

## BOARD OF TRADE.

Interesting Meeting on Monday Evening.  
--Two Important Matters Discussed.

A meeting of the board of trade was held Monday evening to consider the advisability of making an effort to keep the Alex. Dunbar Sons Co. from fulfilling their evident intention of leaving Woodstock.

Mr. Sheasgreen, president, occupied the chair and J. P. Malaney acted as secretary. R. E. Holyoke and N. Foster Thorne had been appointed a committee to see Mr. Dunbar and other representatives of the company and get a statement of the inducements necessary to keep them here. Their report was practically that Mr. Dunbar and the solicitor of the company, Mr. Winslow, could best state their own case.

Mr. Winslow said that the object of the end in view in the companies leaving town was the acquisition of more capital. They wanted now at least an addition to their capital of \$50,000. Their plant was not large enough, and their buildings were so situated that they were cramped for land. They should not have built where they did. However, if they found it unnecessary to leave town they had an option on 10 acres of land near the Dickinson tannery where they would have a chance to expand. With the \$50,000, which was the amount of their present requirements, it was the intention of the company to take care of their present indebtedness which amounts to \$25,000, with \$15,000 of the balance they would extend their plant and the rest of the sum, with \$5,000 which they would raise themselves, would be available for a working capital. Even for carrying on their present lines of business they required more room and more capital, and there were other lines they could manufacture to great advantage if they had room and money to carry on the business. There were several ways in which the town might assist the Dunbar Co. It might subscribe for the capital stock of the company; but though there was plenty of money in town the owners did not show any desire to invest it in our industries. In this our capitalists did not compare favorably with those of other towns, of St. Stephen for example, who one morning in a few hours subscribed \$70,000 to keep the Bank of St. Stephen from being absorbed by a larger institution. We had the best country in the province and plenty of money, but our money was timid. Failing the subscription to the capital stock there was the possibility of granting the company a bonus, but our bonus act would not allow us to give a grant to an industry such as we already had in town. Apparently the only method by which the town could give the Dunbar Co. any inducement was by means of a new act of the legislature, allowing the town to guarantee the bonds of the company. As the legislature prorogues on Thursday of this week a bill would have to be sent down to Fredericton tomorrow and be put through on Wednesday. He suggested that a meeting of the council be called for tomorrow, have a bill drafted authorizing the town to guarantee the bonds of the Dunbar Co. to the extent of \$50,000 and send it to the legislature with a request that it be passed before the close of the session.

Mr. Dunbar, president of the company, said he did not believe in bonuses nor in towns granting assistance of any kind to industries and he asked no assistance, but his company required more capital to carry on their present operations and other larger designs they had in mind and they could get all the capital they wanted in either Fredericton or St. John. It was therefore their intention to move to either one of those cities, but if the town of Woodstock thought it worth while to offer something to keep them here, then, he and his company would consider it. At the request of the committee, Mr. Thorne and Mr. Holyoke, he and Mr. Winslow had prepared a statement of the inducement he would accept from the town. He had had generous offers from many other towns but he would consider only Fredericton and St. John. If the answer of Woodstock was not favourable he had made arrangements to meet with men from another city and give them his answer this week.

In answer to Councillor McManus, Mr. Winslow said that if the town guaranteed the bonds the company would give the town a mortgage of its plant and provide a sinking fund to retire the bonds.

James Carr was very much in favour of the town's guaranteeing the bonds of the company. He said many of our industries had been got away from us in some way, our Wrapper Factory, our Pure Food industry and our Lurrigan industry, and now it was time we should try to keep what we had and induce others to come here.

Mayor Munro said the town could not guarantee the bonds without legislation for that purpose and he did not think the council would ask for permission to do so without submitting the question to the vote of the taxpayers. When the matter was spoken of at the town council on Friday evening he had not been aware that it was so urgent. It was unfortunate the matter had been delayed so long. The legislature will prorogue on Thursday and as it requires three full days to call a meeting of the council it would be impossible for an act to be drafted and sent to the house to be passed. He would not ask for power to guarantee the bonds without a plebiscite, and he thought that the result of our bonus to the Imperial Packing Co., was not such as to lead us to expect a favourable vote on this proposition. He thought it would be a calamity if the Dunbar Company had to leave town but did not see how this matter could be handled in such a very hasty manner.

