

CANADA.

COPY of PETITION to HER MAJESTY from the BOARD of TRADE of the TOWN of HAMILTON, praying that the Measures now before the Imperial Parliament relating to CORN and TIMBER may not become Law.

DESPATCH from Governor the Earl CATHCART, K.C.B., to the Right Hon. W. E. GLADSTONE, enclosing Petition.

No. 53.

Sir, Government House, Montreal, 13th May 1846.

At the Request of the Board of Trade of the Town of Hamilton in Upper Canada, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the Purpose of being laid at the Foot of the Throne, a Petition to Her Majesty from that Body, praying that the Measures now before the Imperial Parliament relating to Corn and Timber may not become Law.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CATHCART.

LETTER from J. YOUNG Esq. to the Hon. DOMINICK DALY, Civil Secretary, Montreal.

Sir,

Hamilton, 7th May 1846.

I HAVE the honour to transmit through you to His Excellency the Governor General, the enclosed Petition to Her Most Gracious Majesty, from the Board of Trade of this Town, against the Measures now before the British Parliament relative to Corn and Timber, and to request that His Excellency would be pleased to forward the same at the earliest possible Period, to be laid at the Foot of the Throne.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN YOUNG,
President Hamilton Board of Trade.

To the Queen's most Excellent Majesty.

The Petition of the Board of Trade of the Town of Hamilton,

Most humbly sheweth,

That great Alarm has been occasioned in Your Majesty's Province of Canada, as well as in Your Majesty's other Possessions in North America, by the Measures recently brought before the British Parliament by Your Majesty's Government, proposing the Reduction and Abandonment within a short Period of the Protection now afforded us on our staple Articles of Export.

That these Provinces are the nearest Colonies that can supply the Mother Country with Corn and Timber, and in return take British manufactured Goods to an Extent greater, according to our Population, than any other Colony, and Four Times greater than any Foreign Country.

That, should free Trade in Corn supersede the Protection now afforded to this great Staple of our Export, we shall be no longer in a Situation to continue