

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOARD OF TRADE

Ballots are now being sent out for the annual election of officers of the Fredericton Board of Trade. The annual meeting is to be held January 12th and the ballots must be in the secretary's hands by the previous evening. Those qualified to vote are:

Adams, Harry
Atherton, Dr. A. B.
Armstrong, J. S.
Adams, R. B.
Boyce, W. W.
Black, R. L.
Belmore, A. A.
Burt, W. C.
Braithwaite, Henry
Brewer, Merrid
Boyd, Alexander
Blackmer, E. R.
Burchill, C. A.
Baird, R. T.
Barbour, Dr. F. W.
Babbitt, D. Lee
Burt, C. H.
Brown, G. W.
Brooks, J. H.
Bliss, L. H.
Barker, Judson
Chappell, J. M.
Colter, T. H.
Crowley, D. H.
Camp, C. C.
Crocker, Dr. J. B.
Currie, R. M.
Clark, W. G.
Chestnut, W. T.
Campbell, H. S.
Chestnut, C. Fred
Cooper, F. L.
Cremins, Chas.
Crowe, David
Dayton, W. B.
DeMille, F. W.
Daggett, J. B.
Day, Harry W.
Dickson, J. Howe
Dibblee, Geo. Y.
Eardley, A. E.
Edgecombe, F. B.
Edgecombe, Chas. H.
Ebbett, S. B.
Everett, Fred H.
Foster, Dr. B. C.
Farrell, J. P.
Farrell, W. E.
Fleming, A. C.
Fenety, W. T. H.
Feeney, Thomas
Fraser, Archibald
Fleming, J. H.
Farrell, Peter
Gibson, Arthur M.
Guthrie, P. A.
Holden, Dr. C. P.
Hughes, P. J.
Holland, James
Hurley, Edward
Harding, J. C.
Hodge, G. W.
Hanson, R. B.
Harrison, H. E.
Hooper, W. S.
Hawkins, G. N. C.
Holder, Cecil D.
Hoben, E. G.
Hubbard, W. W.
Harrison, G. W.
Hall, C. W.
Inch, George A.
Irvine, Dr. W. J.
Irvine, Dr. W. H.
Jennings, W. L.
Jamieson, J.
Jennings, J. T.
Jones, Dr. C. C.
Johnston, J. V.
Knight, D. F.
Kilburn, W. S.
Kitchen, A. B.
Kilburn, John
Logan, A. E.

Lenihan, Daniel
Lawlor, A. J.
Loggie, T. G.
Laskey, W. W.
Lemont, Jas. M.
Lawson, A. C. M.
Lee, R. G.
MacPherson, Willis
McAdam, J. A.
McCluskey, John
McNally, M. B.
McMurray, J. Harold
McKnight, Ivan
McCoy, Dr. G. C.
McKay, Walter
McCaffrey, J. J.
McMurray, J. F.
McNally, Dr. H. H.
McCready, J. W.
Morrison, Luke S.
Mackey, Harry C.
Murray, Alex.
Minto, Wm.
Morrison, J. A.
Mitchell, Moses
Niles, Thos. A.
Neill, James S.
Neill, J. Stewart
O'Neill, George
O'Neill, Hugh
Osborne, W. J.
Pickard, J. H.
Perkins, W. A.
Palmer, J. D.
Palmer, C. K.
Ryan, M.
Richards, C. D.
Richards, D. M.
Randolph, R. F.
Ryan, J. Fred
Reid, J. A.
Rogers, Howard
Ryan, A. J.
Raymond, W. T.
Smith, Bert
Siles, J. A.
Smith, Roy W.
Smith, J. W.
Stevenson, M. L.
Staples, Alonzo
Slipp, A. R.
Sansom, T. W.
Steeves, Dr. W. H.
Scott, James M.
Searle, W. A.
Shute, A. A.
Smith, Albert
Tompkins, W. S.
Thurrott, L. A.
Thomas, Frank T.
Tibbitts, R. W. L.
Thompson, Ross
Todd, Wm. M.
Timmins, John F.
Taylor, G. A.
Thomas, W. S.
Thomas, C. H.
Tennant, M.
Thompson, Hon. F. P.
VanWart, Frank
VanWart, W. A.
VanWart, A. H.
VanWart, Dr. G. C.
VanBuskirk, J. F.
VanDine, Robert B.
Wilson, T. Amos
Walker, Harry
Wheeler, J. Allan
Weddall, J. J.
Weddall, Chas. H.
Whelpley, C. W.
Wilkinson, T. S.
Walker, Joseph
Weaver, Dr. W. J.

