

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS
ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE

AND

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IMMIGRATION SOCIETY

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AGENTS :

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EASTERN TOWNSHIPS
ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE.

ANNUAL REVIEW

By V. E. MORRILL, President.

In welcoming you to the fifth annual meeting it will be in order for me to review briefly the activities of the Associated Boards during the past year.

To the officers and members Eastern Townships Associated Boards of Trade :
Gentlemen :—

We live in extraordinary times, nationally a period of stress calling for the co-operation and earnest endeavour of every citizen on behalf of the great cause, commercially, a period of fictitious prosperity based upon the feverish industrial activity incidental to the war. At the outset, it is pleasing to note that the Associated Boards, during the past year, has maintained its work, co-operating with patriotic undertakings and serving the commercial and general interests of the Townships.

I will briefly summarize the Boards' activities :

MEMBERSHIP

The amended by-law adopted at the last annual meeting providing for direct membership has brought gratifying results. Boards of Trade Committees have been organized at: Barnston, Clarenceville, Dixville, St. Armand Station, Marbleton, Bedford.

New Boards of Trade have also been formed at: Compton, Waterville, Sutton, and have become affiliated with our organization. There are opportunities still for the establishment of further Boards of Trade or Committees in the Townships as several communities have not yet become identified with our organiza-

tion. I feel sure that we can look for a steady annual increase in this direction. Owing to the general conditions prevailing some of our individual Boards have found it difficult to maintain their activities. I trust that none will allow its organization to disappear and that no community which has lent its influence to the work of the Associated Boards will withdraw that support, for I am confident that greater opportunities for usefulness lie in the future than have been met with during the past five years.

MEETINGS

The summer meetings of our organization held at Ayer's Cliff and Coaticook were among the most successful we have ever had. There was an exceptionally keen interest taken in the proceedings. The reduction of our meetings from four to three in each year has, I think, worked out well giving us only one meeting during the winter season.

FEES

The reduction in the fees required from our individual Boards has not handicapped the work of the Associated Boards and it will be noticed that we have a fair balance on hand. A few of the Boards of Trade have not yet paid their 1916 fees but I trust that none will sacrifice its membership through an oversight.

E. T. TELEPHONE ENQUIRY

The Associated Boards of Trade co-operated with the Coaticook and Richmond Boards in connection with

the enquiry into the increase in rates made by the Eastern Townships Telephone Company. The report of the Utilities Commission has already been published. While it sustains the increase in rates, it grants some of the important contentions made by the Boards. The Utilities Commission made a most thorough investigation and I believe that members generally regard the decision as fair and reasonable under the circumstances. This investigation, I think, will demonstrate that in the Boards of Trade, the individual citizens have an organization which is prepared to look after their interests in matters which may arise between them and Utility Companies, as well as in other respects.

117TH EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BATTALION.

The Associated Boards undertook last spring the farewell arrangements in connection with the departure of the 117th Eastern Townships Battalion. The Special Committee, of which Mr. E.W. Farwell was chairman, made collections to provide for the presentation of colours to the Battalion. A finely bound volume containing addresses of farewell, signatures of the subscribers as well as photos of the Regiment was also presented. Last fall the Executive took up with the authorities the question of maintaining the identity of this Eastern Townships Battalion in its work overseas. We were advised that the matter rested entirely with the Imperial authorities. I am sure that it is a matter of regret that it was found impossible for the 117th Battalion to be continued as a unit but it is not difficult for us to understand that military considerations, which are supreme in such cases, may have made this impracticable. We may feel confident that the Eastern Townships boys of this Battalion, no matter with what Corps they may be associated, will give a good account of themselves,

as have Eastern Townships men in other Battalions who have preceded them.

BOSTON AMERICAN.

A resolution was adopted at the Coaticook meeting urging the authorities at Ottawa to prohibit the circulation in this country of Hearst papers owing to the publication of certain anti-British articles. Shortly afterwards an order was passed placing a ban on these publications.

GUIDE BOARDS.

