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Brantford Officials' Salaries Increased
Brantford, Nov. 25.—Owing to the high cost of living the following salary increases were granted by the City Council last night: H. F. Leonard, city clerk, \$200; Miss Woodyatt, assistant, \$60; Fred Unger, city overseer, \$200; City Engineer T. Harry Jones, \$200; F. W. Bennett tax collector, \$200, and A. McAuley, market clerk, \$120.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW

OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE MEETING

Was Given by R. Meek at a Meeting of the Kingston Board on Tuesday Evening.

At the Board of Trade meeting on Tuesday evening, R. Meek reported as follows:

The annual meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade in Hamilton was a great success. The discussions were unusually spirited, and the value of the organization, in expressing the minds of the people on public questions, was made clearer than ever.

Hamilton was proud of this occasion, and for one particular reason, that the convention was one of the first held in the new Duke of Connaught hotel. It is a handsome edifice, costing over a million dollars, containing over four hundred rooms, modernly equipped, besides several dining rooms, and halls, for public and private entertainment. The amphitheatre occupied by the Associated Boards in every way met the desires of the delegates. The banquet hall is spacious and beautifully furnished. It supplied the Associated Boards with accommodation of the most acceptable kind. Kingston can have the convention of the Associated Boards, perhaps next year, but the question of accommodation will demand the first consideration.

Two Special Features.

Two features of the convention require special treatment, and this I hope to give them at a later date.

The first is civic government in its simplified form. The convention was favored with an address from Dr. Brittain, the Director of the Bureau of Research, Toronto. This bureau was established some years ago, after the manner of the bureau of New York, and for the purpose of educating the people upon the varied phases of municipal government.

A number of wealthy men subscribed a large sum of money (many thousands of dollars), for the endowment of the bureau, and then they called to its head, Dr. Brittain, a well known student of political economy. He had been asked to prepare a draft bill for legislative consideration, a bill that provides for four forms of government, these he described thus: (1) Government by Mayor, Council, and Administrative Board; (2) Government by Mayor City Council and City Manager; (3) Government by Mayor, City Council and Committees; and (4) Government by Commission. These forms cannot be considered at this time. The subject is too important, and it is desirable that the Mayor and Alderman should be asked to attend and learn all they can with regard to the subject. A copy of Dr. Brittain's draft bill has been loaned to me for a discussion of the proposed municipal system.

The second matter was the address which Dr. Allen D. Albert, of Minneapolis, made at the luncheon which the city of Hamilton tendered to the Associated Boards of Trade. It was so remarkable for its spirit, meaning, and effect that I must deal with it later, and probably at another place.

Immigration, Express Charges.
The Associated Boards, on the recommendation of the Brantford Board of Trade, and on motion of Col Cockshutt, M.P., asked the government to see that all British subjects desiring to emigrate should be sent to one of the overseas dominions and that they be placed on the land, or in occupations for which they are fitted, and that encouragement be given to those who are not likely to become loyal Canadian citizens. The idea was unanimously endorsed.

On the protest of the Hamilton Board of Trade against the levying of a manifest fee of 10c per shipment, upon all express traffic between the United States and Canada, the meeting was unanimous. The desire is to have the matter investigated by the Railway Commission, and it is expected to either modify or abolish the charges. It was stated by one speaker who had an experience of his own, that at Bridgeburg \$37,000 had been paid last year in manifest fees, and the frontier towns and cities, including Toronto, had contributed \$50,000 in this way. It was further stated that the extra labor paid by the express companies was represented by three or four clerks at Bridgeburg.

Check on Stock Broking.
Mr. Martin, the vice-president of the Hamilton Board of Trade, moved a resolution, which was adopted, asking for the establishment of some court or commission which would pass upon the value of all stocks put upon the market. This court or commission would have the power to call for financial exhibits, of valuing and other companies, and take such action as would assure the buyers of stock of its bona fide character. The mover of the resolution produced, in support of it, an accumulated experience which was very convincing. In Manitoba and Alberta there are commissions or courts which investigate stocks. In Alberta this authority followed the

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Provincial Highway.

