



FOREWORD



On the occasion of a visit to Hamilton of the Board of Commerce of Canada, the Secretary of same notified the Wholesale Grocery trade of Hamilton that the Board of Commerce would be pleased to meet the representatives of the trade to hear any matter the trade desired to bring to the attention of the Board.

The Wholesale Grocers, therefore, took advantage of the invitation, and at a meeting of the Board of Commerce held in Hamilton at the City Hall on Tuesday, November 18th, 1919, presented the address as set forth herein.

Many manufacturers and others engaged in commercial pursuits, apparently up to the present are not fully alive to the functions of the Board of Commerce of Canada, and the powers of the Board to regulate and establish rules for the conduct of business on a sound, honorable, ethical basis. The Board of Commerce of Canada is the Canadian business man's trade tribunal.

The appointment of this Board of Commerce was an absolute necessity for the proper conduct of business. It is the most advanced legislation ever enacted in the history of Canada, and will in time be appreciated by every honorable business man.

In addition to the address to the Board and the remarks of the Vice-Chairman of same in his comments—this pamphlet contains copy of the platform of the Canadian Wholesale Grocers' Association adopted at the Convention held in Ottawa, August 21st and 22nd, 1919—also copy of the endorsement of same by the Wholesale Grocers of Ontario, together with the names of the Wholesale Grocery firms in Ontario, all of which was referred to in the address to the Board of Commerce.

At the Convention in Ottawa, Mr. O'Connor, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commerce, addressed the trade explaining the