

BOARD OF TRADE.

. HALIFAX, N. S., March 23, 1892.

The Board of Trade met at 3 P. M.

Mr. PICKFORD, president, said that this meeting was called to afford an opportunity for some members, who are also members of the Tax Reform Committee, to place their views before the Board, after which he would be very glad indeed to hear the views of other members of the Board. He then called on Mr. W. J. Stewart, of the firm of M. S. Brown & Co.

Mr. STEWART said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. In bringing this matter of tax reform before the Board of Trade, I would say at the outset, that while the tax reform committee to some extent have been a separate organization, there are a great many members of the Tax Reform Association who are members of the Board of Trade also. It might be well, before the discussion opens, to review the history of the tax reform.

About a year ago a number of business people who felt the injustice of the present scheme, decided to hold a meeting, and requested his worship the mayor to call a meeting for that purpose. A meeting was called in the committee room of the City Council Chamber, and there was a very large attendance. The matter was brought before the meeting, discussed at some length, and several ideas were thrown out: chiefly, that the merchants of Halifax were laboring under a great disadvantage as compared with Montreal and other cities in