

The gift from W. H. Beatty, Esq., Q.C., the Board's solicitor, is a handsomely framed oil portrait of the late J. G. Worts, who for many years took a very active part in the early history of the Board, being President from 1865 to 1870, and therefore directed the affairs of the Board a quarter of a century ago, and to him was largely due its influence and importance.

This is the first of the early Presidents of the Board whose portrait adorns the walls of the Council chamber, and it is greatly to be desired that the example set by Mr. Beatty will be followed by others.

The Board is gratefully indebted to these gentlemen for this further evidence of their continued interest in its welfare.

FLOUR AND GRAIN STANDARDS, 1894-95.—Pursuant to the amended provisions of the Inspection Act, Messrs. Thos. Flynn, N. H. Baird, J. L. Spink and W. D. Matthews (Chairman) were appointed by Order-in-Council as the representatives from this Board at the meeting held in Toronto, 14th September, 1894, for the selection of Standards of Grain grown east of Port Arthur; and at the meeting held in Winnipeg, 21st September, 1894, for the selection of Standards of Grain grown west of Port Arthur, the Board's representatives were, Messrs. Geo. A. Chapman and J. J. Hunt, London. For the selection of the Dominion Flour Standards, at Montreal, on November 9th, 1894, the Board was represented by Messrs. W. Galbraith and J. L. Spink.

The Committee appointed by the Council, and known under the provisions of By-law 20 as the House Committee, has discharged its duties with commendable zeal. During the year the walls and ceilings of the halls, corridors and lavatories have been cleaned and painted in a very satisfactory manner, and the walls and ceilings of the Council chamber have been suitably decorated, so as to harmonize with the woodwork, and to give due effect to the portraits that are expected to adorn its walls—one is already in place, reference to which is made elsewhere in this Report.

New cables have been supplied for the elevators, and the engineering and janitor's departments of the building have been managed with good judgment, and have been courteously controlled.

The most troublesome year that has wearied the souls of business men for many years is the one just closed, and our Board, as well as the business community the world over, has felt the effects of the unusual depression. But a reference to the Treasurer's Report will show that our numerical strength remains unbroken, and that there are no uncollected dues for 1894. It is also eminently gratifying to be able to report that the payment of the dues for 1895 are in advance of any period since the adoption of the By-law requiring the payment of dues on or before the 2nd of January in each year.

During the year ending 31st December, 1894, the Board has lost by death twelve members, as follows:—

Mark H. Irish, Toronto		February 16th, aged 59.
George Virtue, " "		March 3rd, " 66.
Andrew McFall, Bolton		April 28th, " 56.
P. T. Dunn, Vancouver		June 16th, " 56.