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## THE BOARD OF TRADE

THE BOARD OF TRADE banquet held last evening at the Waverley Hotel was one of the most successful functions ever held by that organization. The speeches were all of a high order and dealt with matters of importance not only to this city but to the province and to the Dominion at large. The importance of all parts of the province working together for the common good of New Brunswick as a whole was stressed.

The Fredericton Board of Trade occupies an important place in the community and never in its history, extending back nearly a half a century, was it more active than it is today.

At last evening's meeting a hearty tribute was paid to the gentlemen who organized the Board of Trade in 1891 and regret was expressed at the absence from last night's meeting of George W. Hodge, who is the only surviving member of the original board and who has through all the years remained an active and valued member of that organization. Mr. Hodge is a former president. Another former president of the board and a gentleman who has been connected with the organization for over forty years is former President J. T. Jennings. Mr. Jennings was present at last evening's banquet.

President E. C. Atkinson and the members of the Board of Trade are to be congratulated, not only on the success of last evening's banquet, but also on the successful way in which it is being conducted and on the large measure of good work along its own particular line which it is doing for the good of the community.

## A LESSON IN PUBLISHING

THREE MONTHS with hard labor, the sentence imposed on Joseph H. Unwin, Social Credit member of the Alberta Legislature, convicted of defamatory libel, may be a warning to all Mr. Aberhart's followers, in and out of the Legislature, that they can't "get away with" everything. Boldly this legislator and his associates sought to gag the press of the Province, and immediately the member, "well knowing", as the Judge said, the falsity of his pamphlet, takes more liberty in his publication than any newspaper would think of doing. The law looks after the libel business, and the press knows its limitations. All publishers must have regard for the amenities, or take the consequences; and there cannot be exceptions in Alberta.

The Social Crediters have been riding a high horse too long, getting too bold, too defiant. Surely the people of the Province have had ample evidence—if only in legislation disallowed—that their Government cannot run counter to the rest of the Dominion. The experience of Mr. Unwin provides evidence that free-and-easy libel will not be tolerated. A free press and free speech, with reasonable restrictions, must be maintained, but in Alberta, as elsewhere, neither of these will be permitted to run wild.

## IS A TREATY MEANINGLESS?

THE STEALTH with which the Brussels conference is creeping out of the news promises no good. Its occasional flutterings in deals that suggest "aid to China" as a club over Japan are quite meaningless, booster publicity mostly, circulated to cover the retreat. They are the prelude to the requiem, the amen to another retreat from honor. Here, as with every treaty violation since 1919, when faced with disagreeable realities that would not stay hidden, the pact makers—guarantors in the technical term—have taken refuge in purposeless mediation, coming up, when the aggressors would have them come up, with apologies to peace.

The excuse that Japan won't sit in and discuss her aggression seems hardly adequate. The Nine-Power Conference was called because of a violation. It met ostensibly to consider the action to be taken by the guarantors, not to talk the aggressor out of it. If violations are always to be handled in this way, treaties become, not a safeguard to peace, but an instrument of aggression, a diplomatic defense for the Power strong enough to grab quickly, and gracefully come to terms, satisfactory to the grab, when called to account.

How long do the democracies intend to be partners in this business of violation? The Nine-Power Treaty is as binding on them as it is on Japan. How long do they think they can cover up their own repudiations by huddling in a conference to pour the indignation of outraged morality on the heads of the aggressor? What is more to their shame, it was the democracies who invented this twenty-century diplomacy of contract peace. Admitting the futility of agreements in the past, they devised the idea of treaties whose terms were guaranteed. The obligations, they said, were not only a matter of individual responsibility, but one of collective action.

If Governments won't honor their word, what have Governments to expect from the individual? A contract is a contract whether it be an international treaty or a promissory note. Laws compel the individual to abide by his contract. Guarantees in international treaties were to be the law of compulsion. When nations refuse to honor their signature as guarantors they become violators on their account. To suppose, as the United States professes to believe, that treaties will be kept by "arousing the world's moral forces" is futility. The world's moral forces will be aroused only when it is made to see that there is some morality in the writing of treaties.

There is more to the treaty-breaking than the shame of a troublesome conscience. Whether we care to face the facts or not, these violations are being employed as the cords of our own slow strangulation. Japan broke the Nine-Power Treaty in 1931; she did it again the next year. The guarantors fell back upon the escape of mediation. Since then treaties have been booted into the ash-bin all over Europe.

The result is that today the guarantors are finding themselves a slowly diminishing group, hemmed in by the alliances of aggression. There is more than the sanctity of treaties—what there is left of them—at stake. Peace and democracy itself are at stake, and it is questionable if the democracies have not already retreated beyond the place where they can do very much on behalf of either, without war. Brussels would seem to be as safe a place as there is left to find out.

## Snapshots

The Board of Trade dinner which was attended by leaders on both sides of politics was as it should be, quite free from party politics. Politics should have no place in the Board of Trade. All should work together for the common good.

W. M. Ryan, M.P. for Saint John-Albert, is one hundred per cent in his support of the Valley Route to the sea for transcontinental traffic.

A well deserved tribute was paid last evening to a gentleman who has been on the Board of Trade since its organization in 1891. Mr. Hodge who is a former president of the board is the last survivor of its original members. He still continues active in the affairs of the board, and his experience and counsel are valuable.

Congratulations to the Mayor and Aldermen of our city on the excellent financial showing made by our city government.

If we could only get away from that police commission and fix up our subway so it would not look like blazes we would be just about perfect. We wouldn't need to speak to those people from Devon at all.

If we are going to have the valley route to the sea we should get busy on the McGivney Junction—Devon roadway, unless we are going to cover that gap by aeroplane.

