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CHEERING OUTLOOK.

Annual Meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

PRESIDENT EDGECOMBE'S WELL CONSIDERED ADDRESS.

Several Important Matters Touched Upon.

OUR CITY HAS SHARED IN THE GEN- ERAL PROSPERITY OF THE COUNTRY.

Following is the full text of the address of President Fred B. Edgcombe delivered at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade this afternoon:

To the Members of the Fredericton Board of Trade:

Gentlemen:—The year just closed has been I believe a fairly prosperous one to the commercial and industrial interests of this province and city. Our manufacturing industries have been busy and our merchants have shared in a fair degree, the general prosperity of the country, and business generally with us is believed to be done upon a sound basis. Prices have been good and the demand brisk throughout the year.

Last year the president, as you will remember, urged upon this board the necessity of giving its hearty support to the efforts then being put forth by the Agricultural Society for holding a provincial exhibition in this city. That support was given and a number of our members also devoted time and attention to the promotion of the exhibition. I am pleased to report the exhibition a success in every way, and that the society enjoys the somewhat unique position of having a surplus left after paying all demands. The united efforts made in that behalf by our citizens generally is deserving of special commendation, and I bespeak for the society the full support of this board for the exhibition to be held in 1903.

I am pleased to notice that a number of our leading business men have seriously interested themselves in establishing improved steamboat service between this city and Woodstock, and a strong company is now being organized with this object in view. This movement is necessary to the proper development of our trade with the upper country, and merits the endorsement of the Board.

I was somewhat surprised to see that the Halifax Board of Trade had adopted a resolution recommending the transfer of the management of the Intercolonial Railway to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The Moncton Board has negatived this proposal, and although I think the chances of such a transfer are very remote, it might be prudent for this Board to record its opinion on this question.

During the year the Council has considered a number of important questions, among which may be mentioned communications respecting the "Canadian Old Home Week," which were referred to our Tourist Association and have been effectively dealt with, also correspondence with the British Empire League in respect to the nationalization of our telegraph systems, and with the Canadian Club of Boston regarding freer trade relations between the United States and Canada. Also upon the recommendation of the Council, the Provincial Government in December adopted the necessary steps for the full enforcement of the health laws in respect to the prevention of the spread of epidemic diseases, more especially as to the outbreak of smallpox, with which we were recently threatened, but which now appears to be passing away.

It was also through the medium of our council that the harbour front was dredged during the summer to an eleven foot channel.

Several people have visited Fredericton during the year with the view of establishing industries here, among them a Mr. Anderson who may establish a furniture factory here in a short time. These gentlemen received every attention possible and were given the fullest information by different members of this board. These are some of the questions which

have engaged the attention of our council during the year.

The construction of the Central Railway from Chipman to Fredericton, now an assured fact, and the attendant development of the Grand Lake Coal Fields must in the near future increase very materially the trade of this city and vicinity and complete the link which will make our city the central railway point of the province. In view of this it is not time that the different railway companies were considering the necessity of establishing a union depot in which the increased traffic might be much more conveniently handled by the railway as well as by the public.

In conclusion I desire to impress the businessmen of the city with the importance of giving their hearty support to this Board of Trade and to extend to every business man in the city a hearty invitation to identify himself with the progress of our town by becoming at once a member of this board. I also desire to thank the members of the council and the board for the hearty support they have given me on all occasions during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED B. EDGECOMBE.

January 13th 1902. President.

THE TOURIST COMMITTEE.

Encouraging Report on Year's Work Submitted by the Chairman.

To the president and members of the
Fredericton Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,—The Tourist Committee beg leave to submit the following report: Since your committee was appointed one year ago, it has lost by death, one of its most useful members in the person of the late Fred B. Coleman, who departed this life in the month of July last. Mr Coleman had been a member of the committee since its inception six years ago, and the movement invariably received his most cordial and hearty support. A large hearted, energetic and public spirited citizen ever ready to take a hand in the work for the good of the community, he proved himself an invaluable member of the committee and his genial companionship and sound advice have been much missed. No man in Fredericton did more to make the attractions of our city and province known to the tourists and sportsmen than our late lamented member, and I feel sure that the committee's sense of the great loss sustained by his death is shared by all of you.

Since the last annual meeting successful Sportsmen's Shows have been held at New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, and the opportunity thus afforded to advantageously place advertising matter in the hands of prospective tourists has not been lost sight of by your committee. A member of your committee visited Chicago in February last, and personally distributed a large number of copies of the Fredericton booklet to visitors at the Sportsmen's Show in that city. A splendid collection of mounted game animals etc., loaned by the New Brunswick government, was there exhibited and proved a most interesting and attractive feature. Your committee's efforts to make the attractions of New Brunswick better known to the people of the Middle West have already been productive of satisfactory results.

The New York Sportsmen's Show being held on nearly the same dates as that of Chicago your committee took no part in the same; but in the Philadelphia show, held in November of last year, several thousand copies of our illustrated booklet were carefully distributed.