CLAIMS OF PATRIOTIC FUND WERE ABLY PRESENTED

Governor Wood, Mayor Mitchell, Prof. DesBarres, Judge Wilson, and A. R. Slipp Are Heard by the Municipal Councillors

Tuesday afternoon session of the Municipal Council was devoted entirely to the presentation of the claims of the Patriotic Committee for a contribution from the County of York to the Patriotic Fund to be used in 1916 for assistance to the dependents of the soldiers now at the front. Those who spoke on behalf of the delegation from the Patriotic Committee were His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, His Worship Mayor Mitchell, Prof. DesBarres of Mt. Allison, who is organizer in New Brunswick for the Patriotic Fund; His Honor Judge Wilson and Mr. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P. Other members of the delegation were—Lieut. Col. T. G. Loggie, Donald Fraser Sr., Robt. FitzRandolph, J. S. Neill, J. J. McCaffrey, M. Tennant and W. G. Clark.

The occasion is said to be the first on which a lieutenant governor of the province has attended a session of the York County Council and spoken before that body. The needs of the Patriotic Fund in this section were fully placed before the council and the response to the appeal will be satisfactory, judging from the reception given the delegation. York County's share of the sum of \$25,000 apportioned among the Counties of York and Sunbury and the City of Fredericton is \$12,500. The City of Fredericton has already provided for raising its share, \$10,250, by assessment. The County Council of Sunbury, now in session at Oromocto, is also to be asked to assess for a proportionate share of the amount.

Warden Stairs, when the council resumed business Tuesday afternoon, invited His Honor the Lieutenant Governor to a seat on the stand.

On the motion of Coun. Harry Smith, seconded by Coun. Hunter, the delegation from the Patriotic Committee was heard.

MAYOR MITCHELL.

Mayor Mitchell of Fredericton was the first speaker. He heartily congratulated Warden Stairs upon his elevation to the honorable position of presiding officer of the Municipal Council of the old County of York.

His Worship, proceeding, dwelt upon the fact that the increase in the number of troops had made increased demands upon the Patriotic Fund. For the year 1916 the Counties of York and Sunbury and the City of Fredericton had been asked to raise \$25,000 for the Patriotic Fund. At a largely attended meeting of the three councils of the municipalities mentioned it had been decided to raise the amount of \$25,000 by assessment. The City of Fredericton already had voted to assess for its share of that amount, \$10,250. The County Council of Sunbury would be waited upon by a delegation which would ask for a vote. His Worship said he would be followed by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and by Prof. DesBarres, of Sackville, one of the Dominion organizers of the Patriotic Fund.

HON. JOSIAH WOOD.

His Honor stated that the mayor had fully covered the ground and touched upon the points toward which attention should be directed. In the past year New Brunswick had made a magnificent response to the appeal for a fund to aid the dependents of those at the front. In the year \$150,000 had been raised in the province. This amount at first was deemed sufficient but the demands on the fund were under-estimated. The situation soon was that New Brunswick was overdrawn on the general fund. He never had wanted New Brunswick to be dependent upon the charity of other provinces. (Applause.) He felt that the people of the province, if appealed to properly, would respond in a generous fashion and furnish sufficient funds to meet all demands.

His Honor stated that he did not think that either Fredericton or York County needed instruction in the course they should pursue. Prof. DesBarres of Mt. Allison University, Sackville, organizer for New Brunswick, would speak in detail concerning what was necessary to be done in the province.

