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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

The eighteenth regular annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was held in their offices in Toronto, Tuesday, February 7, 1893.

Among those who were present were: W. K. McNaught, President; John Bertram, Dundas, First Vice-President; George Booth, Treasurer; J. J. Cassidey, Secretary; R. W. Elliot, Chairman Tariff Committee; P. H. Burton, A. E. Kemp, M. T. Smith, J. P. Murray, W. C. Phillips, John Taylor, J. W. Taylor, Robert Watson, William Pender, A. R. Clarke, John Dick, F. B. Fetherstonhaugh, A. R. Wickett, J. A. Parker, P. Freysing, Thomas Robertson, Joseph Simpson, J. O. Thorne, Toronto; H. J. Bird, Bracebridge, Ont.; Thomas Cowan, Galt, Ont.; A. E. Carpenter, Henry New, Hamilton; James Watson, St. Catharines, Ont.; O. C. Ander-

son, Walkerton, Ont.; H. W. Marlatt, Oakville; George Lang, Berlin, Ont.

W. K. McNaught, President, occupied the chair, and J. J. Cassidey was Secretary.

The minutes of all meetings held since the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a large number of interesting communications which he had received, bearing upon the business which had been entrusted to him, and which it was of importance to the Association to be acquainted with.

President McNaught read a most interesting address, which is given in full in another place.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary Cassidey read the following report, which was received and adopted:—

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Since the last general annual meeting of this Association many events have transpired of much importance to Canada. I mention the retirement from the Premiership of Sir John Abbott, because of ill-health; and the accession to that honorable position of Sir John Thompson. I also allude to the reorganization of the Government in which the cabinet offices, created several years ago by Act of Parliament, have been filled for the first time. In this reorganization the incumbents of offices, with whom this Association are most frequently brought into intercourse, are: Sir John Thompson, First Minister; Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. George E. Foster, Minister of Finance, and Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, Controller of Customs. This Association will have frequent occasion to communicate with Sir John Thompson, as Premier; and it is a pleasure to know that in him the National Policy has an earnest, strong and consistent defender. Mr. Bowell and Mr. Foster have occupied the positions they now hold for many years, and their qualifications as experts in the departments of the Government over which they preside, and their uniformly sympathetic manner in their intercourse with the officers and members of this Association who may have business with them, are assurances that whenever this Association may have occasion to approach them in the interest of our manufacturers, the same suavity will always be observable, and the same cordiality be extended. Mr. Wallace is a new man in the Government, and fills a new office. The country has long felt the necessity of the existence of the office of Controller of Customs; and it should be well pleased and well satisfied that so excellent and so competent a gentleman fills it.

At your last annual meeting a series of resolutions were passed affirming the continued attachment of the Association to the principles of the National Policy, and confidence in the Government as upholders of it; and your Secretary was instructed to convey a copy of these resolutions to the First Minister, Sir John Abbott. This pleasant duty was duly performed in a personal interview with Mr. Abbott, at which your president, Mr. McNaught, was present; and your Secretary was requested to say to you that the interests of the