

## PREFATORY NOTICE.

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In presenting the REPORT of PROCEEDINGS at SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the DOMINION BOARD of TRADE, it is, perhaps, only necessary to say that, as heretofore, I have given the utmost personal supervision to the whole matter that was consistent with its being put rapidly through the "Press." The speedy issuing of the Report has always appeared to be an essential element in its value; and in the hurry of producing it errors may possibly have been overlooked, which may be more or less apparent to Representatives who participated in the various discussions. I venture the hope, however, that no material mistake has been made, and that the whole Proceedings will be considered accurately recorded. Messrs. A. and G. C. HOLLAND'S valuable services as Official Reporters are hereby acknowledged; and it is only justice to mention that the aid of my Assistant, Mr. WM. J. B. PATTERSON, has contributed very much to the faithfulness of the Report.

WM. J. PATTERSON,  
*Secretary.*

MONTREAL, 14th February, 1877.