

REPORT OF JAMES S. NEILL RETIRING PRES. OF BOARD OF TRADE

The annual report presented to the Fredericton Board of Trade last night at the annual meeting by the retiring president, Mr. James S. Neill, was as follows:

To the Members of the Fredericton Board of Trade:

Gentlemen—In submitting my annual report to you of the work of the Board for the past year, it is with much pleasure that I draw your attention to the very prosperous year, now just completed, that has been experienced by our manufacturers and merchants. 1917 may justly be called the banner year for Fredericton in this respect.

Fredericton is one of the best distributing centres in the province, and merchants and manufacturers are taking advantage of our central location.

The city is going ahead rapidly for the manufacturers, jobbers and retailers.

Question of Membership.

Before touching on other matters I must, with reluctance, however, refer to the Board meetings not having been as largely attended as they should have. There does not seem to be that interest taken in public affairs that it is desirable and it is particularly regrettable that the younger men do not come up to the mark in attendance. They do not seem to fully realize their responsibility in connection with the advancement and progress of our city.

It is also noticeable that the managers of the larger manufacturing industries, with a few exceptions, do not appear to take the interest they should in our Board or city and county affairs. Our public men, representatives of Parliament, both Federal and Local, should be members of this Board, and make their influence felt with the mercantile, manufacturing and labor interests, and should join hands with us in matters pertaining to the welfare of our city and country, as well as the province generally.

A number of our prominent merchants and shippers, seldom if ever, appear at any of our meetings, and I regret to say that some begrudge the paltry or small fee of five dollars necessary to become a member, and retain membership, and thus be in a position to discuss matters with the old standbys, fifteen or twenty in number, who are always on the alert, guarding the city's interests. These feel that they want help and should have it.

Winning the War.

A very strenuous election campaign terminated only three weeks ago with a sweeping victory for the Union government. Whatever may have been our sympathies in the campaign, and however strongly we may have spoken and worked at the time, I feel now that the smoke of battle has cleared away we, as members of this Board, and as loyal Canadians, should give our hearty support to all the efforts of the government, led by Sir Robert Borden, looking towards the winning of the war, and that the winning of the war should be the first plank in the platform of every Board of Trade, as well as every provincial and municipal governing body.

The present City Council, with the mayor and deputy mayor, are always ready to assist this Board, and the combined efforts have done a lot for the benefit of both the City of Fredericton and County of York. During the two years that I have been president

it has been a great source of pleasure to me to receive the assistance given by the mayor, deputy mayor and members of the Council. They have always responded loyally in complying with any requests; always giving me and our Board great help and prestige which means at times, a lot.

The war has prevented any development of the Canadian Government Railways as may apply to Fredericton. We may, however, look forward to satisfactory improvements after peace has been declared.

Legislative Representation.

I think our members will agree with me in the view that the city should be represented in the House of Assembly. Matters that may come up in the House, affecting the city, would not doubt receive greater attention, if we had a member sent there by the votes of the citizens.

The Board has expressed itself as being decidedly in favor of a Dominion measure regarding Daylight Saving, and I trust my successor will keep this matter in mind and urge the passing of an act at the proper time.

We may take a large part of the credit due for the present satisfactory service on the Canada Eastern Branch of the C.G.R., which benefits both city and country, without injury to any interests.

The matter of holding an exhibition at Fredericton in 1918 will, I trust, be vigorously advocated in the proper quarter by this Board.

Steamer Service.

We should not lose sight of the report made last year to the Board by the Local Government Horticulturist that fruit was at times placed near the boiler on one of the steamers running between St. John and Fredericton. Should the subsidy be renewed this season, we should bring this matter to the attention of the Government.

Now that the Military Service Act is in force and drafts called up we should, I think, make every reasonable effort to have use made of the accommodations now existing in this city for the housing and drilling of soldiers.

Last year our attention was drawn to the necessity of gates at the railway crossings within the city limits. The opinion was given by one or more of our members, that this was more within the province of the City Council. It is hardly necessary to state that the gates are still absent.

The proposed contract with the Fredericton Gaslight Company to light the city streets, which was considered by our Board last year, and a report made by a special committee appointed for the purpose, should not be lost sight of.

Bathing Facilities.

You will recall that during the bathing season last summer, a strong demand was made for increased facilities for bathing, which included the erection of houses for the protection of the clothing and valuables of citizens who wish to take advantage of the opportunity so near at hand to indulge in this favorite pastime, which is so thoroughly appreciated by the young in particular and would no doubt attract many of those of riper years, under proper conditions.

This matter has caught the eye of our city fathers and I believe it is intended to make a move in the spring that will be generally approved of.

The recent calamity at Halifax through war causes, is one of the greatest tragedies that has ever occurred, and our hearts go out in sympathy to those who have suffered. The prompt response that came from governments and people everywhere shows that in a time of suffering such as this, all hearts are kin.

In the year 1915, the Power Transportation Committee, with the authority of the Board, expended a sum of money in obtaining a reliable report on the prospect of obtaining power from the Minto coal fields.

This report, prepared by a leading New York firm, Messrs. Joseph H. Wallace & Co., dated August 4th, 1915 was presented to the Board in that year and remains on file in this office.

In retiring from the office of president which I have held for two years in succession, I wish to express my appreciation of the support given me by the Board, and I trust that my successor will receive the same courteous treatment that has at all times been extended to myself.

JAMES S. NEILL,
President Fredericton Board of Trade.

January 9th, 1918.

"The Fall of the Romanoffs"

Carl Stack of Carlisle, Ia., didn't have the ready cash for a Red Cross contribution, so he drove a wagon load of corn into town and donated it to the cause.

A NEW HONOR FOR MAJOR THE REV. J. H. MACDONALD

London, Jan. 9.—Appointments gazetted in the new order of the British Empire include many Canadian names, despite the fact that it has been announced that the Dominion list will not appear before March. This imperial list ranges through the whole of the enormous activities of war work, from commercial magnates to head typists. There is a total of nearly 2,000 names in the list.



MAJOR (REV.) J. H. MACDONALD.

Knight Commander of Order—Frank Baillie, aeroplane factory, Toronto; Arthur Harris, Canadian director of transport. Commanders of Order—Lieut. Col. Robert Dennistoun, Canadian Deputy

"The Fall of the Romanoffs"

BOSTON CLUB GETS PLAYERS

Boston, Jan. 8.—According to Perry Haughton president of the Boston League Baseball Club, another New York player in addition to Herzog will come to Boston in the trade announced in New York tonight. President Haughton did not say who the player would be but baseball writers thought it would be Young, the New York utility outfielder.

ant Colonel Alpin Ferguson, forestry; Captain Harold Flannery, munitions; Lieut. Col. John Fry, transport; Major Alexander Houston, records; Major Owen Lobley, pay corps; Major the Rev. John H. MacDonald.

Major John H. MacDonald, one of the new members of the order, was formerly editor of the Maritime Baptist in St. John, going overseas as a chaplain.

Mr. W. T. Cornish of Toronto, is in the city.

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Lemons have always been used to bleach the skin, but pure lemon juice is too highly acid, therefore should never be used except in this manner.

If properly prepared, this sweetly fragrant lotion will speak for itself. Any drug store will supply the three ounces of orchard white at very little cost, and the grocer will supply the lemons.