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EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Pacific Coast Cities and adjacent Islands Shaken up.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special)—It is reported that immediately after yesterday's earthquake shocks, which were felt here, at Victoria and Vancouver, smoke was seen arising from Mount Baker, an extinct or dormant volcano. At Blanes several buildings were slightly damaged by the tremor.

Reports from the San Juan Islands state that yesterday's earthquake shock was more severe there. At Point Stanley, Lopez, East Sound, Olga and other places, buildings were damaged to a considerable extent. No casualties are reported.

Mr. Charles B. Love of this city is seriously ill at the home of Mr. Richard Reid at Keswick Ridge.

Miss Louis Edgecombe returned to Sackville yesterday to resume her studies at Mount Allison.

Mr. A. J. Tingley, chief of police for the I. C. R. is among the guests at the Queen.

MINING HORROR.

Scores of Men Reported Killed in West Virginia Explosion.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 12.—(Special)—As the result of another explosion at the Lio's Branch mine at Switchback, about twenty miles from here, between 50 and 100 miners were killed, at 8.30 o'clock this morning. The number may be largely increased as from 280 to 300 miners were at work at the time of the explosion, and it had not been ascertained shortly before noon, how many had survived.

BOARD OF TRADE.

President Dibblee Vigorously Discusses Timely Topics in His Annual Address.

MR. GEORGE W. HODGE THE NEW PRESIDENT. QUARTERLY MEETINGS IN THE FUTURE.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade, held in the city council chamber on Monday afternoon was of more than usual interest, and many important matters were discussed. The address of the retiring president, Mr. G. Y. Dibblee, dealt with the subject of insurance rates, differential freight rates, river steamboat service, the increase in telephone rates, and the proposed Dominion exhibition. It was followed with much interest and it was decided to refer it to the council, so that the many excellent suggestions it contained could receive full consideration.

The annual report of the Tourist committee was as usual a very interesting document, and recited facts and figures to show the great increase in the number of tourists and sportsmen to the province since the committee was appointed thirteen years ago.

President Dibblee presided, and the others present included Messrs. F. B. Edgcombe, William Lemont, W. G. Clark, J. W. McCready, W. S. Hooper, J. J. Weddall, George W. Hodge, Mayor Chestnut, A. R. Sloop, M. P. P., John T. Jennings, M. P., and the secretary, J. J. F. Winslow.

Secretary Winslow read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved.

Hon. H. F. McLeod and John A. Reid were admitted to membership.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. M. Tennant, showed a balance of \$29.50 in hand. Referred to the audit committee.

Mayor Chestnut submitted the report of the Tourist committee, which was adopted. It will be found in another part of this issue.

Aid. Hooper stated that he had received a number of bouquets from the mayor prior to going to Boston in August last to attend the meeting of the Supreme Lodge of the K. of P. He distributed them among members of the order from the West, and had since received several communications from parties, who were planning holiday trips to the province next fall. He thought that the literature being circulated by the Tourist association was doing a great deal of good.

On motion of Mr. Lemont the report was received, and a vote of thanks tendered the committee.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
A Number of Timely Topics Ably Discussed by Mr. Dibblee.

President Dibblee then read his annual address, which was as follows: To the Members of the Fredericton Board of Trade:

Gentlemen,—In again welcoming you to the annual meeting of the Board of Trade, it is a great pleasure for me to be able to congratulate you generally, upon the successful efforts of the council in adjusting various matters which came before them during the year past.

FIRE INSURANCE.
Upon the invitation of the Council the Board of Underwriters sent a delegation to meet our Board of Trade, and as a result of that conference the fire insurance rates have been reduced from 15 to 20 per cent. While this reduction is very gratifying I feel that owing to our superior water system, and to the excellence of our fire system under the management of Chief Butler, we are entitled to a still further reduction.

DIFFERENTIAL FREIGHT RATES.
The unjust discrimination against Fredericton in reference to freight from points west of Montreal, was brought by the council before the Railway Commission, and argued before them on behalf of our Board by O. S. Crockett, M. P. The railway were, by decision of the Commission, compelled to remedy this injustice. The change in these freight rates has meant a saving of a large amount annually. In the case of some firms the annual saving is upwards of one thousand dollars.

While speaking of railway matters I would suggest that the incoming council take up the question of passenger rates to Boston and west

of Montreal, express train service on the Gibson branch, and faster trains and closer connections on the Fredericton branch.

I regret to say that as yet the government have not taken any step to provide a suitable station for the I. C. R., and the incoming council should press this matter strongly.

UP RIVER STEAMBOAT SERVICE.
The points on the St. John river between Woodstock and Fredericton continue to be hampered from the lack of a steamboat service. I am, however, creditably informed that the government engineers who have been engaged in a survey of the river, will report that a channel can be dredged and kept open at not too great an expense, so that light draft steamers can run during the whole season.

I am also glad to note that the federal government intend to deepen the channel so that the river between Fredericton and St. John will be navigable for coasting vessels.

Both of these matters have been taken up vigorously by the retiring council, and I trust the incoming council will continue these efforts.

