

N. B. Shippers To Meet Foreign Trade Commissioners Here

Local Board of Trade to Co-Operate With Others to Bring About Meeting — Surplus in Operation of Tourist Bureau — Secretary Murray to Continue in New Office.

The Fredericton Board of Trade will co-operate with other boards of trade in New Brunswick in bringing about a meeting of New Brunswick shippers and the trade commissioners from Great Britain and the West Indies, it was decided at a regular meeting of the Fredericton board last night, presided over by W. W. Hubbard, president. Invitations will be sent to all shippers and members of trade boards throughout the province in an appeal to have them co-operate in this scheme. The meeting place will be in Fredericton on October 22. A committee was appointed to confer with G. C. Cunningham, local agent for the Eastern Canada Marketing Board, to decide which would be the best way to receive the commissioners.

A surplus of \$221.06 was realized by the board at the Tourist Bureau conducted by them last summer. Secretary Alex. Murray read the financial report of the season's work and gave a summary of the service rendered by the board to tourists coming to the city. Mr. Murray was commended highly for his work of the season and was appointed to carry on the duties of secretary throughout the winter at the board's new office in the Estey and Curtis building.

A motion to change the system of electing directors of the board was referred to a later meeting. A petition signed by most of the grocers in the city urging that some action be taken to prevent the farmers from holding more than two market days and peddling from door to door was unfavorably received by the board.

S. S. Miller stated that much of the United States tourist traffic had been routed this way through St. Stephen due to the distribution of literature in that section. He thought that the Fredericton Bureau had been a great help in routing tourists through the province as a whole.

J. H. Malcolm heartily endorsed the idea of publicity and pointed out that

in order to have tourists come to this part of the country it was necessary to first tell them about it.

Application from Jack Vermeeren and J. P. Farrell to become members of the board were accepted.

The resignation of A. S. Murray as chairman of the entertainment committee was accepted. He maintained his membership to the committee.

Local Brick

The president read a letter from F. S. Mundle on behalf of Ryan's brick yard. The letter severely reprimanded the Board for not acting to prevent the importation of brick for buildings in this city. He mentioned several examples including the Armoury and Experimental Farm Building.

F. L. Cooper and S. S. Miller agreed that some steps should be taken by the board to see that Fredericton brick be used in local buildings. Mr. Miller moved that a committee be appointed to interview Mayor W. G. Clark, M.P.-elect, to ask him to use his influence in trying to have the contract for brick awarded to a local manufacturer. J. L. Neville seconded the motion.

There was some question as to whether the outgoing government would award a contract for the extension of the Armoury, for which the tenders were to have closed on October 14th. However, the committee was appointed to interview the member-elect as follows: S. S. Miller, G. W. Hodge and David McCaughey.

President Hubbard refused the nomination to represent the board at the meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade in Halifax on November 20th and 21st. He regretted that pressing personal business would prevent him from attending.

On being nominated, F. L. Cooper also refused to accept on the grounds that he did not think he was the most capable choice. He moved that the matter be left to the executive. The motion was carried giving the execut-

Financial Statement of Tourist Bureau

RECEIPTS		
Membership Dues—169		
at \$5.00	\$845.00	
Displays and Advertising	160.50	
Grant from City	750.00	\$1755.50
EXPENDITURES		
Rent, Salaries, Light, Fuel, Postage, Printing, etc	\$1593.44	
Balance per Bank Book	162.06	
Outstanding Account Brantford Carriage Co. \$24.00		
For Window Display		
Outstanding Dues		
7 at \$5.00	35.00	
	59.00	
Balance		\$ 221.06

ive power to appoint a delegate and pay his expenses while attending the meeting.

Trade Commissioners

It was suggested by the president that the local Board communicate with other N. B. boards with the idea of inviting the shippers and trade commissioners from the West Indies and Great Britain who are scheduled to be in the province on the 22nd of October. The idea was accepted by the board and it was decided to invite the trade commissioners to visit Fredericton to meet N. B. shippers in the hope of contacting business for local shippers.

C. Cunningham, chairman of the N. B. branch of the Eastern Canada Marketing Board, as to whether it would be advisable to hold a strict business meeting or a combination dinner party and business meeting for the reception of the trade commissioners and shippers.

Advertising

Jack Dewar spoke briefly on the question of more advertising for the St. John route to the sea. A letter had been read by the president from a publishing firm soliciting advertising for a book circulated among potential travellers. A motion was passed that the city be asked to pay for an advertisement in the book mentioned.

A motion was passed that Alex. Murray be retained as secretary throughout the winter months and that an office in the Estey and Curtis building be occupied by the board at a rental of \$5 a month, lighted and heated. The arrangement which was suggested by Mr. Miller was commended highly by the members present.

A hearty vote of thanks was voted Mr. Miller for his generous offer of the office at so reasonable rent.

Grocers' Petition

A petition signed by the majority of grocers in the city appealing to the board of trade to take action with the city council in limiting marketing days to two days a week in Phoenix Square and peddling from door to door.

The petition was put on file on a unanimous motion. F. L. Cooper said the peddling from door to door only applied for a few weeks this time of year and said he opposed the petition. He did not think anything should be put in the way of the farmers. He also thought the board should not take action in regard to the petition.

The matter of changing the system of electing directors of the board was left to a later meeting.

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