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Enthusiastic Board of Trade Supper

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a whole. He hoped that each Board of Trade in the province would co-operate in the work of engendering tourist travel. He pointed out that this province has many fine attractions. Courtesy to tourists is a very necessary encouragement to the trade, he said. It should not be overlooked. Concluding Mr. Griffith assured the Fredericton Board of Trade that it would be "our pleasure and duty to co-operate with the board of trade one hundred per cent."

Leslie Mavor reported for the retail merchants committee in the absence of Kenneth H. Staples, the chairman. He urged shopping days, that the stores make their windows more attractive in order to boom business.

E. C. Atkinson, Ex-M.P.P. After a singsong, E. C. Atkinson, Ex-M.P.P., spoke, emphasizing Ald.



ALEX. MURRAY  
The Efficient Secretary of the Board of Trade, who is doing his bit to promote City Interests

Forbes' statement that the Board of Trade could be of great help to the city. "We should have 200 members with dues paid up," he said. "We should have a finance and membership committee to look after this matter."

He said we ought to bring pressure to bear to get the new bridge built and the old structure got out of

the river. He agreed with Mr. Neville's remarks about the promptness with which things were done in the West. We should be more active to accomplish something.

"What is the delay in the bridge construction due to?" he asked. We should not make it a political matter at all. The construction of the bridge means everything to the citizens here—and at once. Mr. Atkinson suggested the utmost co-operation and we should assist in increase of all business enterprise. He hoped that the transportation and the industrial committees should join the other committees in meeting Mr. Appleton next week to get the utmost benefit from the conference. Concluding, he urged that each one should continue in active membership, and that is by paying the dues.

"Let us all seek to make the membership at least 200 people," he declared.

President Miller read several communications, one on the "Housing Plan," another from the town of Marysville. The meeting was thrown open for discussion.

E. C. Atkinson moved appointment of a committee of five to be a finance and membership committee, the appointment to be in the hands of the president and executive.

Ald. Crewdson

Ald. Crewdson stressed the youth element. "We are not Reds or radicals," he said "but I feel that a youth era is at hand."

"If we want anything in the Maritimes, we must fight for it," he declared. He cited figures on conditions in Canada and gave a report of the Industrial committee, especially with regard to a business census. Regarding the building of the C.N.R. bridge he hoped it would be built at once. He spoke of the building of an airport, saying progress was being made and a definite report will be made within a short time. He also spoke of the trans-Canada highway which will be continued as had been asked.

Thanks were voted to Mr. Malcolm



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and the press, and the ladies. Mr. Miller extended his thanks to the three in a general statement of appreciation.

Donald Smith also spoke advocating a Housing committee to also be an industrial committee from the Board

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of Trade. "Our Industrial committee should get on its toes," he said. He moved that the executive appoint three additional members as an industrial committee. The motion was carried. Ald. Forbes concurred in the idea.

J. G. Robichaud, of the Old Age Pensions Board, was invited to join the Board of Trade and he spoke graciously in reply to the invitation. He was struck, he said, with the Board's spirit of promotion of business conditions. He was glad to see the "fight" in the council. He urged that asking for a bridge or for any rights is a matter of convincing the official in charge whether it be a federal minister or anyone else. "You should use your best brains to secure rights from the federal government," said Mr. Robichaud in conclusion.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

The complete address last evening of S. S. Miller, president of the Board of Trade, was as follows:

Gentlemen: One of the objects of this dinner is to report to our members and guests what the Fredericton Board of Trade has accomplished this year as well as what we are trying to do.

On January 8th last, you honored me with the election to the Presidency of the Fredericton Board of Trade and you honored me with a very fine group of executives, who have been of very great assistance to me in the work of the Board of Trade also the Secretary, Mr. Murray, who has given a very great deal of time and energy to the work of the Board of Trade. To these and to all who have in any way assisted in the work of the Board of Trade, I desire at this time to give my personal thanks for their co-operation.

Since the annual meeting in January, there has been several meetings of the members of the Board of Trade besides many meetings of the executive and the various committees with the desire of doing something constructive for the betterment of the City and the advancement of the Province generally.

While my term of office is less than half over, I desire at this time, to give to the members of the Board, a brief survey of the work so far. I am depending on the Chairman of the Committees to report progress to you.

The Transportation Committee has been very active in trying to protect the interests of the City, especially since the loss of the railroad bridge. Mr. W. G. Clark, M.P., has interviewed the Federal Government and we believe a new railway bridge will be built across the St. John river without undue delay. This we hope will restore and improve our transportation facilities.