Personally, he could say that he had heard few complaints concerning paying to the Patriotic Fund but had heard of many who said they would have been pleased to contribute had they been approached. He was well acquainted with the workings of the Fredericton office and could say that there could be little cause of com-

plaint there. If there were any complaints concerning distribution it was on account of the improvidence of the recipients of payments. In some cases with which he was acquainted trustees had to be appointed to disburse the money for certain dependents. As far as salaries were concerned he could say that there was no expenditure in that direction.

PROF. DESBARRES.

Prof. DesBarres followed His Honor. He gave an address upon certain phases of the Patriotic Fund which had come to his attention. He felt confident that there never had been a fund of its size distributed so economically. This was due largely to the fact that the greater part of the services were donated without charge.

However, as the fund increased and the work expanded it had been found necessary to employ office help in certain offices. However, even with this expense, out of every hundred dollars contributed all but sixty-five cents reached the dependents of the soldiers. (Applause.) No corporation or charitable organization could show so economical administration.

A recent tour he had taken through Ontario had been an eye-opener to him. The enthusiasm of the people of that province was remarkable. They divided people into but two classes—those who were going to the front and those who could not but were ready to help those who had gone. The Patriotic Fund was considered to be the best method of helping.

Sometimes one heard the objection that families which had been in very moderate circumstances before the war, now were in better circumstances than ever because the father had enlisted and gone to the front. But why should that not be? If a man formerly not the best of citizens, had enlisted and found the place in which he could give the best service to his country was his family not entitled to be in better circumstances. (Applause.)

A. R. SLIPP, M.P.P.

Mr. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., was also heard. He mentioned the fact that the York County Council was the first to meet in the province and pointed out that its example would have great influence. The Patriotic Committee which was working in Fredericton was composed of gentlemen of ability and integrity who had done their work well. No favoritism could be shown under the act organizing the Patriotic Fund, in the matter of distribution of funds. Criticism had been made in connection with the Patriotic Fund but he thought that a public man—an alderman, a councillor or a member of the legislature—should act as he thought right and should view the criticism afterward.

JUDGE WILSON.

His Honor Judge Wilson was also heard. He said the Patriotic Committee was "up against it." The sum of \$17,000 had been raised and had been distributed. Sunbury had drawn out more than its people had paid in.

The question was "Must New Brunswick depend on the charity of other provinces. In this section of the province the money contributed had all been paid out and there was an overdraft. In York County the voting of the contribution asked would mean only \$1.70 on each \$1,000 of valuation. It was not a time to hesitate as the empire was fighting for its life. The sum of \$12,500 was not a large one and could easily be paid by York County.

MAYOR MITCHELL.

Mayor Mitchell said that he could confirm Judge Wilson's denial of the stories that members of the Patriotic Committee had been paid for their services. Automobiles had been donated by their owners. He thanked the councillors for the attentive hearing given.

Coun. Alex. Brewer spoke in strong praise of the work done by the members of the Patriotic Committee. The fund would not go begging for the Municipality of York would never be dependent on the charity of any other municipality. (Applause.) He moved a vote of thanks which was passed and extended by Warden Stairs.

His Honor, responding to the vote of thanks, expressed his satisfaction on account of the reception given the delegation. This section of the pro-

FRENZIED FINANCING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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RECORD BREAKING RECEIPTS.

The total ordinary receipts are shown to be \$1,634,079.44. The previous year's total was \$1,505,228.78.

The total ordinary expenditure is shown to be \$1,626,633.86, as compared with the previous year's total of \$1,493,774.23.

An analysis of the items shows an increase in the cost of administration of justice of \$5,344.50.

Agriculture shows a slight increase of \$1,433.45.

Audit office salaries increase \$330.57.

Boys' Industrial Home a decrease of \$500.

Campbell fire relief, no change.

Colonization roads an increase of \$1,287.77.

Classification of Crown Lands, a decrease of \$1,577.15.

Commission to investigate charges re timber limits and Valley Railway \$12,293.75, an increase of \$11,627.50. Just how this large sum was divided does not appear, but few will object to this outlay, except to say that if the revelations were worth paying for, the parties who contributed the most toward the success of the investigation should receive the largest reward.

Contingencies show a small increase over last year, and an increase of 50 per cent. in the last six years.

Education shows an increase of \$6,140.12.

