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## MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE MEETING AT TRURO; ST. JOHN MAN WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Truro, N. S., Nov. 23—The Maritime Board of Trade will continue to function.

At the annual meeting of the organization held here today it was suggested that a new body representative of all the interests in the solution of the problems peculiar to the Maritimes be formed, but after a full and frank discussion it was decided that the Associated Boards of Trade should continue to operate through the medium of the central body with its responsibilities increased and its scope enlarged. Upwards of 50 delegates, representative of the principal centres in the Maritime Provinces were present and unanimously agreed to the program of a united front in the disposal of all problems affecting the Maritimes as a whole.

L. W. Simms of Saint John was elected president.

Delegates from the Halifax Board of Trade which has yet formally to affiliate with the central body pledged their active co-operation in all matters affecting Canada's three eastern-most provinces as a whole and generally the proceedings were characterized by a note of optimism. Papers were read by F. MacLure Sclanders, commissioner of the Saint John Board of Trade, G. R. Ruckbie, traffic manager of the Bathurst Lumber Company, and Dr. M. Cumming, secretary for agriculture for Nova Scotia. The delegates were formally welcomed to Truro by Dr. W. R. Dunbar, mayor of the town, and were entertained at dinner by the Truro Board of Trade at the Agricultural College.

### Those Elected.

Officers elected:  
President, L. W. Simms, Saint John.  
First vice-president, E. C. Phinney, Halifax.

Second vice-president, J. Pilkington, North Sydney.

Executive, E. Leroy Holman, Summerside, P. E. I.; H. E. Rice, M. L. A. Canso; Angus McLean, Bathurst, N. B.; R. P. Bentley, Truro; A. D. Gagnon, St. Stephen; A. D. Holyoke, Fredericton; C. H. Blakeney, Moncton; A. E. H. Chesley, Kentville; J. O. Hyndman, Charlottetown.

The appointment of a secretary-treasurer was left to the incoming executive.

### Sclanders on Problems.

F. MacLure Sclanders, commissioner of the Saint John Board of Trade, in submitting the manner of effort that in his opinion each Board of Trade in the Maritime Provinces might put to good use for the betterment of the community and the Maritimes as a whole, touched principally upon these problems, immigration, agricultural, mineral resources, tourist traffic and cottage industries. The need for a greater optimism was the keynote of Mr. Sclanders' address.

### Urges Optimism.

"On every hand throughout the Maritime Provinces one is conscious of a negative and despondent attitude," he said, "and for this it is highly important that we substitute an attitude of sane optimism. We must equip ourselves with a new spirit, the spirit of confidence, courage and hope." "Our agricultural pessimism is particularly pronounced," he added, "and while there is still much to make it so, the fact remains that such pessimism is standing between us and the light of better things. Because many farmers are themselves discouraged, they have discouraged the settlement of newcomers in their section and by so doing they have scared away away the best and surest hope of better things for themselves.

"Let us," he concluded, "think only the best, speak only the best and dream only the best of these wonderful provinces of their potentialities and actualities."

### Maritime Marketing.

The marketing of Maritime products and the consequential problems due to the geographical situation of the east were dwelt upon by George R. Ruckbie, of the Bathurst Company, Limited. He observed that the increase in freight rates which had taken place during the past ten years have been particularly heavy on the people of the Maritimes.

"This cannot be denied, and irrespective of what the Duncan report may recommend or what revisions the railway commissioners may order there is one method of dealing with the transportation problem which has been adopted with satisfactory results by business people in other provinces," he said. "That is the maintenance of traffic or transportation departments by industrial and commercial firms, Boards of Trade and other similar organizations."

In developing this suggestion, Mr. Ruckbie recommended that the Maritime Board of Trade make an effort to secure for their secretary or manager someone qualified to act in the

capacity of manager of a transportation department. He urged that a traction committee be appointed representative of the various parts of the Maritime Provinces, under whose direction the secretary or manager would conduct his activities regarding transportation matters.

### Farming and Markets.

Agriculture and markets were chiefly dealt with by Dr. M. Cumming, secretary for agriculture for Nova Scotia, in addressing the Maritime Board of Trade delegates at a banquet held in the evening at the Agricultural College.

"If one were to ask the average farmer in the Maritime Provinces what is the matter with agriculture," said Dr. Cumming, "I am satisfied the answer which most frequently would be given would be lack of profitable markets. However, a farmer could hardly utter such an answer without being told by the business man that we import upwards of \$12,000,000 worth of food products annually into Nova Scotia and somewhere in the vicinity of \$25,000,000 worth into the Maritime Provinces. Surely, therefore, there is a substantial market."

