

culty; but it is hoped it has arrived at such results, as to enable it to present an impartial as well as an intelligible view of the important relations which have grown up and expanded for the last ten years between this country and those American Provinces.

The first step taken by the committee was to ascertain the opinions of the various Boards of Trade in the principal cities most directly interested in the question; and accordingly letters of inquiry, prepared under the direction of this committee, were addressed by the Secretary of the Chamber to the following Boards: to that of Philadelphia, of Chicago, Detroit, Troy, Baltimore, Cleveland, Buffalo, Oswego, Albany, Portland, Bath, in Maine, and other principal cities.

From these, answers were, in part, duly received. The Board of Trade of Philadelphia replied, that it was unanimously in favor of abrogating the present treaty, believing that the term was "a misnomer," the advantages having hitherto been altogether in favor of Great Britain; that its own Secretary was engaged by the Treasury Department in collating the statistics of the trade, with the design of furnishing data for the formation of a new treaty that may be just and equitable to both nations, and that the ensuing session of Congress would be able to undertake a "more favorable and calm discussion of the subject."

This report has only appeared during the past month; and it was essential for the committee to examine it, in order to arrive at positive conclusions on points material to the subject.

The Board of Trade at Chicago replied, that all its members regarded the matter as one "of great import-