As a result of representations to the County Councils, guide boards have already been erected throughout Stanstead County. A by-law has been passed providing for them in Richmond County and active steps have been taken in the same direction in several other counties in the Townships.

B. & M. MAIL SERVICE.

Upon the request of the late Postmaster-General, we consented to a delay in undertaking the improvements petitioned for owing to the extra expense involved.

SUMMER RESORT BUREAU.

The undertaking of the Associated Boards in this direction met in 1916, with a decided first year success and Mr. Hillhouse is already making arrangements for this year. We may reasonably hope to enlarge the scope of our work in this direction.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE OF CANADA

The Associated Boards has become affiliated with this important organization and I trust that the question of civic improvement will not be allowed to drop but will be constantly kept to the front as one of the objects for which our organization is striving.

SHEEP AND DOG QUESTION.

The amendments to the Quebec law resulted in dog tax by-laws in several counties providing for the establishment of a fund for reimbursing farmers whose sheep are destroyed by dogs. This measure, together with the high prices prevailing for wool and lambs, has resulted in a very considerable development in the sheep industry in the Eastern Townships. Several wool growers associations have been formed which are doing splendid work.

GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEMERS

There have been several recent instances in the Eastern Townships illustrating the need of legislation covering the sale of stocks with the view of protecting the public against the wiles of clever operators who are constantly unloading worthless securities. The Associated Boards have already made representations to the authorities in this connection which have been favourably received and there is reason to expect some legislation will be passed in the near future.

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DEMONSTRATORS

The withdrawal by McDonald College of grants to the various agricultural demonstrators has resulted in considerable difficulties. In this connection the Provincial Government is prepared to render assistance and looks to the various counties, where these demonstrators are located to give financial assistance as well. Satisfactory arrangements along these lines have been made in several cases. The Associated Boards at its last meeting appointed a special committee so keep in touch with the situation as far as our organization is concerned.

FISH AND GAME.

The resolution adopted at our last

annual meeting based on proposals submitted by the delegates from the Windsor Board, has been forwarded to the authorities at Quebec. No definite action appears to have been taken as yet. A special Committee, consisting of Messrs. H.H. Bourque, and T.A. King, representatives of the Windsor Board, were appointed to give further study to the requirements of the Eastern Townships in the matter of Fish and Game protection.

GOOD ROADS

The Associated Boards have forwarded during the year resolutions to the Quebec Government urging further construction of the Government Good Roads system in the Eastern Townships. Owing to financial considerations the Government did not feel able during the past year to continue this important work. It is confidently expected that before long the developments of further sections of the trunk line will be undertaken. The Associated Boards have received assurances that the claims of the Eastern Townships in this connection will receive due consideration.

The Government has acceded to the requests forwarded by the Associated Boards on behalf of the Farnham Board relative to the St. Angele-Cowansville road.

AUTOMOBILE TRAVEL

The good results of the changes effected in the Automobile Regulations as a result of representations made by the Associated Boards was very apparent during the past season, a remarkable increase in the number of auto parties entering Canada being reported.

THE BONNE ENTENTE.

The Associated Boards has given its support to the Bonne Entente movement looking for a better understanding between the people on

Ontario and Quebec. In fact this movement received its first encouragement at our summer meeting at Ayer's Cliff, when Mr. Hawke of Toronto laid his plan before us. On the occasion of the visit of the Ontario delegates to Quebec, the Associated Boards was represented on the round trip by Mr. R.C. Wilkins, our past president, and Mr. A.B. Gendreau, president of the Immigration Society. On the return trip to Ontario, Mr. Gendreau, and myself had the privilege of attending as representatives of the Associated Boards

CURTAILMENT OF PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE

The recent curtailment of passenger train service throughout the Dominion has seriously affected traffic in the Eastern Townships. Correspondence in this connection will be submitted when this subject is called for consideration later in the session.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Associated Boards during the past year has forwarded representations to the authorities relative to the following among many other subjects, namely:

1. Asbestos, looking to further encouragement of the manufacturing of this product in Canada.

2. An investigation preliminary to development of trade, between Canada and Russia following the war.

3. The B. & M. Railway relative to improvements of the summer train service, which was granted, also with regard to numerous other matters.

