

The recommendations of the Committee were concurred in, and a copy of the report forwarded to the Attorney-General.

The following resolution was adopted by the Council, with regard to the death of Sir J. S. D. Thompson, and a copy ordered to be suitably engrossed and forwarded to Lady Thompson:—

“The Council of the Board of Trade of Toronto is deeply grieved at the great loss the country has sustained by the death of the Right Honorable Sir John S. D. Thompson, P.C., K.C.M.G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

“With true patriotism, Sir John S. D. Thompson gave his whole service to the cause of Canada and the British Empire. In discharging the duties of his exalted position he won the confidence of the nation, and it will ever be a matter of deepest regret that he should have been called away in the prime of life, amidst a career of the greatest usefulness, and while receiving still higher honors at the hands of Her Most Gracious Majesty, The Queen.

“To Lady Thompson, the bereaved widow, and her family in their great affliction, this Council tenders its most sincere sympathy, and trusts that an Allwise Providence will sustain them in their hour of trial.”

Acknowledgment of the receipt of the same has been duly received from Lady Thompson.

A further resolution was unanimously adopted, and copies ordered to be presented to the Premier of the Dominion and the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.

The Council of the Board of Trade is deeply grieved at the great loss the country has sustained by the death of the Right Honorable Sir John S. D. Thompson, P.C., K.C.M.G., Premier of the Dominion of Canada.

With true patriotism Sir John Thompson gave his whole service to the cause of Canada and the British Empire. In discharging the duties of his exalted position, he won the confidence of the nation, and it will ever be a matter of the deepest regret that he should have been called away in the prime of life, amidst a career of the greatest usefulness, and while receiving still higher honors at the hands of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

That he sacrificed his life and personal interests for the general good is abundantly clear, and this Council would strongly urge upon the Government and Parliament of Canada that suitable provision be made for the widow and family as a national tribute of respect to his memory.

GIFTS TO THE BOARD.—During the year handsome gifts have been received from two members of the Board.—W. R. Brock, Esq., and W. H. Beatty, Esq., Q.C. That from W. H. Brock, Esq. (a member of the Council for many years), being a beautiful and costly marble bust of Her Majesty the Queen, mounted on pedestal of New Brunswick marble. This magnificent work of art was brought by the generous donor from Rome, being the work of Sig. Andreoni, and is a welcome reminder of one who is profoundly respected and beloved by the Canadian people.

That she has a tender regard for her subjects throughout the Empire has been recently emphasized by her touching, heartfelt sorrow with Canada and the bereaved family under the deep shadow of a great national and family affliction.