

Where then are the great advantages, political or commercial, which we derive from British connection? Echo answers....No....Where!

The absurd position of the Dominion Board of Trade Illustrated.—The gentlemen of the Dominion Board of Trade, representing millions of money, invested in commercial and manufacturing pursuits, have no more power to solve the question of our foreign trade, than so many men meeting at a street corner to discuss it. Their helplessness in glaring, in last year's report of their deliberations, and no meeting takes place this year.

First, the President reported that the Board had been praying the Dominion Government to obtain a reduction in the French Tariff of the differential duties imposed on Canadian shipping. Only a formal acknowledgment of the petition had been received from the Canadian Government. Next came the report of the Secretary, Mr. Patterson, who concluded :

“ I need not dilate upon what might be the disastrous consequences to our commerce, if no account is taken of colonial interests in future commercial treaties between the Imperial Government and foreign nations.”

Why, one should think that Mr. Patterson would have been already aware of those disastrous consequences, for they had swept from existence millions of the people's money; bank stocks, property, workshops and commercial houses had gone down at a frightful rate, and, unless immediate action was taken, we were fast becoming a bankrupt people. In this emergency, what were the suggestions of Mr. Patterson? They were:

“ 1st. That a communication be forwarded to the Executive Council of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom, invoking their aid in procuring for the Colonies of the Empire recognition on equal terms in all future commercial