Mr. Winslow asked that an informal meeting of the council be called for Tuesday morning and a bill drafted thereat and sent to the legislature on the understanding that a later regular meeting should ratify the proceedings of the meeting.

Ex-Mayor J. T. Allen Dibblee was enthusiastic in his advocacy of doing something to keep the Dunbar Co. in Woodstock. We must either guarantee the bonds of the company or subscribe for its stock. He had no hesitation in saying the Imperial Packing Co. had not come up to his expectation, but we could not allow so valuable an industry as the Dunbar Machine Shops and foundry to go away from us. If the rate-payers wouldn't guarantee \$50,000 worth of bonds the citizens would have to raise part of the capital and then perhaps the town would guarantee bonds for the balance.

Ex-Mayor Hay thought the town would not care to face such a loss as the removal of the Dunbar Co. would involve. He moved seconded by Mr. Carr that the Mayor be requested to call a meeting of the council for Tuesday morning to draft an act and send it to the legislature, allowing them to submit to a plebiscite the question of guaranteeing the bonds of the Dunbar Co. to the extent of \$50,000.

President Sheasgreen and W. W. Hay, J. T. A. Dibblee and N. Foster Thorne were made a committee to wait on the council and apprise them of the wishes of the board.

Mr. Dunbar further addressed the meeting. He said the town of Woodstock had nothing to offer any manufacturer who might be looking for a place to settle. Industries wont come here unless offered inducements such as cheap power or something of that sort. He wanted ultimately to increase his plant till he would employ 300 or 400 men. It was not a question of being able to get business but only of capital and room. Last year they did \$15,000 worth of business for Donald Fraser & Sons and \$13,000 worth for the Murchie Company. The other day in Fredericton he had to refuse an order for \$1000 worth of machinery. The power company had spent about \$100,000 on a big power plant here and the manufacturing industries ought to be using its power. His company had started in using 55 h. p. and if they remained here he hoped they could use very much more with profit to themselves and the Power Co. and the town generally.

The matter of our telephone service was then taken up by the Board.

E. R. Teed said that the telephone service we are getting in the town is simply outrageous. He did not think the fault was at the central office, but the noise on the lines made it impossible to get a message through, and it was now up to the Board of Trade to take some steps in the matter.

Mayor Munro said the telephone people have now a bill before the legislature to increase their capital but the matter is hung up for the present. The government asked the Union of Municipalities to draft a bill which might be embodied in the government bill which was done. There was considerable opposition to the increase in capital and some of the members thought if they were to make the figures \$1,500,000 instead of \$2,000,000 it would be satisfactory, but the bill was adopted in committee placing the capital at the latter figures. It is said that when the bill is introduced in the house this section will come in for a lot of criticism. I repeated a statement made to me that the people of this town were not to pay for two instruments, but we are now being billed for both phones. In regard to the system here, we cannot get much information as to what the company intend to do. He did not think the people would care to keep the Automatic in the condition it is in at present. One of the managers has been taken away since the

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## New Brunswick's Railway Enterprises.

(Toronto World.)

Thos. Malcolm, contractor for the International Railway between St. Leonards, on the St. John river, and Campbellton, N. B., a distance of 110 miles, received a wire recently from Premier Pugsley stating that the House had adopted the bill guaranteeing the principal and interest of a bond issue at four per cent. for fifty years on the whole road. This will enable the contractor to complete the road this fall. He will put 2,000 men at work this summer and arrangements have been made to bring out 1,000 from England and Wales, 200, arriving at Campbellton the end of May.

It is understood Mackenzie & Mann will accept the terms offered by New Brunswick to build a railway down the St. John river, and it is further said that, if the Canadian Northern people do not see fit to build the road, there is another firm of contractors quite willing to undertake the work at the same terms.

Rumor has it that the railway will start at Centreville, some twenty miles from Woodstock, run down to Fredericton and thence to Moncton and St. John, forming in due time part of Mackenzie & Mann's ocean-to-ocean system.

### Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the parishioners of the English church, Richmond, was held in the Sunday school house at the parish church on April 1st, when the following officers were elected:

Church Wardens—Henry N. Jamison, W. Henry Blackmore.