There was really no objection to the motion of the Kingston Board of Trade with regard to the Provincial highway from the east to the west, such a highway being necessary to meet the increasing tide of travel and to act as the main artery of commerce. There was some expressed dissatisfaction over the naming of the route, and in order to reconcile the delegates, and make them unanimous the words following had to be eliminated: "Leaving Windsor, as one terminus, and passing along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River to the Eastern part of the Province." The expectation is that strong delegation will wait upon the government of Ontario and present the resolution. The information given to the Associated Boards of Trade is to the effect that the demand for better roads is one which cannot be successfully resisted. The motor licenses last year yielded to the Province \$600,000. The sum will be twice as large when the roads are further and unlimited investment in automobiles.

Welland Canal.

It will be a surprise to the Board of Trade, as it was to the delegates, that the resolution in favor of the enlargement of the Welland Canal, without interruption, did not carry. It was urged on the grounds that the finished work was necessary in the foreign shipping routes from the Western Provinces to the Sea. The Welland and St. Catharines opposed the motion because they said the canal work could wait, and that to hasten it would mean the diversion of labor from munition and other factories to the canal, and they would not have that. Your delegates did not expect the opposition to amount to very much, but it did. The motion was defeated.

Scientific Investigations.

Mr. Black, representing the Sudbury Board of Trade, made an interesting speech on the Scientific Investigation Bureau with which to make known the value of Canada's mineral wealth. The resolution recalled the technical schools which a Royal Commission recommended in 1910. The plea for technical schools now was embodied in a paper which was very complete. It must be read with a great deal of interest by the Mine's Department.

Day Light Saving, Agriculture.

These subjects are being dealt with by Ald. Newman, and I have only a word to add. Ald. Newman supported the resolution of the Hamilton and Toronto Boards of Trade, but his was the speech of the day. The united plan was for a federal measure, which will be respected by all the people of all the provinces and occupations.

As for the farmers, the desire was expressed that all Boards of Trade would welcome them to membership, but the ground that the welfare of the producers was the welfare of all the people.
Belleville leads in this co-operation and I should like very much if, during the winter, Mr. Elliott, of the Standard Bank, could be induced to visit Kingston and address the Board of Trade upon this subject.

A LITTLE BOY MAKES AN APPEAL FOR HELP

Doing All He Can for the Blue Cross and the Red Cross.

The Whig has received the following interesting letter:

"I am a little boy of twelve years and I am doing all I can for the Blue Cross, and the Red Cross, and I am pleased to help, for other children and people are working for the same. Remember the heroes and horses who are falling in this great war. They are the people we are trying to help, when we come to you and ask you to help them. If you can't afford the money, all you have to say is 'I can't afford it,' but don't come out and throw a bucket of water over us. Don't forget that takes away our heart. These heroes are falling as fast as they can in this war. They are fighting to guard us and our Empire. And some of you big people ought to help us. Just a few of your odd coppers will amount to about \$25 in a year, so remember me when you are giving your coppers away. I am not the only one working for the Blue Cross because we made this club. People think that we don't roll up a lot of bandages, but we do, but when you are working that is the time you can speak, but not before, so I hope you have a good heart to help us."
(Signed) ELIAS NOLAN,
78 Markland street, Kingston.

GIVEN FOSTER HOME

Ward of Children's Aid Society Has Been Sent to Marlbank.

The Children's Aid Society has secured a good foster home for one of their wards at Marlbank. A resident of Barrie street has made application for one of the wards. Since the new board of management took over the work of the society, homes have been secured for a number of the wards, and it is the intention to secure homes for as many of them as possible, as it will thus relieve the city of a great deal of expense, and the children will be well cared for. Alexander Jack, the newly-appointed inspector for the society, will not be able to take over his duties for a couple of weeks.

Division Court Cases.
There were five cases heard by Judge Madson in Division Court on Tuesday. The court lasted until 2 p.m. The Brown-Patterson case was the most important.

There will be a meeting of the officers and members of Kingston Juvenile Hockey League in St. Mary's School on Thursday evening. Any teams wishing to enter may send representatives.

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