

# PROCEEDINGS, &c.

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PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,

OTTAWA, Wednesday, 17th January, 1872.

The Representatives of the Dominion Board of Trade met informally at 12 o'clock (noon).

Hon. JOHN YOUNG, President, stated that although a considerable number of members had arrived, he had received telegrams to the effect that several gentlemen from Ontario would be here very soon; he suggested, therefore, that those present should hand their credentials to the Secretary, to enable him to proceed in making up the roll,—and that an adjournment would take place until 2 o'clock, P.M.,—then to proceed to the business of the Annual Meeting.

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## AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 17th January, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Honorable JOHN YOUNG, President of the Board, took the chair; and, after calling the meeting to order, remarked that although not more than a single year had elapsed since the Board was organized, it was a matter for congratulation to note the influence it had already exercised in directing public attention to the trade and commerce of the Dominion. He was convinced that if the Board continued to act in the same spirit as it had done in the past, avoiding all sectionalism, and all matters that had not for their object the general good, the seed thus sown would bear ample fruit. He was certain, from the attention that had been drawn to this Board on the important subject of Trade and Commerce, that the mercantile men of this Dominion had only intelligently and firmly to express their opinion on all public questions of the day, to make their