

gation of the Reciprocity Treaty, to press upon the Government of the United States the desirability of a renewal of reciprocal trade relations between the latter country and Canada, upon a broad and liberal basis; and submits, for the favorable consideration of your Excellency in Council, that the Dominion Board of Trade should be informed, that, should the Government of the United States comply with the wishes expressed by the National Board of Trade, the subject will receive the fullest consideration of the Government of Canada.

The Committee concur in the Report of the Minister of Customs, and advise that the same be approved; and that the substance of this Minute be communicated to the Dominion Board of Trade.

Certified.

(Signed,)

W. A. HIMSWORTH, C. P. C.

OTTAWA, 31st March, 1873.

SIR,—His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, having had under consideration the memorial from the Dominion Board of Trade, dated 18th February last, on the subject of a Treaty of Reciprocity in Trade with the United States, together with a report from the Hon. the Minister of Customs, calling attention to the fact that both Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Canada have availed themselves of every suitable opportunity since the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty, to press upon the Government of the United States the desirability of a renewal of reciprocal trade relations between the latter country and Canada upon a broad and liberal basis. I have it in command to acquaint you that His Excellency has been pleased to order and direct that the Dominion Board of Trade be informed that, should the Government of the United States comply with the wishes expressed by the National Board of Trade, the subject will receive the fullest consideration of the Government of Canada.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed,)

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COMPULSORY DELAYS TO VESSELS NAVIGATING THE UPPER LAKES.

A Memorial was presented to the Governor-General in Council, setting forth the inconvenience and delay arising from an U. S. Customs regulation requiring all Canadian vessels bound for Lake Michigan ports, to call at Duncan City and obtain permit to proceed to destination,—respectfully soliciting that communication be opened with the United States Government to secure a modification of this regulation. The matter was promptly acted upon. A letter from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, was subsequently received by the Secretary of this Board, enclosing a despatch from the Colonial Office in London, covering one from the British Minister at Washington. The latter is as follows:—