, A., Furniture Manufacturer.
 Tinling, C. W., of Archdale Wilson & Co., Wholesale Druggists.
 Tilden, J. H., of E. & C. Gurney & Co.
 Treble, S. G., Gents' Furnishings.
 Tuckett, G. E., of G. E. Tuckett & Co., Tobacco Manufacturer.
 Tuckett, Geo. T., " " " " " "
 Turner, Alex., of J. Turner & Co., Wholesale Grocers.
 Turnbull, A. C., of Eastwood & Co.
 Turnbull, J., Manager Bank of Hamilton.

V

Vallance, W., of Wood, Vallance & Co., Wholesale and Retail Hardware.

W

Wallace, Joseph, Grand Trunk Railway.

Walker, F. W., Barrister.

Watkins, F. W., of Pratt & Watkins, Dry Goods and Clothing.

Watkins, Thos. W., Merchant.

Watson, T. H., Railway Supplies.

Waddell, J. N., Barrister.

Williams, G. J., of Dun, Wiman & Co.

Wilson, A., of Archdale Wilson & Co., Wholesale Druggists.

Wright, H. G., Tinware Manufacturer.

Wilcox, C. S., Ontario Rolling Mills.

Whitton, F. H., Ontario Tack Co.

Wood, A. T., of Wood, Vallance & Co., Wholesale Hardware and Iron.

Wood, Walter, Manufacturer of Brooms and Woodenware.

Walton, W. G., Coal and Ice Dealer.

Walker, F. E., Furniture Dealer.

Y

Young, J. M., Hamilton Cotton Co.

Young, M., Accountant.

Z

Zimmerman, A., Merchant-Tailor.

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OF THE

HAMILTON BOARD OF TRADE

1897-8.

The Annual Meeting of the Hamilton Board of Trade was held in the Board-room on July 4th, 1898.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following were unanimously elected new members: Geo. H. Gillespie, A. G. Osborne, P. M. Bankier.

THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Chas. Stiff, Secretary-Treasurer, then submitted his annual report.

1887-8—June 30.	Receipts.....	\$1,080 20
	Borrowed from Bank	121 32
		<u>\$1,201 52</u>
	Disbursements, current year's expenses	\$ 771 15
	Old liabilities paid off	430 37
		<u>\$1,201 52</u>

The *Report* of the TREASURY COMMITTEE was read as follows:

The deficit at 30th June, 1897, of \$440.37, has been reduced to \$131.32, at this date.

For the year just commenced the Committee estimate the ex-	
penses at.....	\$ 800 00
To which must be added deficit.....	131 32
	<u>\$931 32</u>

The revenue is estimated at \$1,000, so that in the opinion of the Committee there is reasonable ground for expectation that in the current year the Board will not only be self-sustaining but free from debt.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The report of the Council was read as follows :

TRADE CONDITIONS.

Your Council has every reason to be satisfied with the condition of trade throughout the country. Exports and imports have largely increased. Crops have been good, and the prices realized better than for some time past.

The outlook for the approaching harvest is very encouraging.

Our city has participated in the general prosperity, and your Council anticipate a continuance of the same during the coming year.

KLONDIKE.

The remarkable discoveries of gold in the Klondike region has resulted in a large influx of miners and prospectors, and a consequent increase in trade with British Columbia and the North West generally.

Considerable difficulties have been experienced in getting supplies over the different passes, as in addition to the physical difficulties, the obstacles placed in the way by the United States Customs regulations have materially increased the cost of supplies to the miners and interfered with the full development of trade between that section and the other parts of the Dominion. Numerous meetings of your Council have been held in relation thereto, and the Dominion Government have been urged to obtain a modification of the grievances complained of (which there is good reason to believe will be effected), and also to provide means of transportation by an all-Canadian route, which will insure to Canada its full share the trade to which it is entitled.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

A memorial was addressed to the Dominion Government by your Board approving of the enactment of an Insolvency Bill and giving reasons therefor.

A Bill has been introduced, during the session just closed, by Mr. Fortin, which is under consideration of the special committee appointed by your Board ; but said Bill has been laid over until the next session, and in the meantime the committee will have time to digest its voluminous provisions.

FIRE INSURANCE.

The question of a threatened increase in the rates of Fire Insurance referred to at the last annual meeting has been before your Council, and your insurance committee has had several meetings on the subject.

A joint committee consisting of civic officials and your Committee met, and having discussed the matter, agreed upon six recommendations to the City Council, all of which were agreed to by that body, with the exception of the one referring to the purchase of a new fire engine.