The loss of the C.N.R. railway bridge and the changes inaugurated by the C.P.R. and the C.N.R. is the most serious handicap to Fredericton and Devon that has befallen in a generation. Mr. J. D. Palmer has arranged with Mr. Appleton, Superintendent of the C.N.R. to meet our Transportation Committee within a week and we hope for more satisfactory conditions.

The Retail Merchants' Association has met on many occasions and with their co-operation and assistance a Credit Bureau has been established, which we believe will be to the advantage of the Retail Merchants' Association. This involves considerable detail, which is being handled by our Secretary and information and data is being collected which will be of value to the various members supporting this Bureau in protecting them against possible loss by placing on their books undesirable accounts. Your executive feel that this Bureau is a step in the right direction and should have the whole-hearted support of the merchants in our city.

The City Council has been willing to give a grant of One Thousand Dollars for the work of the Board of Trade and in addition have appointed three Aldermen to be an industrial committee, not only of the City Council but of the Board of Trade, and this group of Aldermen are working in close conjunction with the members of the Board of Trade and we trust their activities will bring new industries to the city and their work in general will be for the promotion of better employment and business conditions in and around the City of Fredericton.

The Tourist Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Cedric Cooper has been very active. A special tourist bulletin has been prepared under his direction at very little, if any, cost to the Board of Trade. In addition to that the Board expects to have a representative at St. Stephen and Richmond Corner for a couple of months during the summer to direct as many of the tourists as possible to the City of Fredericton.

In addition to these activities your Tourist Committee is seeking to build a Tourist Camp on the Woodstock Road as an Information Bureau and this is expected to be constructed by donations from various industries, with co-operation of the towns of Devon and Marysville, and at practically no cost to the Board of Trade. The Tourist Committee and the Provincial Bureau of Information

have been working in close co-operation and we look forward to beneficial results therefrom.

Mr. C. W. Hall, representing the Retail Branch of the Board of Trade interviewed the Fredericton City Council regarding revision of the City By-laws regulating peddling.

The City Council, at the suggestion of the Board of Trade, passed new by-laws regulating the dog nuisance, and they are being enforced in a satisfactory manner.

Your Board has supported strongly the establishment of a National Park within the province of New Brunswick. Your executive have not taken any decided stand as to where the Park shall be located, as we feel that this is a matter for the Government to decide, but our desire is to have a Park established during the year. Your executive proposes to work in close collaboration with all other Boards of Trade throughout the Province in any movement or effort that seeks to make for the betterment of the conditions in the Province and to increase employment.

It is hoped that during the year a Refrigeration Plant and Abattoir that has been advocated will be undertaken, which we think will be of great assistance to the agricultural community surrounding our city and we fully recognize that any step taken would benefit agriculture will assist to the benefit of the city generally.

While it is difficult to estimate the sum total of the activities of the Board of Trade, we feel that our work has been to the advantage of the city and the members of the Board of Trade and the success of our efforts depend entirely upon the support of the membership, which today numbers approximately 180.

If Fredericton is to keep abreast of the times no lawyer, doctor, dentist, business man or citizen earning his living in Fredericton, Devon or Marysville, can afford not to join the Board of Trade and pay his \$5.00, and what is more important, work with our Board of Trade and show your sympathy.

While our work depends to a large extent upon the membership fees, I regret to say that out of our total membership of one hundred and eighty, only seventy have paid their dues to date. I trust that all members who have not already contributed their dues will do so and by so doing assist in the work of the Board of Trade and in the building up of that true community spirit which is absolutely necessary in a progressive city.

Again accept my thanks for your co-operation to date and I trust that by your co-operation, zeal, enthusiasm and effort, the remaining months of my office as President will be made successful and the Board of Trade

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EDMONTON, April 23—With farmers cheered by excellent prospects and conditions highly favorable for early germination, seeding will become general shortly throughout the Northern and Central Alberta, a survey shows.

Seeding was reported under way on a farm in the Edmonton district.

Pre-season prospects of a bumper crop are the best in years, and in some areas, particularly north, seeding has started a full week earlier than last year.

Heavy accumulation of snow during a severe winter served a two-fold purpose. It provided ample moisture and insulated the ground. The frost did not penetrate deeply.

Some districts reported an increase in acreage to be seeded. Areas affected

DETROIT, April 23 — Mrs. L. C. Hughes-Hallett, wife of the British Consul here, startled police today with an offer to take care of all the snakes that the department is requested to kill.

"That applied to all snakes except rattlers," she added. "I am not afraid of them, but my husband won't let me have rattlers in the house."

She said she kept "two lovely snakes" for more than a year at home but they died for lack of sunshine.

Mrs. Hughes-Hallett, born in India, said snakes "are really most interesting pets."

Flotted by soil drifting in the past expect this condition to be alleviated this year.

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