

ANNUAL MEETING OF UNITED STATES NATIONAL BOARD OF TRADE
AT CHICAGO.

A very cordial invitation having been received from the Executive Council of the U. S. National Board of Trade, to send a delegation to their Annual Meeting at Chicago, on 21st October, it was accepted; and, by unanimous consent of your Executive Council, the President (Henry Fry, Esq.) was authorized to nominate representatives for the occasion. The appointments were as follows :—

LONDON, ONT.—John Walker, Esq.

HAMILTON, ONT.—A. T. Wood, Esq.

TORONTO, ONT.—W. H. Howland, Esq., C. J. Campbell, Esq.

KINGSTON, ONT.—W. Harty, Esq.

OTTAWA, ONT.—Wm. Pennock, Esq., Hon. Jas. Skead.

MONTREAL, Q.—Hugh McLennan, Esq., Andrew Robertson, Esq., H. Labelle, Esq.,

Thos. White, Jr., Esq., and the Secretary, Mr. Wm. J. Patterson.

QUEBEC, Q.—A. Joseph, Esq., T. H. Grant, Esq.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—R. S. De Veber, Esq., C. H. Fairweather, Esq.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Cathcart Thomson, Esq., John T. Wylde, Esq.

The results of the meeting with the National Board of the United States promise to be more fruitful of good, than any that have arisen out of former conferences. At first the Canadian delegates had to contend with a very general feeling in the United States, which, while not positively inimical to Canada, still was without inclination to meet liberally the wishes of the Dominion, except by some sweeping measure like the proposed Zolverein, which would have put our trade entirely in their power. Your Council, however, have found each year a more kindly feeling existing, and do not think it is claiming too much to say that it is greatly due to the meetings and discussions between the representatives of the two Boards during the past four years. Much has been accomplished during the year recently closed,—for it seems as if the merchants of the United States are now thoroughly aroused to the necessity for, and advantage of, more unrestricted commerce with the Dominion. The following preamble and resolution, passed unanimously at the National Board, will show clearly the feeling of that body on the Reciprocity question :—

WHEREAS, The National Board of Trade has, at every suitable opportunity since its organization, emphatically endorsed the principle of the freest possible commercial intercourse