We are indebted to the following gentlemen for very excellent addresses delivered at our various sessions during the year, namely: Dr. W. L. Shurtlef, Dr. C.J. Edgar, Dr. G. A. Brown, Mr. E. Goff Penny, Mr. J. H. Grisdale, Principal Trueman, Mr. R. Stanley Weir, Mr. C. E. Soles, Mr. Arthur Hawke, Hon. Honore Mercier, Major Williams, Mr. W.S. Bullcock, M.L.A., The late Hon. T. Chase Casgrain.

I am sure we all experienced a feeling of very great regret in the passing away of the late Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General, who delivered a splendid patriotic address at our Coaticook meeting. Mr. Casgrain was one of the foremost of our Canadian statesmen and has shown our Association many courtesies in connection with representations that we made to his department from time to time.

For two sessions we have been deprived of the presence of Mr. E. Winn Farwell, our senior past President, and a most enthusiastic supporter of the Associated Boards work. A letter has been received from Mr. Farwell offering valuable suggestions and expressing his regret that he could not be with us today. It is a matter of satisfaction, however, that he is greatly improved in health and expects shortly to return fully recovered.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to extend my thanks to the officers and members of the Associated Boards for their support and assistance during the past two years and I feel sure that the same will be accorded to my successor in office. In the Associated Boards of Trade, I am confident we have an organization capable of rendering great service to this section of Canada in years to come. The foundation of the Associated Boards is the individual Boards of Trade. I would like to make an appeal to the members of individual Boards throughout the Townships for the maintenance of these organizations, because of the service they can render to their own communities and even more especially because of the importance of their co-operation in the work on behalf of the Eastern Townships as a whole, represented by the Associated Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

V. E. MORRILL,
President.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS IMMIGRATION SOCIETY.

ANNUAL REVIEW

By A. B. GENDREAU, President.

The operation of the Eastern Townships Immigration Society during the past year will not necessitate a lengthy report. As you are already aware there has been and is now, week by week an increasing scarcity of farm hands and the present prospect is that there will be absolutely none available in the near future for the reason that so many former farm hands have enlisted or are being employed in the munition factories. These factories pay much higher wages than the farmers can do, but this condition will no doubt remedy itself at the close of the war when munitions making cease and returned soldiers are available for different lines of usefulness.

The Society has, during the last year, been following the same plan as during the years previous, re the supply of farm help. Our official agent, Mr. Duncan MacLeod, has been spending a couple of days in Montreal each week taking up any farm hands available. His visits to the City are always advertised two or three days in advance. The Provincial Government Immigration Office, on St. Antoine St., is still at Mr. MacLeod's disposal and the Government Provincial Agent, Mr. Marquette has cheerfully rendered every assistance in his power.

The end of the war seems now to be not far off after which there will no doubt be a very large immigration to Canada and the Eastern Townships through the Immigration Society, which should be able to receive and provide for a large number of these new comers. The Society is now

in touch with the Soldiers' Employment Commission through which we are in hopes to receive a number of returned soldiers, who were farmers prior to their enlisting and who will be glad to take up the same occupation on their return to the Eastern Townships.

Since our annual meeting in March last the Society has secured and placed with the farmers of the Eastern Townships eighty-one (81) persons—fifty-eight (58) males and twenty-three (23) females.

Mr. Gendreau supplemented the report by a few remarks. He believed it was the duty of the Society to plan before the end of the war and before the Dominion Government passed any legislation, to provide for the young men who had so generously and valorously gone to defend their country. There was no doubt the Federal or Provincial government would enact some legislation granting lands to the returned soldiers, probably in the North West. But would it be advantageous for Eastern Townships people to let their boys go out west? Mr. Gendreau said it was the duty of the Society to endeavour to secure the same facilities to establish their Eastern Townships boys here in the Townships (and he believed also that every province should be given the same facilities to establish their boys on the land! When legislation was once passed it was difficult to get the law amended and therefore he suggested that a committee of Associated Boards and Immigration Society be formed to take up the question before hand. Mr. Gen-

dreau also suggested that with a view to keeping the E.T. boys in the Townships, a list should be compiled and placed with the proposed committee, of old people who could no longer cultivate their farms and would be willing to dispose of them to returned soldiers at reasonable prices. The boys at the front should be made to feel that those who had been forced to remain at home were prepared to assist them and offer them as much inducement as possible to remain in the Townships.

