

adopted, and a copy thereof ordered to be sent to the Minister of Finance. Owing to the lamented death of ALEX. SCOTT, Esq., before the Report was prepared, it was signed by the two remaining members of the Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE TARIFF.

Your Committee having considered the "tariff," as now submitted to the Legislature, are of opinion that all duties on articles entering largely into the general consumption of our people, or what may be fairly classed as the necessities of life, such as butter, cheese, corn, tallow, meats of all kinds, breadstuffs, &c., are injudicious, and tend to retard the development of the country.

Also, all duties imposed on raw material of any description imported for manufacturing purposes, by which the profits of labour are retained in the Province, are injurious to the interests of Canada;

And the present mode of levying duties on sugars, without a standard by which due discrimination could be exercised, operates injuriously to mercantile interests and enhances the value of an article which should be practically duty free, as entering largely into the consumption of the people as an article of food.

We are, therefore, of opinion that the tariff needs revision, and that a steady advance towards free trade is demanded by the interests of the Province.

THOS. PATTERSON,
G. H. PERRY.

Ottawa, 11th July, 1866.

Moved by W. MUTCHMOR, seconded by T. PATTERSON, and

Resolved.—That the Board of Trade of the City of Ottawa learn with regret the premature decease of their colleague the late ALEX. SCOTT. Recognizing his worth and integrity, they now offer their condolence to his widow and children.

At a meeting of the Council held on 8th August, Resolutions congratulating the Shareholders and Directors under whose management the laying of the Atlantic Cable had been successfully accomplished, were adopted, and a public meeting directed to be called for the 15th instant, to elect a Member of Council in the room of the late ALEX. SCOTT, Esq., and taking into consideration the "Silver Nuisance" question.

As no quorum could be obtained on the occasion of the meeting of the 15th August, the consideration of this subject was postponed till the 2nd October.

A General Meeting of the Board of Trade was held on that date, at which the public were invited to attend. It was resolved to postpone the election of Member of Council, and consider the question of the Silver Currency as a public meeting, after the close of which the general meeting was opened, and C. R. CUNNINGHAM, Esq., elected a Member of Council. Mr. JAMES WARNOCK was appointed Inspector of Flour.