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BOARD OF TRADE ACTS ON G.W.V.A RESOLUTION

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ready been thinking and acting along the lines suggested by the G. W. V. A. resolution. Accompanying the letter was a list of new prices for goods at the Dome Stores, the prices recently being reduced very materially for the benefit of the workmen. Rents at the Dome for good houses never exceeded \$25.00 per month, with water, light, and sometimes fuel included, and some of the smaller houses being rented at \$8.00 per month. Room and board were also kept at a low figure, even though a loss had to be borne by the Company as a consequence. The Dome promised the fullest co-operation, saying that the fact that the Mine was a low grade proposition was the one factor, however, that made it impossible for the Dome to go beyond a certain point that entailed loss or cost. Mr. Len Newton gave a summary of the attitude of the men in the matter of suggesting a new wage scale for the Camp. They were sincerely anxious to avoid any trouble or appearance of trouble, and in suggesting an increase they were only prompted by the stress of the high cost of living. He showed how living costs had forged ahead of wages in the past few years, and touched upon the point very strikingly phrased by another member in the words: "All the men really ask is a chance to live." There seemed to be general agreement on the point that the high cost of living was the centre of any industrial unrest, and that neither the mines nor the men were really responsible for this. There was some difference of opinion as to whether an increase of wages would help or not, some taking the view that any increase of wages would simply be followed by an increase of prices of commodities as had happened before. Others thought an increase might be necessary to meet present costs. Another point of difference was as to whether anything could be done locally regarding the high cost of living. Some thought the local merchants were not to blame for living costs, while others thought that they had a hand in it at least in some instances. Mr. Devaney thought nothing could be done locally to reduce the cost of living. He said it was a national matter. In this con-

nection he brought forth a proposition that deserves the widest publicity and consideration. Speaking of the excessive profits made by some manufacturers as shown before the Royal Commission now investigating for the Dominion Government, Mr. Devaney said:—"If a man has \$100.00 in gold the law steps in and limits the profits that he may receive to 12 per cent per year. If he takes more than 12 per cent interest on that hundred dollars he is branded as a usurer and is liable to the law. If, however, he puts that hundred dollars into clothing, for instance, he can take three hundred per cent, interest on his money, as was shown last week." Mr. Devaney suggested that to get to the root of the present trouble, the law should set a limit on the profits of manufacturers, retailers and others, just as it does on those who loan money. He believed that such a plan would strike at the very centre of the problem of the high cost of living. The matter of a co-operative store was also discussed, Mr. Len Newton pointing out how such a store might benefit the workman by more equitable prices, though there were difficulties in the way regarding the financing, etc. He thought much harm was done here through some stores selling "cheap" articles that on account of their lack of quality were expensive buying. The reasonable and fairminded attitude of the Miners' Union and the moderation and good citizenship of its leaders in this Camp came in for general commendation from the meeting. It was pointed out that the workmen were pinched by the high cost of living, and so had suggested what meant practically an increase of 50c per day, all round. The scale of wages submitted, however, was simply sent the Mines "for consideration," and a conference was asked for about the matter. While an answer was suggested by Saturday, June 28th, the whole attitude of the men was that nothing drastic should be thought of until all avenues of consideration and adjustment were closed. So far the men had not even taken a vote on the matter of a strike, but trusted that everything soon would be adjusted to the satisfaction of all. It was in the interests of all that the Camp continue free from disputes. The general opinion of the meeting was that a conference such as suggested by the G. W. V. A., would do much good, and that President Smith and other returned men had conferred a distinct favour upon the community by their interest and thought in the matter. Eventually, on motion, the following were appointed as the Board of Trade Committee to confer with the Veterans, the Mines, Labor and the Merchants on the High Cost of Living: Messrs. R. J. Jemmett, J. W. Reed, J. A. Devaney, T. F. King and D. Ostrosser.