The new edition of our tourist booklet, comprising ten thousand copies, was issued in the month of July last, and during the two following months a large number were distributed by our representative at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo.

Early last spring it came to the notice of your committee that the members of the Upper Province Press Association were contemplating an excursion trip to the Maritime Provinces and that Fredericton was not included in their proposed itinerary. The secretary of your committee at once communicated with the President, Mr. A. F. Macdonald of Alexandria, Ont., and extended through him an invitation to the excursionists to visit Fredericton during their tour. A favorable reply was received, and on August 27th the press party, numbering about one hundred ladies and gentlemen, arrived here by boat from St. John. They were given a drive about the city, and afterwards proceeded to Marysville, where they were shown through

the great cotton hill, and entertained to luncheon by Mr. Gibbon. They returned to the city for tea, and in the evening were entertained at the Bicycle Club house and Parliament buildings. They took their departure the following morning by the Canada Eastern Railway in a special train placed at their disposal by Supt. Hoben. It is needless to say that the members of your committee, with the co-operation of the local pressmen and citizens generally did all in their power to make it pleasant for the visitors, and there is every reason to believe that they carried away a good impression of our city and its people.

One of the first acts of your committee after its appointment was to address a letter to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Public Works suggesting that a book in which visitors could record their names and addresses, be placed in the parliament building in charge of the caretaker. The suggestion was promptly acted upon by Hon. Mr. LaBillois, and the well filled pages of the book indicate that a goodly number of strangers visited Fredericton during the past season.

Your committee has every reason to feel encouraged at the substantial growth of summer travel to Fredericton which has been brought about in recent years, and feels justified in declaring that the movement is yet in its infancy. Your committee is credibly informed that the past season was one of the most successful in the history of the Star Line Steamship Company, and that the volume of railway travel in Central New Brunswick was greater than in previous years. In the matter of summer visitors Fredericton more than held its own, and the influx of tourists to the province was probably greater than ever before.

A few years ago the total annual receipts from the sale of game licences did not exceed \$500, while last year the substantial sum of \$8,500 was received by the provincial government from this source. It is safe to say that at least \$7,000 of the above amount represent the contributions of non-residents of the province, who in addition expend large sums for provisions, services of guides, teamsters, etc. From information to hand your committee has reason to believe that the amount expended in the province by visiting sportsmen, during the hunting season just closed, will not fall much short of \$75,000.

Your committee is advised that the biennial exposition of the Massachusetts Game Association is to open at Boston on Washington's birthday (Feb. 22nd), and having in mind the beneficial results which accrued to New Brunswick from the exhibit made by the local government at Boston in 1898, would strongly recommend that steps be taken with a view of having our province represented at the approaching exposition. Experience has shown that it is from the New England states that we draw the greatest number of tourists and sportsmen, and your committee is of opinion that those states present the most promising field for the exercise of our energies in the advertising line. With the co-operation of the government and the several railway lines an exhibit could be sent from here which would not only reflect credit upon our province, but prove a paying investment as well.

It is very gratifying to your committee to know that the prospects are now very bright for an improved steamboat service on the St. John river between Fredericton and Woodstock, and with the improved conditions for travel during the summer season, may we not express the hope that the move made by our local capitalists will be followed by the erection at no distant date of a modern and commodious summer hotel at some point on the St. John river a few miles above Fredericton. It is safe to say that such an institution, properly conducted, would not only assist in attracting tourists to this locality, but would receive a liberal patronage from citizens of Fredericton.

The report of the treasurer, submitted herewith, shows a substantial balance to the credit of the committee of two hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty-seven cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. FRED. CHESTNUT,

Chairman.

Fredericton, Jan. 13th, 1902.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer of the Tourist Association, F. B. Edgcombe, submitted the following report on the finances:

1901 RECEIPTS.

Jan. 14 To balance of cash on hand..... \$286 34
" Star Line subscription... 25 00

Nov. 6 New Brunswick govt. grant..... 500 00
" 7 City of F'ron grant..... 150 00
Dec. 4 Cash from McMurray & Co. for books..... 9 68

Total..... \$971 02

1901 EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 15 Telegrams Rand Avery Co..... 83
" R. P. Allen for stamps... 1 50
Feb. 13 Expenses Chicago Sportsmen's Show..... 50 00
Mar. 5 Expressage on stationery..... 30
" 4 Telegrams to Chicago to R. P. Allen..... 68
" Telegrams to Chicago to R. P. Allen..... 1 24
" American Field for papers.. 1 25
April 9 Forest and Stream for map..... 1 05
" 25 T Amos Wilson, for register..... 5 50
" 26 Exchange on Star Line draft..... 15
May 11 Globe Pub. Co., for stationery..... 17 50
" 22 R. P. Allen, for stamps.. 1 00
July 10 Dominion Express Co.... 1 35
Aug. 29 Hanlon's orchestra for Press excursion..... 10 00
Sept. 23 Customs charges on pamphlets..... 2 50
" 23 C. P. R. freight charges on cuts..... 45
Oct. 10 C. E. E. Usher, for expressage on books..... 4 25
Nov. 7 Rand Avery Co., 10,000 books and engravings 560 00
" 14 Rand Avery Co. expressage on books to Buffalo 6 80
Dec. 4 McMurray & Co, stationery..... 3 40
" 14 H F Albright, photos.... 15 10
Jan. 7 Rand Avery Co, expressage to Philadelphia.... 4 50

\$698 35

Balance on hand..... 272 67

\$971 02

FRED. B. EDGECOMBE,
Treasurer.