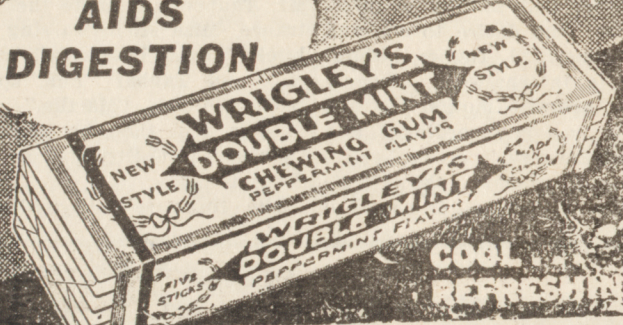
W. G. Clark, M.P. struck the peace note in his splendid speech last night. In this he will have the support of all right thinking people. Mr. Clark's speech last evening was one of the best which we have ever heard him deliver.

Steve Mooney did not think that our ginger ale was a strong enough brand. But Steve made a good address on it just the same. He made one mistake at first however. He poured out about two fingers of ginger ale and then watered it before he discovered his error.

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## ROYAL FAMILIES

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The news overwhelmed Prince Ludwig von Hesse Bei Rhein, who was waiting at Croydon Airfield in London to welcome his mother, brother and members of his brother's family as his wedding guests.

The swift succession of deaths in the 16th Century family created three Grand Dukes Hesse Rhein in a month. George, who was killed today, succeeded to the title on the death of his father. Ludwig, 29, now becomes the Grand Duke.

The English girl he was to wed quietly, possibly tomorrow, will be the Grand Duchess. She is Miss Margaret Campbell Geddes, daughter of Sir Auckland Geddes, former principal of McGill University, Montreal. The wedding already has been postponed once because of the death of Ludwig's father a week ago.

The tragedy which left Ludwig the only surviving male member of his branch of the family also cast a pall about Buckingham Palace where King Leopold of Belgium was a guest at a state banquet of King George VI.

The Grand Duke's wedding party boarded the plane at Frankford-on-the-Main, Germany. The liner did not make a scheduled stop at Brussels because of the fog, continuing 50 miles to Ostend, on the North Sea.

Eye witnesses said the plane struck a chimney in attempting to land at Steene Airport on the outskirts of Ostend. One wing was torn off and the crumpled ship crashed 300 yards away with a violent explosion, followed by flames.

Visibility was only 250 yards and there was a ceiling of only 150 feet when the crash occurred.

## 35 REGISTERED

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Maurice F. Sparling, Moncton; Margaret Wood, Sackville; Frances H. Watts, Pointe de Bute; Doris Morton, Moncton; Pearl V. Woods, Saint John; Evelyn H. Young, Fredericton, and Mrs. Katherine Secord, Dalhousie.

### MEETING TODAY

The Advisory Committee appointed to consider and report to the provincial government on the voluminous report of W. W. Leonard, Saint John, concerning the multitudinous phases of the New Brunswick fishing industry, met this afternoon for the first time in the Executive Council Chambers.

## WORK TOGETHER

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After welcoming the guests and members of the Board to the banquet and naming the principal speakers, President E. C. Atkinson thanked W. W. Hubbard, Burton, for providing N. B. grown apples from the latter's farm for the benefit of the guests. He expressed regret at the absence of G. W. Hodge, the only remaining member of the original Board of Trade, formed 46 years ago, and a former president of the board.

"We must rise above petty party politics in this Board" and see that New Brunswick is more fully considered in Dominion affairs" he said, pointing out that N. B. is not represented on the Rowell Commission. "If they wanted legal talent" he said they might have appointed P. J. Hughes, K. C. of this city, one of the outstanding legal minds of the province, and if they wanted members, he suggested members of the faculty of the University of New Brunswick, who are, he pointed out, fully qualified for such positions.

### Toast to Cities

In proposing the toast to the cities of Saint John and Fredericton, W. W. Hubbard reviewed briefly the history of the two communities and the position which they now hold in the life of the province. He stressed the great port facilities of Saint John, expressing the hope that they will be further developed. "We are charged with developing Fredericton" he said, after noting its slow growth. The speaker mentioned the great agricultural opportunities in this district, ready and waiting to be seized.

His Worship Mayor G. Willard Kitchen, in responding to the toast, lauded the Board of Trade for its co-operation with the City Council during the past year. He thanked W. M. Ryan, M. P. for Saint John-Albert for the assistance the latter gave to the Council delegation which visited Ottawa in connection with the building of the new C. N. R. bridge.

### Pave All Streets

The Mayor briefly outlined some of the highlights of the administrative work done by committees of the council. The aim of the Roads and Streets Committee is to ultimately have all streets of Fredericton paved, he said, stating that at present 75 per cent of the streets are paved. He noted the great amount of building that has been done during the past two years.

Although they are not orators, the Council is composed of level-headed business men, he said. He pledged the support of Fredericton to anything that will be to the benefit of N. B. as a whole.

His Worship Mayor D. L. Mac-

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Laren of Saint John, noted that Fredericton has always been the capital city and the university city, while Saint John has always been the seaport city and the commercial center. He pointed out the support given to Saint John in the effort to get the new bridge, and pledged the continued support of Saint John in the effort to have C. N. R. transcontinental freight rerouted to that port via Fredericton.

### Counsels N. B. Board Meetings


He urged meetings from time to time the 22 boards of trade in N. B. Thus, among other things, we may be able to get an artillery range in this province, he added.

"The railways of this country have sadly neglected N. B. when it comes to hotel accommodation," he criticized. Within a few years, because of the present hard-surfacing roads program, there will be a great influx of travellers, he predicted. But we will be merely a gateway to Canada if we do not provide better tourist accom-

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