The other matter of special interest before the Board of Trade was the question of having the Hydro-Electric come here. Mr. Devaney reported on his interviews with the Hydro-Electric people some months ago as a delegate from the Board. He had been informed that they were then making a survey of the whole district from Kapuskasing south with a view to installing Hydro Electric to supply this whole big district. When he asked if this plan proved impractical whether they would consider a plan to supply the smaller districts around here, he was assured they would if it were a paying proposition. They had water power already reserved on the Abitibi that might be brought in here if the transmission cost were not too high. At the time of the last interview (May) the Hydro-Electric had been occupied with labor troubles with their staffs and so new work could not be considered as freely as in normal times. Now, however, the situation was all cleared up, and Mr. Devaney thought the Board of Trade or the people of the district should keep in touch with the Hydro. Accordingly, the following Committee was named to keep right after the question:—J. A. Devaney (Chairman), T. F. King, and the President, J. W. Reed.

COCHRANE DISTRICT OF METHODIST CHURCH

The Stationing Committee of the Methodist Church Conference recently sitting in Toronto made the following selections for Cochrane District:—Cochrane, Rev. G. E. Coulter; Iroquois Falls, Rev. E. Pugsley; Porcupine Junction, Rev. G. Sumnerbee; South Porcupine, Rev. W. J. Arms. The following are the executive for the District:—Chairman, Rev. G. E. Coulter; Financial Secretary, Rev. W. J. Arms; Educational Secretary, Rev. E. Pugsley; Social Service, Rev. E. Pugsley; Religious Education, Rev. W. J. Arms.

