

On the 21st February, a meeting of the Council was held, to take into consideration the communication received from Mr. Weir relative to the Exportation of Silver. It appearing to the Council that individual efforts could not effect what was of necessity a measure demanding the action of the Executive, it was resolved that E. MCGILLIVRAY, *Vice President*, His Worship the Mayor, (H. J. FRIEL, Esq.,) C. R. CUNNINGHAM, E. P. REMON, T. PATTERSON, and G. H. PERRY, Esqs., be a Committee to prepare a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, on the currency question.

At a meeting held on the 27th February, the following Memorial, prepared by the Committee was adopted:

*To His Excellency the Governor General in Council:*

The Memorial of the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa humbly sheweth:

That the large quantities of American and British silver in circulation is causing serious loss to this country: That measures should be taken by the Government to remedy the evil.

That your memorialists respectfully submit the following mode of dealing with the question, namely: That the Government of Canada purchase or call in said silver at current rates under the present law. Should the calling in of said silver cause a deficiency of circulating medium, then your memorialists suggest a further issue be made of Canadian silver.

Therefore your memorialists pray the above suggestion may meet the approbation of Government. And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed)

E. MCGILLIVRAY, V. P.

Ottawa, February, 27th, 1868.

And E. MCGILLIVRAY, Vice-President, His Worship the Mayor, A. WORKMAN, C. CUNNINGHAM and G. H. PERRY, Esqs., be a deputation to present the same to the MINISTER OF FINANCE. The deputation presented the petition and several other documents to the Honourable Mr. ROSE on the 29th February.

A meeting of Council was held on the 5th of March to receive communications relative to the silver question from the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Toronto and London. These were ordered to be placed on file, as the matter had been referred to the Government, who were alone capable of dealing with it.

A meeting of Council was held on the 15th March to consider communications from the Boards of Trade of Stratford, Quebec and Brantford relative to the silver question. The latter Board suggested the calling a Convention of the