

BOARD OF TRADE

Deals With the Proposed Change of Military Headquarters.

STRONG MEMORIAL FORWARDED TO OTTAWA.

"What We Have We Hold" is Fredericton's Motto.

FULL TEXT OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT.

The council of the Fredericton Board of Trade at a meeting yesterday afternoon unanimously decided to memorialize the Dominion government through the Minister of Militia against the proposal to transfer the military headquarters of the province from this city to St. John. The members present at the meeting were Mayor Palmer, in the chair, J. W. McCready, John J. Weddall, J. H. Barry, K. C., M. Tennant, F. B. Edgecombe, C. Fred Chestnut, George Y. Dibblee, Geo. W. Hodges and J. D. McKay.

Secretary McCready read a letter from the Montreal Board of Trade, requesting that the Fredericton Board solicit a grant from the provincial government to assist in defraying the expenses of a visit to New Brunswick of the delegates to the meeting of the chamber of commerce of the Empire, which is to be held in Montreal in August next.

Another communication was read from the Dominion Board of Trade, asking that delegates be sent to a conference to be held at Ottawa, on April 15th, to discuss trade matters with the government. The communication was received, and Senator Thompson and Alex. Gibson, M. P. were appointed delegates.

Lieut. Col. Loggie, who was present by request of the president, addressed the board in regard to the proposal to transfer of the military headquarters to St. John. He showed clearly that Fredericton was more centrally located than St. John and consequently in closer touch with the largest proportion of the militia of the province. Being the seat of the military school was also a matter to be considered, as it put the D. O. C. in close touch with the officers of his command, who, from time to time came here for instruction. Col. Loggie looked upon the proposed change as the entering wedge to something more serious, and thought it should be strenuously opposed. If the office of D. O. C. is removed to St. John he predicted that before long a claim would be made for the military school, on the ground that it should be located at the headquarters of the district. For that reason the movement could not be regarded as being in the interests of the city of Fredericton. Personally the speaker had the very highest regard for Col. White and considered him the most capable officer, who had filled the position of D. O. C. in his (Loggie's) time, and while regretting to do anything likely to interfere with his personal convenience he felt it his duty to protest against the movement now on foot, the object of which was to break up an arrangement always satisfactory to the militia of this province.

J. H. Barry, K. C., spoke briefly along the same lines as the previous speaker. It was unanimously decided to memorialize the government against the proposed change, and Messrs. McCready and Barry were appointed a committee to attend to the matter.

The following document was adopted by the meeting and ordered to be sent by mail to the Minister of Militia, Hon. A. G. Blair, Senator Thompson and Alex. Gibson, M. P.

Hon. [Sir Frederick Borden, Minister Militia, Ottawa, (Ont.)]:—

The Fredericton Board of Trade, in meeting assembled, wish to protest in the strongest terms, but in a most respectful way, against the removal of the militia headquarters of New Brunswick from this city to St. John.

Since confederation, Fredericton, with the exception of one short term, has been the military headquarters of this province and this board understands that the change now proposed is solely to suit the personal convenience of the district officer commanding, and that no good reason can be put forward for the proposed change, but on the contrary the most substantial reasons can be

adduced in support of the retention of the office of D. O. C. in this city.

A memorial will follow by early mail.
(Sgd) JOHN PALMER, President.
J. W. MCCREADY, Secretary.

After some further discussion in regard to the matter the meeting adjourned.

The following is the text of the memorial prepared by a committee of the Board and forwarded to Ottawa by mail:

To the Hon. Sir Frederick Borden, K. C.
M. G., Minister of Militia and Defence,—

The memorial of the Fredericton Board of Trade of the city of Fredericton, in the province, respectfully sheweth:

(1) This Board has learned that an order has been recently made by the general officer commanding the militia of Canada changing the office of the district officer commanding the militia district of this province, from the city of Fredericton to the city of St. John, and that such change of the military headquarters of this province is to take effect on or about the 1st of April next.

(2) This Board desires in the most emphatic manner, to protest against the proposed change, and in so doing believes that it gives expression to the general sentiment and feeling of the militia of the province, and in support of such proposal presents the following reasons:—

(a) That Fredericton has since Confederation, with the exception of a short term during the time of the late Colonel Taylor, been the military headquarters for this province.

(b) That Fredericton, besides being the capital of the province, is centrally located, and the most convenient place from which to administer the affairs pertaining to the officer commanding the district, as by reference to the location of the different regiments and corps of the province will at once appear.