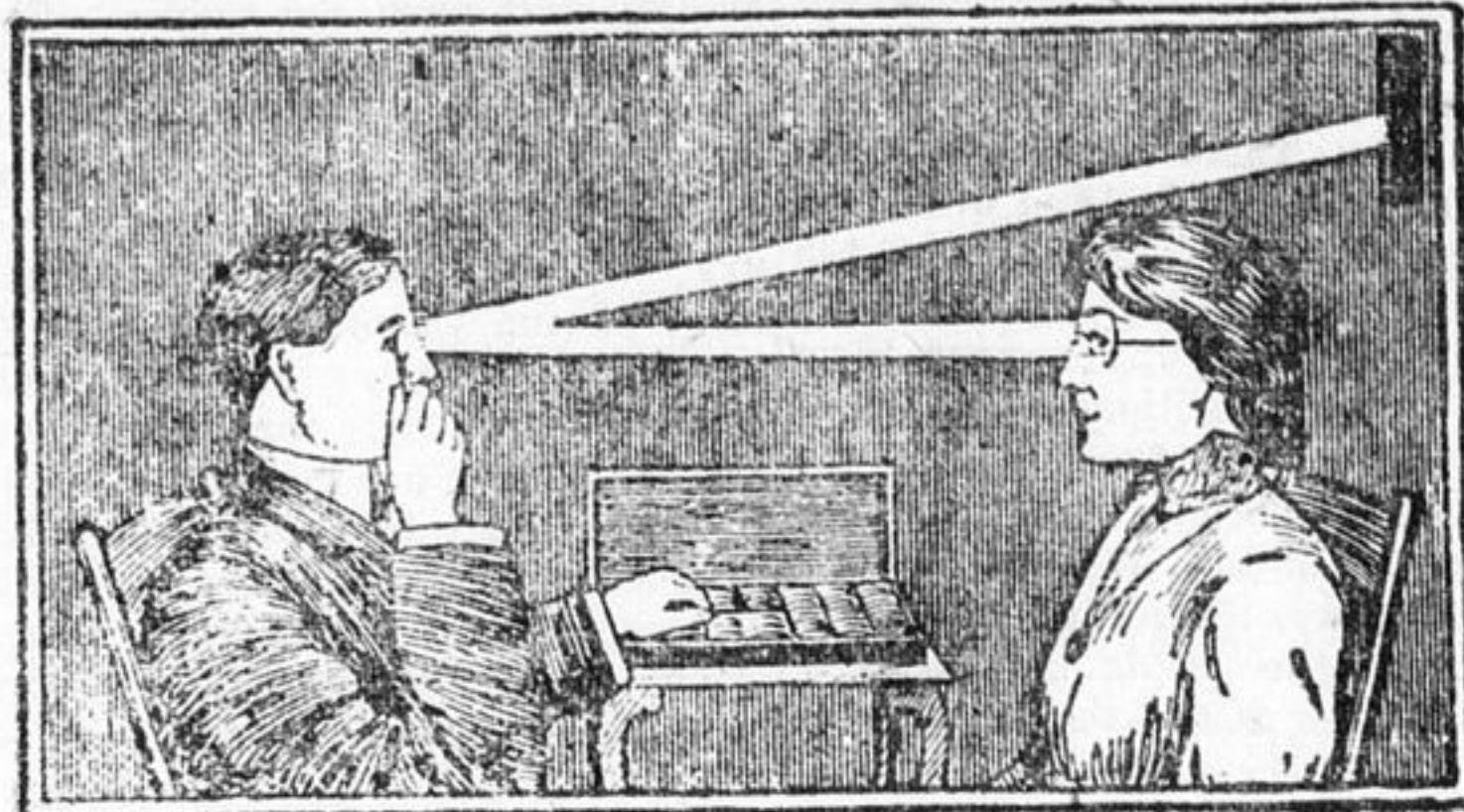
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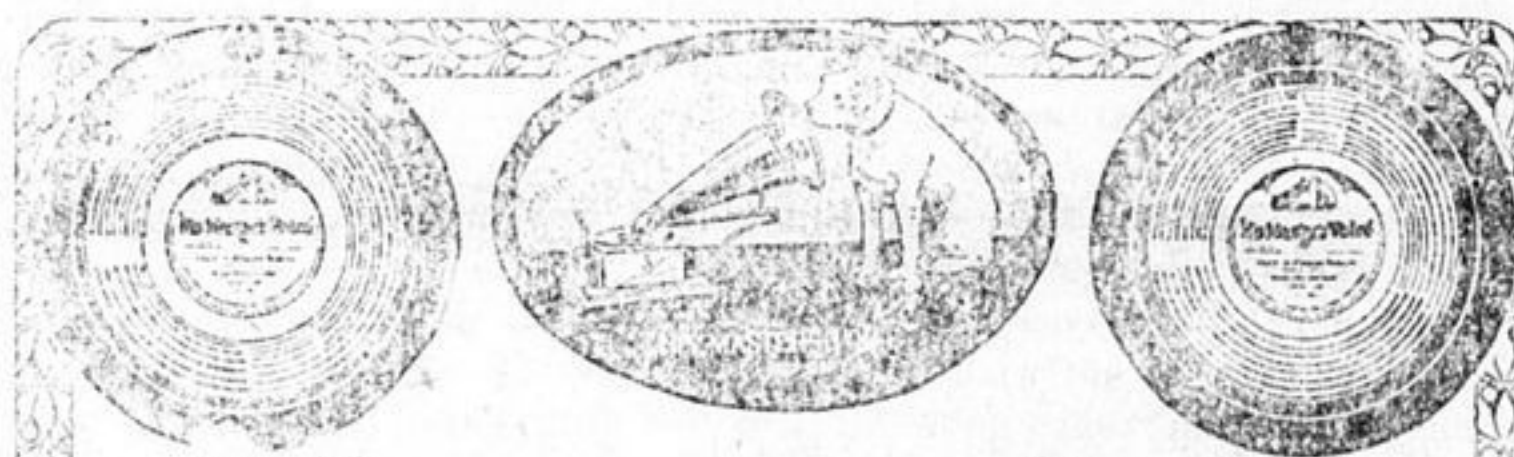
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