

## PREFATORY.

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Hon. JOHN YOUNG, *President,*

*And the COUNCIL of the Board of Trade ;*

AND

M. P. RYAN, Esq., M.P., *President,*

*And the COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT of the Corn Exchange  
Association :*

GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully request your attention to the various statements contained in the following pages,—forming the Seventh Report in the yearly series which I have had the honor to lay before the Boards respectively represented by you.

The method of the present publication is somewhat different from that followed in those which have preceded it. In consequence of this, many details which otherwise would have been classed in the department relating exclusively to this City, are arranged among the Preliminary Reports. This refers to the statements concerning Flour and Grain, at pp. 15, 16,—to the information relating to trade with Europe and the West Indies, at pp. 33–36,—to the statistics of the Coal-trade of the Dominion, at pp. 37–41,—to the particulars of Lumber shipments at pp. 46–48, &c. The classification of that part of the Report concerning Montreal (from page 77 to the end) may, therefore, at first sight, appear to be lacking in some particulars,—but those just mentioned, and others, will be easily found by referring to the table of contents.

The statements at pp. 26–30, indicating the extent of the trade with the neighboring Republic, are considered worthy of attention. The information about United States transit trade through Canada, at pp. 19–21 and pp. 30–32, has not hitherto been presented in so comprehensive a form.

The Retrospect of the Breadstuffs trade in 1869 is much fuller than heretofore ; and a feature in it, of some interest, is the series of tables of Prices of Flour and Grain,—showing comparative rates during two years in the principal markets of Great Britain, the United States, and Canada.

The sheets of the present Report were nearly all printed before I was favored with some valuable information by Senr. D. H. de Uriarte (Consul-General of Spain for British North America), a portion of which will be found in the Appendix,