TELEPHONE RATES.
I note that the New Brunswick Telephone company have largely increased their long distance rates. I would suggest that the new council take this matter under consideration in conjunction with other Boards of Trade, and endeavor to obtain a fair adjustment of rates.

MANUFACTURES.
It is almost needless for me to say that efforts should be made to encourage the establishment of manufacturing industries in Fredericton. As an example of the great benefit derived in a community from such industries, I would point out that the Hart Boot & Shoe company are now employing upwards of 175 hands, and paying from \$1200 to \$1500 per week in wages.

DOMINION EXHIBITION.
The council during the past year sent to Ottawa a delegation with other delegations representing the city and the York Agricultural society, No. 34, to press our claims for the grant for the Dominion exhibition to be held in New Brunswick this year. As this grant heretofore always has been given to the city holding the provincial exhibition, and as Fredericton has been given the provincial grant, and will hold an exhibition open to the Dominion and State of Maine, I feel that the federal government must recognize our claim to the Dominion grant.

MISCELLANEOUS.
I desire to again point out the unfair method of the taxation of the income of merchants. The merchant at the present time is taxed upon his stock, whether paid for or not, and is taxed on the income derived from the sale of such stock. The assessment law makes a deduction of 5 per cent from the value of the stock to cover the income tax. This deduction is not sufficient and I consider that it should not be less than 15 per cent.

I have to thank the Board for electing me to the office of president for the past year, an honor that I deeply appreciate.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. Y. DIBBLEE,
President.

Mr. McCready moved that the president's address be received and referred to the incoming council for action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lemont and adopted.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.
The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:
Pres.—George W. Hodge.
Vice-Pres.—John T. Jennings.
Sec.—J. J. F. Winslow.
Treas.—Matthew Tennant.
Council—Mayor Chestnut, Aid. J. J. Weddall, J. W. McCready, F. B. Edgcombe, J. H. Barry, J. D. Pimney, George Y. Dibblee, Jas. S. Neill, R. F. Randolph, J. A. Reid and W. E. Farrell.

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RAILWAY SMASH.

I. C. R. Trains in Collision—Coaches Smashed and Passengers Injured.

QUEBEC, Jan. 12.—(Special)—At five o'clock this morning an Intercolonial train, while loading freight at St. Michael De Belchasse, was struck at the rear end by a special under the charge of Conductor Plourde, coming from the Maritime Provinces. Three passenger coaches, all well loaded, were demolished, and eight passengers were injured.

BLOW FOR TEMPERANCE.

Vote on License Reduction in St. John Cannot be taken with Civic Elections.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 12.—(Special)—He says the vote should be taken not later than February, as the law required it to be done within a reasonable time. This is the hardest blow yet received by the Temperance workers, who now talk of abandoning the whole scheme.

SIGNED THE TREATY.

Prompt Results follow Hon. Dr. Pugsley's Visit to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—After long, hard, patient work, which on some features ran into years, Secretary of State Root and Ambassador James Bryce of Great Britain, signed a treaty last night for the settlement of international differences between the United States and Canada. This is the agreement which has been popularly alluded to as the "waterways treaty," but its scope is broader than that designation implies, because it contemplates a disposition of everything in the nature of differences between the two countries, and machinery for questions which may arise along certain lines in the future. Provision is made for a joint high commission to be made permanent in character.

Dependent upon the final ratification of the treaty by the United States and Great Britain rests the settlement of numerous complex questions connected with the water boundaries along the northern border which have been the source of more or less friction at different times. Included in these are regulations as to the use of the water of the great lakes, with the secondary, but none the less important question of the diversion of the waters of these boundaries, including Niagara Falls, which involve the amount of water to be taken out for power purposes; the navigation of the St. John river between Maine and New Brunswick, and the use of the Milk river in the Northwest.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The government of Canada and the United States have come to an agreement in regard to the restriction of power development enterprises at Niagara with a view of preserving the scenic beauty of the falls.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of Public Works for Canada, visited Washington last week, and he with British Ambassador Bryce and United States Secretary of State Root, embodied this agreement in a treaty which has been signed on behalf of the Canadian and American authorities. It is understood that by the treaty on the American side in addition to the ten thousand feet of water taken by the Chicago Drainage Canal Power Companies will be permitted to take 20,000 cubic feet of water per second, which will allow the development of 236,000 horse power. On the Canadian side the diversion of water for power purposes is limited to 36,000 cubic feet of water per second, allowing a development of 425,000 horse power. The total diversion of water at Niagara Falls is therefore restricted to 56,000 cubic feet per second, and the power which can be developed from it is 661,000 horse power. The treaty will run for a limited term of years. It is subject to the approval of the American Senate and the Canadian Parliament, before which it will be laid at the opening of the session this month.

REOPENED HIS OFFICE.
B. H. Babbitt of Gibson, who is local agent for several leading insurance companies, has re-opened his office at the old stand in the Pitts building, near the Bank of New Brunswick, on York street, and will do business at that place as well as at Gibson.

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