(c) That there is no demand for this proposed change from the Militia of the Province, but on the contrary, it is understood that the proposed change is to be made at the request of the officer at present commanding, to further his personal convenience, social and family relations, and it is submitted, that such considerations, should not be permitted to disturb the satisfactory and long established position of this important military office.

(d) The offices of the D. O. C. and those in connection with the school of military instruction at Fredericton, are situated in the same building, and it is submitted that this is in the interest of a large number of officers and men who annually come here for instruction from the different regiments and corps of the province.

(e) That no other place presents the same facilities for this officer to so readily keep in close touch with the militia of the whole province.

(f) That it is submitted that personal convenience, family or social relations are not sufficient reasons for carrying into effect the proposed change.

(g) That no good reason can be given for the proposed change.

[L.S.] Your memorialists therefore pray, that the order, if any made, changing the military headquarters of this province from Fredericton to Saint John, may be cancelled, and as in duty bound, etc.

Dated at Fredericton, March 17, 1903.
(Sgd.) JOHN PALMER, president.

J. W. MCCREADY, secretary.
Besides the Minister of Militia, copies of the above have been sent to Messrs. Blair, Thompson and Gibson.

Following is the full text of the city council's resolution on the subject, copies of which have been sent to Ottawa:

"Whereas it is stated in the press of this province, that it is the intention of the Militia Department at Ottawa, at an early date to remove from this city to the city of St. John, the headquarters of the Dominion Militia in this province, together with the officers connected with the said headquarters establishment; and Whereas, such action if taken would be unfair and damaging to the welfare and interests of this city of Fredericton, the capital of this province, by depriving it of the position of provincial militia headquarters, always heretofore located in this city, and would also be found inconvenient and undesirable to the militia of the other counties in the province by removing the headquarters from Fredericton, the most central and available point in the province, to a point at one of the borders of the same on the Bay of Fundy;

Therefore Resolved, that the city council of the city of Fredericton hereby for themselves and fellow citizens, place on record their protest against the proposed change in the provincial militia headquarters, and hereby respectfully request His Majesty's government at Ottawa to reconsider any arrangements made toward the proposed change of militia headquarters in this province; and

Further resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Minister of Militia, the Hon. A. G. Blair, the Hon. F. P. Thompson and our representative, Alex. Gibson, M. P., with the desire that the same be fully considered before further measures are taken toward a change in the location of the militia headquarters in this province."

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Well Known Citizen's Death.

The death occurred this morning at his home on Regent Street, of William Tomlinson, a well known citizen. He had been in failing health for some weeks from the effects of heart trouble, and his death was not altogether unexpected. He was a native of Monmouth, Gloucester, England, and had been a resident of this city off and on for about fourteen years. Previous to taking up his abode here he lived for a time at Lewiston, Me., and afterwards at Salmon River, Queen's county. The deceased conducted a small saloon on Regent street and manufactured temperance drinks, supposed to possess medicinal qualities. He was married a few years ago to a Miss Hughes of Oromocto, who with one child survives him. He was 43 years of age. Undertaker R. B. Adams has charge of the funeral arrangements.

Operation for Gangrene.

Henry Canney of this city, a brother of Mrs. McGilvery, underwent a serious operation for gangrene at the Victoria Hospital on Monday at the hands of Dr. Bridges. The disease had made such headway that the doctor found it necessary to amputate the right leg above the knee. Mr. Canney, who has been connected with the lumber industry for some years, has many friends who will regret to learn of his terrible affliction.

Basket Ball.

The basket ball game at the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening between the Tartars and U. N. B., resulted in a victory for the former, the score standing 5 to 4 in their favor.

The St. John Y. M. C. A. basket ball team is to visit this city on Good Friday to play a return match with the local Y. M. C. A. team.

Sorrowful News.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson, daughter of Mr. William Lemont, received a telegram this morning informing her of the death of her father-in-law, Dr. Richard Johnson, the oldest physician in Charlottetown, P. E. I. Dr. Johnson was very much beloved and will be greatly missed in Charlottetown.

Seriously Ill.

Rev. C. A. Eaton, formerly pastor of Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, and a native of Amherst, N. S., is dangerously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Cleveland.

A Wedding.

Harry A. Palmer, of Millville, and Miss Ada Bonner, of St. Marys, were married at the Baptist parsonage last evening by Rev. J. H. MacDonald.

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

Sealed tenders for a New Exhibition Building and for alterations and improvements in the Amusement Hall, situated on the grounds of the Society will be received by W. S. Hooper, the Secretary of Agricultural Society No. 24, at his office in the City of Fredericton up to noon on April 18th next. Plans and specifications may be seen at the said office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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