### Cash Market Needs.

In emphasizing the need for markets for farm products Dr. Cumming dwelt especially upon the need for cash markets. In conclusion he discussed land settlement, stating:

"If we can provide larger and more profitable markets there will be no difficulty in attracting settlers, but so long as the market situation is not improved we cannot look for a big development along this line. Fortunately a very considerable advance has been made along this line in the past ten years, and it is the history of movements of this kind that they grow in volume very rapidly after they once get under way."

## EXHIBITION ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT ROYALTIES

(Continued From 1. Flight.)

heirs and proposed to charge a substantial royalty for the use of the music on each occasion. When the powers of the corporation became apparent its representative narrowly escaped rough handling. It developed that the claim against Toronto Exhibition amounted to five thousand dollars. It was resisted by the Exhibition and a test case is being made.

### Delegation to Protest.

A strong delegation was appointed to interview the Minister of Justice and protest against the powers conferred under legislation enacted by the Dominion Parliament. It is realized now that Parliament was not aware of the sweeping powers granted under the Act.

### Better Transportation Rates.

A delegation also was named to act in the matter of securing more favorable rates of transportation in connection with exhibition. A one-way rate is desired.

### Maritime Vice-president.

H. A. Porter of Saint John was elected vice-president in the face of Western opposition. The Maritime delegates represented Charlottetown, St. John, Fredericton and Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition which probably will be at Halifax as steps to revive the exhibition there have been taken. The Minister of Public Resources of Nova Scotia was a delegate.

L. B. C. Phair the other delegate from Fredericton did not return with Mr. Cruikshank but is expected shortly.

Mr. Cruikshank while at the Royal Winter Fair saw a number of excellent free attractions put on and secured valuable information concerning possible attractions for the next local fair.

## WILL TRY TO AVERT STRIKE

Ottawa, Nov. 23—The threatened railway strike probably will be discussed by the Federal Government in cabinet council here tomorrow. The result of the strike vote had not been announced when the cabinet ministers went into conference today and it is understood that the matter did not come up.

It's rather wonderful the rapidity with which mental attitudes change. Only a few years ago the word "psychological" frightened us, and now we can use it as if we knew what it means.

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## OHIO EXPERT ADVOCATES THE FEEDING OF GRAIN TO LAYING HENS IN MASH FORM ONLY

OHIO

(Toronto Globe.)

Professor Kennard of the Ohio Experiment Station has issued a bulletin in which he unhesitatingly advocates poultrymen to feed grain only in mash form to their layers as well as to chicks and growing stock. He bases his faith in the all-mash system of feeding layers on the results during the past two years from 2,500 hens, and says that it is not necessary to even moisten this for the best production. Not only does this method give as high production as mixed feeding, but it has the advantages of being more sanitary, of enabling one to feed a definite ration, and requires less labor and skill. As the hens will eat more readily of fresh mash it is advocated that they should not be given more than a day's supply at a time, and the best time to give it is between 3 and 5 p. m., depending on the season of the year so that the birds will go to roost with a well-filled crop.

### Compound Recommended.

The mash compound recommended is 30 pounds of coarse ground corn, 20 lbs of coarse ground wheat, 20 pounds of fine ground oats, 10 pounds of wheat bran, 10 pounds of shorts, 10 pounds of medium-sized meat scraps, 2 pounds of chick-size bone meal and half a pound of salt. This makes a mash that is more granular than that usually fed and is better relished by the fowls.

Milk in some form should be fed as drink with the mash, with a full ration daily of succulent green feed or some substitute for it.

### Good Work by O. A. C.

When the Ontario Agricultural College began selling poultry breeding

stock some years ago there was much adverse criticism from individual breeders, particularly those who specialized in Barred Rocks and White Leghorns, which happened to be the two varieties that most attention was given to at the college. It was claimed that this would bring the college into competition with individual breeders, and place the latter at a disadvantage. It may have diverted a few sales from some breeders, but the research work that the college has done with these varieties and the distribution of high-grade breeding stock it has made has done more than any other agency on the continent to make Barred Rocks and White Leghorns the most popular of domestic poultry. Had Prof. Graham chosen for this research work White Wyandottes or Anconas there is little doubt that they instead of the Barred Rocks and White Leghorns, would be the popular breeds today.

### Color in Yolks.

Do consumers prefer dark or light colored yolks in eggs? This question is agitating English poultrymen just now, and the consensus of opinion there seems to favor the highly colored yolk. In this country the light to medium colored yolk is preferred by most consumers. It is an easy matter to add to or take from the color of yolks, through the feed a hen gets. An abundance of milk or of legume hays will give dark-colored yolks. Farm hens that run at large the year round, having free access to the barnyard manure pile, always lay highly colored yolks, while the yolks of hens kept in confinement and fed largely on grains are usually of the lighter color.

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