

The medals are in themselves works of art, and the steel dies from which they are made are cut from a first prize design adopted by the Association in 1887.

The following rules will govern the competition, which is open to all residents of Canada at the time the work is executed, and who are now residing here :

1st. Each design or model must be original and executed by the designer.

2nd. Each design or model must be marked in a distinctive manner, and be accompanied by a sealed envelope, which shall contain the correct name and address of competitor, and the outside of which shall be marked in the same distinctive manner.

3rd. Experts will be selected by the Association as judges.

4th. Each model or design must be addressed to Mr. Frederic Nicholls, Secretary Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto, and must reach the office of the Association, 6 Wellington Street west, not later than May 1st, 1889.

5th. Preference will be given to designs of a national character.

The competition will close on the 1st of May next, and it is anticipated that a spirited competition will result ; and it is to be hoped that this action of the Association may result in many young Canadians giving more special attention to a branch of art in which at present Canada is sadly deficient. In most other countries special technical colleges have been established, with industrial designing as a principal subject, and it is to be hoped that the recent meeting called by the Hon. the Minister of Education for the Province of Ontario, may result in some practical scheme whereby a commencement towards a like end may be made.

#### THE TARIFF.

During the session of 1886, many alterations were made in the tariff, most of them incidental to the "iron policy" of Sir Charles Tupper. Last year saw no revision other than minor customs' rulings, effected by Orders-in-Council ; again this year no changes have been recommended by the Finance Minister in his Budget speech, and I regret to say that certain modifications of the tariff which my experience has led me to believe to be necessary, have been omitted or overlooked. I can quite understand the reluctance of the Government to disturb and possibly unsettle trade ; but it seems to me that, having adopted a policy of protection to native industry, a policy which has been thrice endorsed at the polls, when it can be reasonably shown that certain changes are necessary to effect an equalization of that policy, serious consideration should be given such representations.

#### UNDER-VALUATIONS.

The recent disclosures published in reference to systematic and fraudulent under-valuation practiced by a firm of hardware importers in this city, serves to emphasize, what has often been remarked during sessions of our Tariff Committee, that large quantities of goods annually pass the customs without paying duty upon their fair market value. No doubt the authorities endeavor to prevent this as far as it is in their power to do so, but it is possible for this Association to materially strengthen their position, and in this connection I have a scheme to submit for your approval which will be referred to later in the day.

#### COMMERCIAL UNION.

It is not my purpose to refer to this question at any length, as time will not permit a critical review of the situation. I

may say, however, that the Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, the United States Congressman who, so short a time since, was assisting Mr. Wiman to impress upon our people by speeches delivered in different parts of this Province, that commercial union was the best safeguard against annexation, has now thrown off the mask, and is an openly avowed annexationist. And I mention this particular instance because of its peculiar significance.

It is at present a matter of conjecture as to what action may be taken by our neighbors to the south in reference to our international relations, but we, in this country, may rest assured that the liberal but dignified policy of our own Government in protection of Canadian interests will be continued, and that the present agitation will result in inspiring Canadians with a feeling of self-reliance and elevated patriotism. The Presidential election of last November has resulted in a signal victory for protection in the United States, for not only has a protectionist President been elected, who on Monday last superseded a free trade Democrat, but the control of both Houses has passed into the hands of a protectionist majority ; and although a revision of the tariff may be expected, such revision will be adjusted by the friends of protection, instead of by its avowed enemies.

I have much more that I would like to have said, but which cannot be condensed to come within the scope of this report ; but as a number of us will meet this evening in social intercourse, I may then have an opportunity to refer to other matters.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, Mr. George Booth, presented his annual report, which showed the Association to be in good financial condition. On motion this report was read and adopted.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers for the ensuing year were unanimously re-elected :—

President, Mr. W. H. Storey, Acton, Ont.

First Vice-President, Mr. Samuel May, Toronto.

Second Vice-President, Bennett Rosamond, Almonte, Ont.

Treasurer, Mr. George Booth, Toronto.

General Secretary, Mr. Frederic Nicholls, Toronto.

#### REPRESENTATIVES TO INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION ASSOCIATION.

Messrs. George Booth, R. W. Elliot, Daniel Lamb, Samuel May, Frederic Nicholls.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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