Mr. Duncan McLeod, the Society's Agent, thought that under the circumstances mentioned in the report, and considering that munition makers worked less hours than farm hands, that the Society's

efforts towards securing help last year had been quite successful. He expected to get many more hands before May. Mr. MacLeod advised the farmers, however, if they wished to keep their help, to build cottages for them as it was easier to keep a married man with a small family all the year round than to keep a single man who could pack up his grip and leave. Farmers in Ontario were offering more wages than Quebec, and this province would have to pay more for efficient help.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. GENDREAU,
President.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT to December 31st, 1916.

EXPENDITURES	
Mr. W. M. Hillhouse, bonus.....	\$ 50.00
Miss M. C. Hebert, bonus	25.00
Refund re Summer Resort Bureau.....	2.00
Printing and Stationery.....	58.50
Travelling exp. Summer Resort Bureau..	6.25
Advertising, Summer Resort Bureau....	105.00
Postage	16.00
Advertising.....	7.50
Travelling Expenses	12.00
Piano Rental re 117th Batt. concert....	4.00
Compton Board of Trade refund surplus	7.00
annual dues.....	7.00
Bank Balance.....	\$293.25
	204.16
	<u>\$497.41</u>

RECEIPTS	
Bank Balance, March 20th, 1916	\$338.03
Annual Dues.....	92.00
Summer Resort Bureau	67.00
Balance, 117th Batt. flag fund38
	<u>\$497.41</u>

Audited and found correct.

JOHN J. FITZGERALD, Auditor

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS IMMIGRATION SOCIETY, Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, April 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1916]

RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 572.80
Government Grant	2,250.00
Fares advanced by employers of domes- ties	269.60
Fares returned by domestics.....	34.00

EXPENDITURES

Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 76.85
Salaries	1,376.70
Postage	91.00
Advertising.....	102.02
Telephone and Telegraph.....	58.52
Travelling Expenses	35.45
Rental.....	100.00
Distribution Expenses.....	1.50
Miscellaneous.....	14.70
Advanced fares account domestics— Returned to employers.....	\$172.00
Paid to Allan Line S.S. Co.....	214.32
Balance in Bank— Government funds.....	\$727.34
Bal. of advances for domestics	156.00
	883.34
	<u>\$3,126.40</u>

I have audited the books and examined the vouchers of the Eastern Townships Immigration Society and I certify this statement to be in accordance therewith. The vouchers were satisfactory and the cash balance was found on deposit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

J. H. BRYCE, C.G.A.

Sherbrooke January 22nd, 1917.

THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS IMMIGRATION SOCIETY, Inc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—ADVANCED FARES.

April 1st, 1916, to December 31st, 1916.

RECEIPTS

April 1st, 1916, Cash on Hand.....	\$346.82
Interest.....	11.16
Repaid on account advances	74.35
	<u>\$ 432.33</u>

EXPENDITURES

Advanced fares to D. H. MacLeod, Agent	\$ 50.00
Bank Balance	382.33
	<u>\$ 432.33</u>

J. H. BRYCE, C.G.A.

Audited and approved, January 22nd, 1917,

THE EASTERN TOURIST TRAVEL AGENCY, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - ADVANCED STATE

For the year ended December 31, 1961

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	100.00	Accounts Payable	100.00
Accounts Receivable	100.00	Notes Payable	100.00
Inventory	100.00	Other Liabilities	100.00
Fixed Assets	100.00		
Other Assets	100.00		
Total Assets	500.00	Total Liabilities	500.00

