## The Public Works Report. THE report of the Com ublic Works for 1877 was pre the Chamber last night after the carry

ing of the Address. The railway works in progress the year comprised a total length of miles on ten different lines, eight which were under construction the before. The two new lines comme during 1877 were the Stratford Lake Huron and the Kaministiquia Prince Arthur's Landing railway. former is an extension of the Port D and Lake Huron and now extends from Stratford to Listowel, a distance of 27 miles, 18 of which are already ballasted The Kaministiquia road runs from the Landing to the Canada Pacific termirus on the Kaministiquia. The mileage opened in 1877 was as follows:

tratford & Lake Huron railway.... Kingston and Pembroke.....Lake Simcoe Junction..... Victoria railway (in Lindsay)..... 11 Hamilton & North-Western railway 114 Whitby, Port Perry and Lindsay. 26

The statement of expenditure on the principal public institutions of the Province up to 31st December last, with the total expenditure on each since 1867, is

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The total amount expended on pubc institutions and public works du the year was \$318,800, and the total rom 1867 to the close of 1877, 83,238. 000. The Central Prison account, our readers will observe, is rapidly reaching the half million ; Mr. SANDFIELD MAC DONALD proposed to build it for \$125,000 The Agricultural College is another costly institution, and as yet its usefulness remains to be demonstrated.

The expenditure on Drainage account total since 1870, when the Act came in force, stands at \$360,000.

Dominion Board of Trade. The eighth annual meeting of the Doinion Board of Trade commenced at Ottawa on Tuesday with a fair attendance of elegates from local Boards. After routine siness and the adoption of the report of he Executive Council of the Board, the President, Mr. Adam Brown, of Hamilton, delivered an interesting address, in which he touched upon nearly all the subjects of ommercial interest at present before the country, including Reciprocity with the United States, trade with the North-West Territories, the Fisheries award, the win-ter port, Protection and Free Trade, Canadian-built snips abroad, &c. After discussion a question raised by Mr. Clemow (Ottawa), on the desirability of making the inspection of butter, hides, and fish compulsory was referred to a Committee to report on to-day. In the afternoon the delegates from the National Board of Trade of the United States were introduced and each delivered an address. The Stamp Act was considered and a resolution favouring its reneal having

a resolution favouring its repeal having been proposed, an amendment moved by Mr. Andrew Robertson, of Montreal, was carried, to the effect that the law should or holder of a note to stamp it, and that the law should be further extended by the issuing of stamped paper. Col. Walker, of London, moved a resolution, which was carried, recommending an amendment to the Weights and Measures Act, cancelling the clause compelling traders to take their scales to the inspector's oface for examination, and preventing the sacrifice of exist-ing weights. A resolution moved by Col. Walker, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Walker, and seconded by Mr. Thomas White, favouring reciprocity with the United States was, after a discussion in which the American delegates participated, adopted. Mr. Patterson, of Montreal, introduced a resolution recommending a reduction in the number of smaller ports of entry, in order to ensure greater are investigated. duction in the number of smaller ports of entry, in order to ensure greater uniformity in the valuation of goods entered for duty. This proposal met with considerable oppo-sition, and an amendment moved by Mr. Thomas White was finally carried, simply urging the Government to continue their efforts to secure the object desired.

At the Dominion Board of Trade meet-At the Dominion Board of Trade dieting Wednesday the report of the committee appointed on the previous day to consider the question of the inspection of butter and hides was received and adopted. The report recommends that municipalities be empowered to make the inspection of butter compulsory whenever they consider it necessary. A resolution from the Hamilton Board of Trade urging the Government to enquire into the present state of manufacturing industries in Canada, and the general working of the tariff, was adopted without debate. without debate. After a long and interesting discussion on the sugar duties, and several amendments to the original resolution had been voted down, on the motion tion had been voted down, on the motion of Mr. Patterson of this city the question was relegated to a committee of nine to report upon to-day. Committees were also appointed to report to-day on the subject of wrecking on the lakes and on the compulsory inspection of fish. A resolution moved by Mr. Mackenzie of Hamilton favouring the transfer of the duty on malt to ale and beer was carried. A motion made by Senator Skead, of Ottawa, asking that the Customs duty on pork barrels and all packages containing meat be remotion made by Senator Skead, of Ottawa, asking that the Customs duty on pork barrels and all packages containing meat be repealed, was lost. Some discussion having taken place, a resolution was passed expressing the regret of the Board that the inland carrying trade of the Dominion still laboured under the injustice of not having the same privileges on canals and rivers of the United States as our neighbours' vessels enjoy on ours, and pointing out that a remedy for the grievance was provided in article 27 of the Washington Treaty. Mr. Dobell, of Quebec, moved a resolution, which was adopted, to the effect that it was desirable the Board should communicate with the Associated Chambers of Commerce in England with a view of organizing a confederation of representatives from the Boards of Trade of all the dependencies of Great Britain, to meet in London once a year, or as often as thought advisable, in order to draw closer the trade relations of the colonies and the Mother Country. A resolution was also adopted seeking the good offices of the Dominion Government towards procuring through the assistance of the British Government the registration in France of Canadian built vessels on terms of equality with those of Great Britain. Mr. Woods of Quebec read a paper on pilotage in the St. Lawrence and moved a resolution containing suggestions made therein which was carried. Col. Walker, requested leave to withdraw a motion of which he had given notice relating to a change in the place of meeting notice of an amendment was given cong the time of meeting and leaving appointment of the place in the han the Executive Council. A committee appointed to report on the insolvancy and the Board adjourned until to-day

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