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Board of Trade
Begins New Year.

The Board of Trade closed its year yesterday and at the annual meeting last night elected new officers for the coming year. Incidentally it was mentioned that there were 88 members in good standing, all too few for a city of this size. Possibly during the coming year this number may be increased. As this is an organization representing the business interests of the city it would seem reasonable to expect that every businessman would wish to belong to it. Eliminate the board, and the city from a business point of view would be dead.

The report of President Orme published today indicates that the Board last year was very active. While the attendance at meetings often was not large, yet the amount of work covered was out of all proportion to the general interest taken in the proceedings. The retiring president is to be congratulated on the efficient work done.

Tendency To Rush
Through Resolutions.

One fault of all boards of trade and other public bodies is that of rushing through ill-considered resolutions. A man writes out a resolution couched in rather technical language, reads it to the meeting, follows that up with a speech strongly advocating it and in two minutes it is passed and in many cases most of the members have not the slightest realization of the effect, if action should happen to follow. Prince Rupert Board of Trade has often passed resolutions which have proved useless and injurious and many of the resolutions have never got much farther than the waste paper basket of the people to whom they have been sent. What is true of this board is true more or less of all boards. At the meeting last night S. K. Campbell warned the board against such action and the warning is one that may well be heeded. It seems about as easy to get a resolution passed by a board of trade as it is to get signatures to a petition.

Expected Visit
Of Railway Head.

Sir Henry Thornton has postponed his visit to this city owing to pressure of business. While we should like to have had an opportunity to lay certain facts before the new president of the railway and should have enjoyed meeting him and possibly of entertaining him, yet it must be remembered that he is not a politician but a businessman. He knows as much about Prince Rupert and the possibilities of the port as we do. He knows that we want railway facilities and doubtless he wants to give them to us. He is being met at Winnipeg by F. G. Dawson of this city who will discuss the whole western situation with him and he will then, it is presumed, lay out his plan of campaign for the development of business in the west. If he finds that he can make the railway pay better and give better service to the people by improving the terminal facilities at this port he will do it, but if not, we shall not get the improvements, much as we should like to have them. If Sir Henry Thornton were not that kind of man we should not want him for president of our railway.

Recently Sir Henry visited a terminal port where twenty thousand people reside. They prepared to banquet him, to lay before him a program of improvements they thought they needed, and they were much disappointed when the new president after remaining with them just one hour, left in his private car to carry on the business of the road.

In connection with this railway and port and its development, we have great faith in the judgment of Sir Henry Thornton. He is reputed to be a businessman and being that he is bound to make this end of the road pay. To do that he must have facilities and he must encourage business. He must give the people service both in handling freight and passengers. We also have faith in the judgment of Mr. Dawson who as a director has the whole of the west to consider but who knows the conditions in northern British Columbia well and will certainly advise developing business by this route.

LONDON IS SEEN IN
"THREE LIVE GHOSTS"

Genuine bits of the London Limehouse district are seen in the early scenes of "Three Live Ghosts," a new picture which will be shown at the Westholme Theatre tonight. To those who only know this quarter of London as it lives in the pages of Thomas Burke's stories it will be interesting to see Limehouse as it really is. The celebrated Chinese quarter, which most tourists seem to imagine vaguely as a vast uncharted district of darkest London in reality only comprises the two thoroughfares

of Limehouse Causeway and Pennyfields. One sees no dreamy looking Chinamen or flower-like girls, but only a number of yellow men in European clothes engaged in perfectly legitimate business.

Possibly Mr. Burke, the films, and the American tourists who visit Limehouse in the expectation of seeing life as it is lived in the underworld, have unconsciously conspired in a successful effort to make London's Chinatown respectable—at least to the naked eye. And thus they will see it in "Three Live Ghosts," as it really is.

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BUSINESS IN
WEST QUIETH. F. Pullen Says Conditions in
Other Places Little Different
From HereHARD WORK AND CARE
ARE NOW NECESSARYMany Who Went South Would
Like to be Back on Old Jobs

"Everyone asks me how is business in the south. Let me tell them business is about the same there as it is here, comparatively," said H. F. Pullen on his return to the city after two months spent mostly in Victoria, during which time he spent about six weeks in the press gallery of the Legislature and met hundreds of people from all parts of the country.

"Victoria is quiet and so is Vancouver. Businessmen there all talk of poor business and commercial travellers and others

from the prairies say Winnipeg is about the same and so are Calgary and Regina. The movement toward lower prices, lower wages, and a more sane method of living is going on and while that beating down is in process we can hardly look for good times. However, everyone is hopeful of the spring and we in the North particularly should be hopeful, considering the conditions which obtain.

"From all western cities many people have gone to California and Washington States. Some of these who were back again under the British flag just as some of those who went to the larger B.C. cities wish themselves back here. Some who have gone south have done well but there are all sorts of hard luck stories coming through and it is found that even a fine climate is not enough to insure success.

Met Local Man

"In Victoria I met one man who was formerly in the employ of the city here and who was looking for a job. He said he had worked hard since he left here and showed me his hands to substantiate the statement. He told

me he had worked for as low as three dollars a day and suggested that if he could only get a steady job at about \$75 a month he would feel himself in clover. As it is he gets occasional work and he seldom knows what tomorrow has in store for him.

"While there are hard luck stories, there are many businessmen in Victoria and Vancouver who say they did just as well in 1922 as in the previous year. On the whole conditions are not very bad. There are not many out of employment and, with the lumber business flourishing, there is considerable money in circulation all the time. Amusements are being curtailed somewhat and especially the more expensive amusements. On Christmas Day I attended a theatrical performance at the Royal Victoria Theatre. It was Galsworthy's play, 'The Skin Game,' given by a very capable company and was strictly high class. Yet the attendance that night could not have paid much more than the light and heat bill. Similarly, one evening at the new Capitol Theatre with a good picture showing there was little more than a baker's dozen

present, the result being that the theatres are losing money. One or two have gone out of business and Pantages vaudeville has not opened this year yet at Victoria, although it is understood that it will do so soon on a three day a week basis, sharing the week with Bellingham.

Prince Rupert Favored

"Seeing that conditions are as they are, I suggest that we have to adapt ourselves to those conditions, keep expenses down to the lowest possible and leave no stone unturned to go out for new business. We shall soon begin to feel a change but in the meantime we must do as they are doing in other parts of the country, keep our expenses within our income, both individually and collectively and work hard. Prince Rupert is particularly favored in having very few unemployed and in there being plenty of prospects for development in the very near future. We all look forward to improved conditions and we can all do our bit toward bringing about a change."

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ALICE ARM

The tug Esdud arrived here from Vancouver last week having in tow a scow carrying two donkey engines, one locomotive, 1 1/2 miles of rail steel, railway logging cars and about 50,000 feet of lumber for the Tretheway logging camp.

Louis Reynolds and Steve Dumas were hosts at a dance in their new store building last week.

J. Anderson, who is in charge of the equipment at the Dolly Varden mine, sailed last week for Vancouver where he will make a brief visit.

Burnett Woodward, teacher of the local school, is spending the holidays in Vancouver. It is not known if he will return.

Alice Arm people are pressing for a bridge across the Katsault River. This is made especially desirable on account of the starting of logging activities on the other side of the Arm.