Vestrymen—John W. Bull, Woodbury McIntyre, John Martin, Edward Currie, Ephraim Wilson, Albert Ray, Andrew Ray, Daniel Gidney, Alfred Bell, Roland Hanson, Chester Carpenter, George Wilson.

Vestry Clerk—Thomas A. McBride.

Delegates to Synod, Principals—Andrew Ray, Chester Carpenter; substitutes, H. N. Jameson, W. H. Blackmore.

Collectors—H. N. Jameson, W. H. Blackmore, Alfred Bell, John Gartley, David Gidney, R. Anderson jr., Albert McBride.

### Trafford-Marnison.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Trafford was the scene of a very interesting and pretty event on April 3rd, at four o'clock when their only daughter Verna Edna, was united in marriage to Leigh Lewis Margison of East Centreville. The bride who was attired in a beautiful gown of white persian lawn and was given away by her father. The parlor was beautifully decorated with hunting, calla and easter lilies. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. A. Bonnell pastor of the United Baptist church of Tracy Mills. After the ceremony about one hundred and ten relatives and friends of the contracting parties sat down to a well spread table.

In the evening a large party of young people gathered and gave the happy couple a hearty expression of good will. Mr. and Mrs. Margison will reside at the groom's home in East Centreville. Following is a list of the presents:—

William Trafford, purse of gold; Mrs William Trafford, cream silk waist; Mr and Mrs Horace Trafford, commode set; Basil W Trafford, smyrna rug; Mr and Mrs Sewell Trafford, china porridge set; Mr and Mrs Osher Trafford and Ora, bed spread; Mr and Mrs John Trafford and Lee, water set; Mrs Mary Trafford, set of dolies; Mr and Mrs Josiah Margison and Bernice, willow rocker; Mr and Mrs Lester Lewis, silver jardiner; Mr and Mrs L R Margison, half dozen silver teaspoons; Mr and Mrs A A H Margison, half dozen silver teaspoons; Mr and Mrs Wm Lewis and Fred, half dozen silver teaspoons; Mr and Mrs Charles Margison, cash, three dollars; Annie Hurley and Roy Margison, silver butter dish; Mr and Mrs Allen Margison, dining room picture; Mr and Mrs Wilmot Margison, cash, two dollars; Mr and Mrs John Long, linen table cloth; Mr and Mrs E. A. Savage, cash, five dollars; Guy, Della, Berry and Lee Long dining room picture; Mr and Mrs George Lamur and Lillie, dozen napkins; Mr and Mrs H P Carvell, china berry set; Miss Hazel Margison, silver table spoon; Mr and Mrs. George Yeaton, fancy table cover; Rev Mr and Mrs H A Bonnell and Herb, chinille table cover; Mr and Mrs G W Jamieson, Stella and Lulu, willow rocker; Mr and Mrs W B Jamieson, water set; Mr and Mrs Howard Stewart, silver coffee pot; Mr and Mrs Joseph Williams, picture; Mr and Mrs Jessie Carpenter, silver tea pot; Mr and Mrs Charles Reid, silver tea pot; Mr and Mrs Charles Reid, silver butter dish; Mrs M R Birmingham and Glenna, dining room picture; Mr and Mrs G W Stiles, smyrna rug; Mr and Mrs George Holmes, tea set; Coy Birmingham, silver pie knife; Frank Buchanan, biscuit jar; Walter Cogswell, silver salad spoon; Mr and Mrs James Page, pair towels; Mr and Mrs O A Miller, pair bath towels; Miss Roxe F. White, pair towels; Mr and Mrs George Smith, pair linen tray cloths; Clyde Ridout and Miss Mary Long, bed spread; Miss Lillie Dumphy, set hand embroidered dolies; Frank Bonnell, silver sugar shell; Mr and Mrs Fred J Williams, cash, two dollars; Mr and Mrs John Warrington, cash, three dollars; Mr. and J W Williams, cash, two dollars; Mr and Mrs Charles Merrithew, cash, two dollars; Mr and Mrs William J Page, cash, two dollars; Mr and Mrs C T Margison, cash, three dollars; Mr and Mrs James Gallup, cash, two dollars; G H Kennedy, cash, one dollar.

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