

QUEBEC BOARD OF TRADE.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Quebec Board of Trade was held at the Board Rooms, Exchange Buildings, on Wednesday, 7th May, at noon. There were present: the President of the Board, Joseph Shehyn, Esq., M.P.P., (in the chair,) and Messrs. W. Rae, R. R. Dobell, J. H. Clint, M. Stevenson, R. Brodie, Simon Peters, Alex. Woods, Edwin Pope, Hy. O'Connor, Henry Dinning, F. Gunn, F. H. Andrews, (Secretary,) W. Brodie, B. Verret, G. Robinson, R. H. Smith, A. H. White, and J. Lane, Jr.

The Secretary read the advertisement in the CHRONICLE, calling the meeting, also the minutes of the last regular meeting, which were declared confirmed.

The President of the Board, Joseph Shehyn, Esq., M.P.P., addressed the meeting as follows:—When I had the pleasure of addressing you at your annual meeting, I had occasion to refer in the course of my remarks to the commercial crisis, which in my opinion was due to two or three causes, viz., over-production and unprofitable investments. I should perhaps have added also to exaggerated notions about the extent to which things should be pushed with some safety. Not wishing then to occupy more of your time than was strictly necessary, as there was a great deal of work to be done at that meeting, I was obliged to curtail considerably the remarks which I intended making at that time, and which should have formed part of my subject in order to make it more complete. With your kind permission I will dwell upon a subject which in my opinion