Nature has just one pigment on her palette with which she produces all the marvellous tints of beauty, and that one pigment is the blood. The shell-like pink beneath the finger nails, the delicate rose of the cheek, the cherry ripeness of the lips, the iridescent brilliance of the eyes are all produced by the blood. Just as the permanence of a beautiful painting will depend upon the purity of the colors with which it is painted, so the permanence of beauty depends on the purity of the blood. Paint, powder and cosmetics won't avail to preserve beauty. Beauty begins in the blood. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a true beautifier, because it provides for nature that pure blood with which alone she can paint. The use of this medicine will cleanse the skin, heighten the complexion, brighten the eyes, and give to face and form that radiance of health which is the greatest charm of beauty. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are very effective in ridding the system of clogging residuum, which accumulates with constipated habit.

Winnipeg clergyman and educationists have passed a resolution calling on the Manitoba Government to introduce the public school system among the Galicians and other foreigners.

The Venezuelan Government has declared the steamer Ban Righ a pirate, and offers a reward of \$10,000 for her capture.

GOOD HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE without regular action of the bowels. Laxa-Liver Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and sick headache.

Mr. Cathbert Hall, manager of the Marconi Company, expects that within six months the wireless ocean service will be in operation.

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS is the best known remedy for Dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, and will cure all blood diseases from a common pimple to sethe worst rofulous sore.

The five-year-old son of Mr. George Morris of Lethbridge was fatally burned while attempting to light a fire with matches.

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual.

LIQUID LADEN.

ch. Alice J. Crabtree Off for Africa.

Boston is still selling rum along the west coast of Africa.

The good ship Alice J. Crabtree was off Nantasket outward bound for the dark continent Thursday, heavily laden with the liquid which cheers and oftentimes inebriates.

Boston fortunes, not a few, in the days that have gone by, were accumulated in the rum traffic with the gold coast of Africa in connection with certain other business transactions then deemed to be legitimate. In recent years the number of houses here dealing in spirits with that quarter of the world has so rapidly decreased that the average citizen has come to think that the city has quit furnishing drinks to the natives of the land across the sea.

But such is not the fact.

The Alice J. Crabtree carried down the harbor 84,000 gallons of rum, valued at more than \$117,000, a quantity sufficient to make 5,028,680 eye-openers when passed over the bars of the gilded saloons around the gulf of Guinea. The stuff goes into the hands of Englishmen, Frenchmen and Portuguese, who are the merchants and who distribute it to such natives as have the price in their pockets.

This three-masted schooner also had as freight 53,000 pounds of tobacco, enough to charge the clay pipes of 11,500 habitual smokers for a period of not less than two months.

Besides, her hold contained pine lumber, beef, pork, salmon, lamp fixtures, Florida water, tomatoes and mackerel, things for the stomach and for building purposes to which even the most ardent prohibitionist could not take exception.

Boston today engages in the trade with the gold coast of Africa about 20 vessels, two schooners a month on the average being sent out by two firms. The round trip requires in the vicinity of six months.

Probably the largest single cargo of rum that has been sent to the west coast of Africa of late consisted of 1,000 puncheons or 160,000 gallons, nearly twice the amount that went away in the Alice J. Crabtree.

The gentleman already quoted was of the opinion that the average quantity shipped from this port per month was 1000 puncheons or nearly 2,000,000 gallons per annum.

The Boston boats carry no passengers. But they do transport much merchandise which is neither to be drunk nor to be smoked in pipes. Flour, sewing machines, pianos, in fact all sorts and varieties of goods are shipped at a profit to meet the demands of the distant civilization as it stands at the beginning of the 20th century.

Of course the cargoes that come back to the states now are different from the cargoes that came back 100 years ago.

AFTER EQUINOX

The season has changed. Cold winds, damp air, coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia—that's the order of events.

This is the time of year for those with weak lungs or a tendency to heavy colds to fortify themselves against exposure by taking Scott's Emulsion.

Regular doses give great protection to the throat and lungs. What's the use of staying near the edge when such easy treatment will keep you out of danger.

For obstinate colds, for old coughs, for catarrh and bronchitis Scott's Emulsion is a standard remedy. You can feel the effects of even a small bottle.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.