

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Quebec Board of Trade was held in the Exchange Reading Room, Arthur street, at noon, yesterday.

The chair having been taken by Wm. Walker, junior, Esq., Vice-President, and the meeting called to order, the Chairman proceeded to read the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

In compliance with the terms of a resolution adopted at the last annual general meeting of the Board affirming the necessity for the construction of a graving dock at this port, for the repair of ships, the Council transmitted to the Harbor Commissioners a letter recommending the subject to the attention of that body. They regret, however, to have to state that no action has been taken by the Commissioners in furtherance of the suggestion, and that no progress has been made towards providing an early extension of wharf accommodation along the river front. Meantime, the yearly increasing trade of the port more than ever requires extended facilities for dockage and wharfage. A communication setting forth the difficulties to which vessels navigating the River St. Charles are exposed by reason of the existence of large boulders and other obstructions in the channel was also forwarded to the Commissioners.

The question of a classification of waney board timber has been made the subject of earnest and careful consideration. Practical men, well acquainted with the requirements of the trade, have been consulted and the opinions as well of shippers as of producers of the article have been obtained. The report of a committee specially appointed in relation to the question is on the table for reference. In connection with this subject, the Board is indebted to Mr. Quinn, the Supervisor of Cullers, for a box containing specimens of wood, the produce of the Province, and for one of his models illustrative of the system of measurement of waney timber.