This action resulted in a postponement of the contemplated increase in rates, but the question was again raised by a notification of the Underwriters' Association to the City Council, that unless the required improvements were initiated by continuous pumping over the stand-pipe, the increased rates would take effect on the 1st June.

Your Committee again took the matter in hand, and after a meeting with the Water Works Committee of the City Council, a meeting of these two committees and representatives of the Underwriters' Association was arranged at which the improvements made were thoroughly discussed, the result being that the putting into effect of the increased rates has again been postponed till September, the Underwriters still insisting on increased means for controlling fires.

Your Council recommend the re-appointment of the Fire Insurance Committee, and that they shall continue their efforts in securing the maintenance of the existing rates of Fire Insurance which are as low as in any city in the Dominion.

NICKEL INDUSTRY.

A meeting was held at the request of the promoters of a Company which is being formed for the purpose of manufacturing refined Nickel in Canada, and a resolution was passed requesting the Dominion Government to place an export duty on Nickel ore equivalent to the existing duty imposed by other countries on refined Nickel.

The establishment of this industry depends altogether on this request being acceded to, and if the Government carry out the suggestion very extensive smelting works will be erected which will benefit the country at large, and especially our city, if the works are located here, as we hope will be the case, possessing as we do the most desirable location in the country for the establishment of such works.

CATARACT POWER COMPANY.

This Company, which has for its object the transmission of electricity

from a point near DeCew's Falls to Hamilton for power and lighting purposes, has made great progress during the year. The work is now near completion, and it is expected will be in active operation within a few weeks.

The Company deserves credit for the energy displayed in prosecuting the work, which will prove an additional inducement for the establishment of manufactories in our city.

HUDSON BAY.

On the 22nd March an interesting address was delivered before your Board by Mr. J. W. Tyrrell, C. E., on the subject of a route to the vast northerly and northwesterly territories of this Dominion by way of Hudson Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, and other water-ways navigable and continuous, with comparatively little interruption, to the Arctic ocean.

It appears to your Council that there are ample grounds for Mr. Tyrrell's opinion that such a route is practicable, and that by furnishing cheap transportation it would open up productive districts to the trade and commerce of the older portions of the Dominion.

The Council recommend that the Board do strongly urge the Dominion Government to undertake a thorough exploration of the whole route, and especially of the district between Baker Lake and Great Slave Lake, a distance stated to be only about 160 miles, and the only part, according to Mr. Tyrrell, between James' Bay and the mouth of the MacKenzie River which is not known to be navigable by steamboats.

HEINZ PICKLE COMPANY.

The Heinz Pickle Co. of Pittsburg, Pa., had a representative here looking for a location with a view of establishing a branch factory in Hamilton. Your President and Secretary, with the Mayor of the City, showed him all necessary attention, and placed him in a position to obtain all the information he required. Although a free site was offered, as well as other inducements, no action has yet been taken to erect the factory; but it is understood that the matter is still under consideration.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

This Committee report as follows:

"Passenger fares on the North Western Branch—

"With reference to this, a deputation went to Montreal and interviewed Mr. Reeve, the Traffic Manager, regarding this matter. Mr. Reeve said they were acting on the advice of their Solicitor that they had the

right to charge these passenger rates. Afterwards an interview was held between the City Solicitor of Hamilton, the Mayor and the Chairman of your Transportation Committee and Mr. John Bell, representing the Grand Trunk. Mr. Bell held firmly to his legal opinion which he had given the Grand Trunk, that they had the right to charge these rates if found necessary in their own interests.

"Nothing further has been done in the matter, and we suggest that this be handed over to the new Transportation Committee to do what they think best in the premises.

"FREEMAN FERTILIZING WORKS.

"This matter, which is a complaint made by the W. A. Freeman Co. of this city, about excessive freight rates charged on their produce, has been referred to the Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk, with a request that this committee be furnished with the reasons why these differences are allowed.

"PASSENGER RATES IN WESTERN ONTARIO.

"As the Board are no doubt aware, on account of the war which has been going on between the different roads, Hamilton is being discriminated against in various points in Western Ontario in passenger rates. Representations have been made to Montreal about this matter but so far without effect.

"It seems to your Committee that a strong protest should be now made to the Grand Trunk about this matter, and that the Board should insist on Hamilton being placed in its proper position. Failing that, more energetic measures will require to be adopted ; but it seems to your Committee that as the war between the companies has not been settled as yet strong representations should again be made so that the matter can be adjusted."

