

CANADIAN BOARDS OF TRADE ON THE ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE.

Toronto, January 16th, 1893.

The Board of Trade of Toronto, having considered the question of Transportation from a Canadian standpoint, and having regard to the enormous resources of the country, both as to its providing and purchasing ability, as shown by its steadily increasing exports and imports, especially to and from Great Britain, and

To vast sums expended by the Dominion in developing our system of Railways and Canals, and

To the fact that this system makes direct connection with Canadian Ports much nearer to Liverpool than New York is; Quebec being four hundred and seventy miles nearer, St. John three hundred and eighty miles nearer, and Halifax six hundred and fifty miles nearer, while other even more suitable Ports may be found still nearer, and

To the further fact that our Canadian Atlantic Service is inadequate to the wants of the country;

Therefore be it resolved, that in order to obtain the full benefit of our already enormous expenditure, and our great natural advantages, and render the nation independent of foreign ports for Atlantic transportation, a fast Canadian Steamship Service is a necessity, and should be encouraged by the Canadian people and by the Dominion Government.

And be it further resolved that this Board of Trade is of opinion that a first-class Canadian Fast Atlantic Steamship Service would materially increase the value of our European exports, and decrease the cost of delivery of our European imports, largely augment the volume of our passenger travel, improve our Foreign Postal Service, and otherwise be of great national importance, and would, therefore, strongly urge the Government and Parliament of Canada to render such assistance and make such arrangements as may be required to secure such a service, and give it control of a railway service as the proposed steamship line would require.