

men as the late Hon. James Skead, chairman of the Dominion Board of Trade, J. M. Currier M. P., McKay Wright, M.P., Honore Robilliard, M.P., Alonzo Wright, M.P., the Hon. Joseph Tasse, and many others in auctioneers' parlance "too numerous to mention."

In 1874 hard times struck the country, but more especially in the Ottawa lumbering districts, and the majority of the lumbermen manufacturers and jobbers became mortgaged up to the eyes with the banks. Blue ruin stalked about the country for four or five years, and as Sir Richard Cartwright aptly said: "we were all flies on the wheel."

Then the Ottawa Board of Trade became, metaphorically speaking, a smouldering, but not an extinct volcano. In the early eighties, good times having returned and tall chimnies having been erected, the Ottawa Board of Trade commenced to revive once more, to renew its youth as it were. A Board-room was rented in the Ontario Chambers (now renamed the Trust Building), in the office now occupied by Mr. J. H. Sorley, manager of the Freight Department of the C.P.R. The Board Secretary appointed was the late Captain R. C. W. MacCuaig, (of His Majesty's Customs), who was a most capable, painstaking, energetic business man. The Board flourished for a few years and then, to carry out the simile, it again became a smouldering volcano.