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association is to be held at Bristol, England, in September. An invitation to send a representative of your Board having been received, W. H. Gillard was appointed, and purposes being present.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR HOLDING ANNUAL MEETING.

The resolution passed at the last annual meeting with reference to changing the date of holding the annual meeting from July to January, and which was referred to your Council, was considered, and the conclusion arrived at was that it was not desirable that such change should be made ; a resolution was adopted at the regular quarterly meeting held in April approving of such conclusion, but at the same meeting notice was given that the question would again be brought up at the next annual meeting, and the opinion of the members as to said change is again requested.

MEETINGS.

During the year six Board meetings have been held—one annual, three quarterly, and two special. Eleven Council meetings have been held, as well as several meetings of the various special committees. All matters brought before the notice of your officers, or which have suggested themselves, have been dealt with as they have arisen.

FINANCES.

The membership fees received during the year have been sufficient to pay all current expenses, and also to reduce the liabilities which existed at the end of last year in amount \$440.37 to \$131.32 at this date.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership at the commencement of this year, which was 212 has been reduced by resignation and death to 201, and eleven of these have given verbal notice of withdrawal; but allowing for these, the fees will be sufficient to provide for all anticipated expenses during the coming year, and also to pay off the remainder of the liability referred to previously, and a little effort on the part of members to obtain accessions to our ranks will result in a material increase in membership, which is very much to be desired.

CHAS. STIFF,
Secretary.

W. F. FINDLAY,
President.

The report was on motion adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President stated that as there was no opposition, he would declare the following gentlemen nominated at the meeting held on the 27th June duly elected :

MR. SAM'L BARKER, PRESIDENT.

MR. JOHN A. BRUCE, VICE-PRESIDENT.

MR. CHAS. STIFF, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Members of the Council for three years.

G. E. BRISTOL.

J. B. FAIRGRIEVE.

GEO. E. TUCKETT.

WM. HENDRIE.

JAS. TURNBULL.

JOHN PROCTOR.

A. T. WOOD.

Members of the Board of Arbitration for three years.

J. M. YOUNG.

R. T. STEELE.

F. C. BRUCE.

C. K. DOMVILLE.

The election of members of the various Committees was then proceeded with.

After a few valedictory remarks by the President, a vote of thanks to him was on motion carried unanimously. The new President and Vice-President thanked the members for the honor conferred upon them, and the meeting adjourned.

OFFICERS FOR 1898-1899.

SAM'L BARKER, PRESIDENT.

JOHN A. BRUCE, VICE-PRESIDENT.

CHAS. STIFF, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

W. H. GILLARD.
T. H. MACPHERSON, M. P.
WM. HENDRIE.
GEO. ROACH.
JOHN KNOX
GEO. E. BRISTOL.
JAS. TURNBULL.
A. T. WOOD, M. P.
M. LEGGATT.
JOHN HOODLESS.
F. C. FEARMAN.

HON. W. E. SADFORD.
W. A. ROBINSON.
J. J. MASON.
ALEX. TURNER.
GEO. E. TUCKETT.
W. H. GLASSCO.
J. B. FAIRGRIEVE.
JOHN PROCTOR.
H. N. KITTSON.
ST. CLAIR BALFOUR.
SENECA JONES.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION.

J. TURNBULL.
S. O. GREENING.
J. W. LESTER.
SENECA JONES.
B. E. CHARLTON.
J. M. LOTTRIDGE.

F. H. LAMB.
W. C. BRECKENRIDGE.
J. M. YOUNG.
R. J. STEELE.
F. C. BRUCE.
C. K. DO

BOARD OF EXAMINER

W. G. BAILEY.
ROBT. EVANS.

J. E. BR
C. FCARMA

JAMES DUNLOP.

AUDITORS.

JOHN BELL.

F. H. LAMB.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

T. H. MACPHERSON, M. P.

F. C. BRUCE.

G. E. BRISTOL.

W. H. GILLARD.

F. C. FEARMAN.

INSOLVENCY COMMITTEE.

JOHN KNOX.

G. E. BRISTOL.

W. A. ROBINSON.

J. TURNBULL.

M. LEGGATT.

J. J. MASON.

W. F. FINDLAY.

FIRE INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

JOHN HOODLESS.

W. H. GILLARD.

JOHN KNOX.

W. A. ROBINSON.

G. E. BRISTOL.

JOHN A. BRUCE.

JURY COMMITTEE

ST. CLAIR BALFOUR.

J. J. MASON.

JOHN HOODLESS.