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THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE.

This body will meet in St. John today. It was organized last year, as the result of a conference of various boards of the maritime provinces held in the city of Halifax. The constitution of the Maritime Board of Trade contains among others, the following provisions:

It shall be composed of delegates selected from the various Boards of Trade throughout the Maritime Provinces, on the basis of ten per cent of each Board's membership.

It shall deal with all matters affecting the interest of trade and commerce of the Maritime Provinces, as well as of the whole Dominion.

The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, each representing one of the Maritime Provinces, and a Secretary-Treasurer to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

There shall be a Council composed of one member from each Board, affiliated with the body, who are to be elected by their representative Boards immediately after the annual meeting of the Maritime Board, five members of which shall form a quorum. The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be ex-officio members.

The usefulness of Boards of Trade, and the influence they exercise on legislatures, is quite apparent. If, in time, the granting of subsidies to foreign ports is done away with, the credit will be largely due to the representation made by the various Boards of Trade in these provinces by the sea. What is to be the particular business before the Maritime Board this week is not yet set forth in detail. We understand the Prince Edward Island contingent will have a proposal with regard to better communication with the mainland, which will very properly come before the board. It is likely that the question of subsidies will be taken up.

The Maritime Provinces need to present a more united front in the future than they have done in the past. Quebec and Ontario are two large provinces with the bulk of the population of the Dominion. Here, by the sea we are divided into three small provinces. It would be well if we were one large province. What steps would need to be taken to unite the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, into one legislative union, it may not be worth while discussing, but, it is plain that if the people of the provinces saw their way clear to an union, the rest would be easy. We have no difference of race to contend with, and the real objection to an union which would reduce our expenditure, while strengthening our influence, comes mainly from interested politicians. The formation of a Maritime Board of Trade may be a step in the direction of a legislative union. We are governed to death. Why not begin to cut down expenses by substituting a single system for a triple arrangement which bears heavily on the tax payers?

Here is a practical hint for the gentlemen composing the Maritime Board of Trade.

TRIAL BY JURY.

Trial by jury is something of which we are supposed to speak with bated breath as a great boon secured to Anglo-Saxons as far back as the time of the great charter. In theory, it is a grand thing to be tried by one's peers, but in practice there is a good deal of sham about trial by jury. The lawyers engaged in the cases are always on the qui vive as to the make-up of the jurors and there is a great time "challenging." That is, a lawyer objects to such and such a man, being on a jury, because he thinks that man will not favor his client. Of late, there is noticed a dislike among our best citizens to serving on juries. Whoever loses the case is liable to blame the jury, and men do not wish to make more enemies than is necessary. As a matter of right, juries who try cases should be entire strangers to the principals involved. Cases in which a town or townsman are concerned should be tried by intelligent countrymen and vice versa. A great many people would rather trust to an honest and competent judge than to a jury, ignorant perhaps, and prejudiced. The chance of getting justice meted out would be quite as good.

M. R. Benn's Yacht.

The St. John Sun, in its sporting columns has this to say:—M. R. Benn's yacht Axis, just built and designed by Albert Henderson of Douglastown for speed, gained the final race of the season by nine minutes over all competitors. The speed of this latest addition to the fleet is proved by the fact that during entire race her large steel center board was taken down and never once elevated in ten miles of the race. She carried off the handsome Watt cup, which Mr. Benn presented to the builder, Mr. Henderson, after the race.

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Old established firms always carry weight and respect with them. This general assertion applies in every particular to the furniture and undertaking establishment of Jacob Vanwart. For thirty years and more, Mr. Vanwart has carried on his business, at or near his present site on the south side of the bridge. His goods have always been first class, his methods of business square and reliable and in consequence he now holds an enviable position among Woodstock business men. Within the past few days THE DISPATCH paid a visit to Mr. Vanwart's store and factory. One would hardly gather from the exterior, that there was such a complete and attractive stock as meets the eye, when one enters and passes through the store. Mr. Vanwart's long experience has made him a complete judge of furniture, and he has everything that can be wished for in his line. High priced articles for those who can pay high prices. Low priced, but durable furniture for those whose purse is slender. Among the many good things which this journal noticed, was a very handsome bedroom suite in quartered oak, hand carved, and highly polished. Another very neat thing is a walnut set with marble top, that is sold at a very reasonable price. A splendid set of lounges and sofas are in stock, at all prices. Up stairs there is an array of furniture of all grades that would fairly make a housekeeper with an eye to the beautiful, open her eyes with surprise that such fine goods can be seen in Woodstock. Here is to be seen a beautiful array of parlor suites, in silk, plush and rug goods, extension tables which can be adjusted to suit any sized family, iron bedsteads for those who prefer them to wood, sideboards, writing desks, hall racks, and really beautiful wicker and rattan chairs. In fact a house can be completely and handsomely furnished from this elaborate and mixed display. Mr. Vanwart also makes a specialty of picture framing, and has samples of frames in all designs. In connection with his furniture establishment Mr. Vanwart carries on a first class undertaking business. Indeed, as one of the old and reliable, and at the same time up-to-date business concerns Jacob Vanwart's establishment stands in the front rank.