Executive government shows a decrease of \$1,178.87, but this is more than offset by the increased allowance to the Attorney General in collections of succession duties. The total amount paid for this purpose last year was \$5,826.89, an increase over the previous year of \$2,361.59.

The grant to exhibitions was reduced to \$9,824.87, a decrease of \$2,313.11.

Elections cost \$949.69, a decrease of \$770.65.

Factory inspection shows a nominal decrease.

Free grants show no appreciable change.

Farm Settlement Board, \$862.48, a decrease of \$693.07.

This board handles a large amount of money. At the last session the Auditor reported among the assets of the province held by this board the following:

Mortgages held	\$105,019.47
Farm lands unsold	25,123.43
Cash in bank	14,699.27

Total \$144,847.17

Some of the farms purchased are small. One at least is less than an acre in extent. In some cases they are abandoned since the purchase by the Government. In other cases the transfer has been from one member of a family to another in an excuse to obtain money from the Government. It would be well for the board to look carefully after its titles, for some rumor says that in some cases mortgages still stand against the lands purchased by the board. In this, as in other matters, an opportunity has been afforded for graft and the board seems to have been hoodwinked, even by a member of the Legislature.

In most of the other branches of public service, with the exception of interest, there has been very little change. There has naturally been a saving in the cost of immigration. Not much can be done along this line at the present time.

Interest has increased by the sum of \$65,511.72. The total is now \$335,637.49. Six years ago it was only \$197,857.05. The increase during the last current year was one-third the whole interest charge of six years ago. The increased debt and the high rate on present borrowings spells further large increases in this branch in the next year, and for some time to come. The apostles of economy in 1907 have become the apologists for extravagance in 1916. In the old days the grim spectre of bankruptcy was said to be hovering over the land, and now, says the apologist, "the Auditor General's statement is in the main quite a gratifying presentation." To such a one there may be some personal grounds for gratification which do not publicly appear, but the electors generally do not see it in that light.

Most of the other items show no marked change. Public works has increased from \$392,338.54 to \$405,612.92. This is the largest spending department, as it also includes the large additional expenditure on permanent bridges of \$354,877.53. It accounts for one-quarter of the ordinary expenditure and three quarters of the increase in the debt. It transacts as much business as the whole province did eight or ten years ago.

The total cost of stampage collection increased from \$27,814.78 to \$31,861.06. The total capital expenditure was \$456,393.09, as compared with \$625,765.80 in the previous year.

Some debentures were retired during the year and the province issued new short term debentures to the extent of \$2,575,800 at 5 per cent. The loss on this sale was \$6,291. The proceeds were all used up, as the balance on Consolidated Revenue account has been reduced during the year from \$147,423.72 in the previous year to \$119,285.39 in the year just ended.

Further borrowing either on debentures or by way of temporary loans will be required in the near future and probably some temporary loans have already been made. All loans made now will cost much more than 5 per cent interest, but the charges will have to be paid. It is a fortunate thing for the province that most of the 3 and 3½ per cent. debentures issued by the old government still have over twenty years to run, and very few 4 per cents mature in the next few years. The present emergencies have been tided over by this issue of short term bonds. When this issue matures a new arrangement will have to be made, and the cumulation of loans in the meantime will have to be taken care of.

Nothing is said regarding the large amount of the provincial money in the hands of the Prudential Trust Company or the security for the same.

It is not so much the statements published as the facts not published which are most interesting to the public, and the occasional glimpses behind the curtain as a result of royal commissions are not reassuring to thoughtful citizens.

vince deserved great credit for having taken the initial steps in organizing to provide the contribution to the fund in 1916. His Honor also offered the services of Prof. DesBarres to organize in any of the outlying districts of the county. The council then adjourned.

A GOOD WEEK.

According to the official statement of Capt. L. P. D. Tilley, chief recruiting officer, there were 291 men enrolled for overseas service in this province last week. Restigouche led with 63, St. John had 59, Westmorland 28, Northumberland 33, and York 26.

Hon. H. A. McKeown, Judge of the Supreme Court, is at the Barker. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney General, is in the city.

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