

Should any of the Delegates feel inclined to extend their excursion to our Province, and visit Halifax, I am directed to say, this Chamber will be most happy to meet them, and endeavour to render their stay pleasant and satisfactory.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES M. CREED,

Secretary Chamber Commerce of Halifax.

RECEPTION OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATES.

The delegates from the National Board of Trade of the United States here entered the room, and were greeted with applause.

Hon. G. W. HOWLAN (P. E. Island) moved, seconded by Mr. ROBERT MARSHALL (St. John)—

"That the delegates of the National Board of Trade of the United States be admitted to the privileges of the floor during the sittings of this Board."

Carried by acclamation.

The names of the U. S. delegates are as follows:

Portland: T. C. Hersey, Esq., Chairman.

Cincinnati: W. W. Taylor, Esq.

New York: John Austin Stevens, Jr., Esq.

Boston: B. F. Nourse, Esq.

Milwaukee: W. E. Smith, Esq.

Detroit: B. Hawley, Esq.

Buffalo: E. P. Dorr, Esq.

The PRESIDENT (addressing the American delegates):—I have very great pleasure, gentlemen, in welcoming you to this meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade; and I can assure you that it is with very great gratification that we see so deep an interest taken in our affairs by the National Board of Trade. It is a matter of pleasure to us to notice among the delegation on this occasion, gentlemen who have taken a broad and comprehensive view of the Reciprocity question,—and through whom, to a great extent, the action of the National Board favoring reciprocal trade relations with Canada was taken. Whatever may be the fate of the present proposed Treaty, we can at least appreciate the friendship and liberality of the National Board; and I therefore have special pleasure in welcoming you to this meeting. (Applause.)

Mr. T. C. HERSEY, (Portland), Chairman of the American Delegation, rose and said—We are most happy to meet this Board once more. We do not feel, in coming among you, that we are strangers. We have had ratified, time and again, a treaty of friendship with you, and now again has it been ratified most nobly by the St. John people. With regard to the proposed Reciprocity Treaty, this is not the time for me to discuss that question; and I will therefore only say that we are and have been committed to a broad and liberal treaty. (Cheers.)

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