A Noted Evangelist.

Mrs. J. K. Barney, of Providence Rhode Island, will be in Woodstock on Oct. 6th. In the evening she will deliver an address in the Methodist church. The admission price will be only 15 cents. Mrs. Woodbury, president of the Nova Scotia W. C. T. U., thus writes of Mrs. Barney:—"She has been a very evangel where ever she has gone. Her gospel missions, her lectures on the various questions of Reform, her work as World's W. C. T. U. Supt. of Prison Reform, which has won for her the name of "The Elizabeth Fry of America," her great success in two lecture tours in England, her constant contributions to the press, and her success as an author, put her in the very first rank among the celebrated women of America, and we feel sure that this rare opportunity to hear and be uplifted by this God-inspired woman will be appreciated by the public whenever she shall speak. We only regret that her stay in Nova Scotia is so limited."

Fredericton's Grievance.

The Fredericton Board of Trade met with Mr. J. N. Sutherland, general freight agent of the Atlantic division of the C. P. R., the other day. The Gleaner gives a report of the conference. In the course of the discussion Mr. Shea said Woodstock has cheaper freight rates on iron pipe from St. John than Fredericton has. Mr. Sutherland said this was not so, that the first class rate to Woodstock is 42 cents per cwt., and that Mr. Shea's information was probably based on the rate charged for a full car load. No merchant can be prevented from ordering a full car load to save freight charges, and then peddling the goods out to other dealers. Mr. Randolph said by an arrangement recently entered into the rate on flour from the upper provinces to St. Stephen and St. John was cheaper than to Fredericton, which militated against the dealers here, and asked if it could not be remedied. Mr. Sutherland said he would use his influence to have that arrangement cancelled, or else have the same rate apply to Fredericton.

Pursued By Tramps.

Miss Drullen and Miss Bailey, who live in Douglas took a walk out the Royal Road one evening for a constitutional. They walked several miles and when returning home found themselves surrounded by a couple of tramps, who have been loafing around the Royal Road for the past month, raiding houses, gardens, fields and cellars in the vicinity. The ladies ran with their utmost speed, and had a pretty long distance to cover before they reached a house where they might take refuge. The tramps pursued them, and were just reaching out to catch the girls as they got opposite the house, into which they bounded, making one last effort to escape from the clutches of the ruffians. They were successful. The tramps baffled in their fiendish attempt, took off to the woods again. The young ladies were naturally thoroughly alarmed, and after the excitement was over were nearly prostrated. The portion of the road that the young ladies were set upon is very lonely and they are fortunate to have been speedy enough to escape.—Fredericton Gleaner.

A Rival of Holmes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 26.—A morning paper says:—"Startling developments surrounding the mysterious death of Emma Bartels at the home of Dr. C. W. Winters, 108 South California avenue, on Sept. 10, resulted yesterday in the arrest of the physician on the charge of murder and his indictment by the grand jury. The evidence now in possession of the police bids fair, Lieut. Beard of the Warren avenue police station says, to develop conditions at the California avenue house similar to those of the Holmes castle in Elmwood, with the swindling motive omitted. The police have found two young women who entered Dr. Winters' home under similar conditions, it is supposed, as Miss Bartels did, but not attended with fatal results, and it was upon their testimony before the grand jury that the indictment was returned. Emma Bartels was found in a dying condition in the house shortly before midnight on Sept. 10, under mysterious circumstances. She had gone to Dr. Winters' house in search of employment. Dr. Winters' having inserted an advertisement for a servant girl in the morning papers. It has also been learned by the police that Dr. Winters has taken young girls from employment bureaus in the city. Before the mysterious death there of Miss Bartels, young girls made frequent visits. Since then, however, only one has continued to call, and yesterday a policeman watched the house all day in order to get a talk with her, but she did not come. The doctor at first took his arrest very coolly, but when the warrant charging him with murder was read by Detective Buggie he quailed and whined. He refused to make a statement. Dr. Winters is almost forty years of age. He says he has lived in New York, San Francisco, Denver and several cities in Europe.

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