mentioning that, in his opinion, " the change from the present mode of keeping " accounts into one having its parts in decimals is not desired by the great bulk of " the mercantile community in Lower Canada, no inconvenience having ever arisen " from the present system, which harmonizes so well with that of the mother coun- " try," and that " the less we needlessly assimilate to the usages and customs of the " Americans, the better," were not received till after the Report on currency, presented yesterday, had been agreed to.

This morning only, your Committee received the annexed reply to their circular, from John George Bowes, Esq., M. P. for Toronto City.

W. L. MACKENZIE,
Chairman.

APPENDIX.

From BOARD OF TRADE ROOM, QUEBEC,
10*th April*, 1855.

SIR :—Your communication of 5th instant to the President, was by him laid before the Council at their meeting this day, and I am desired to say that the answers to the queries of the Committee of Public Accounts, regarding the introduction into Canada of a decimal system for accounts, will be transmitted to the Clerk of Committee as requested.

I have, &c.

ALEXR. BORROWMAN.
Secretary.

W. L. Mackenzie, Esq., M. P. P.

BOARD OF TRADE ROOM, QUEBEC,
10*th April*, 1855.

SIR :—In answer to the circular, signed by you as Clerk of the Committee of Public Accounts, submitting queries in reference to the introduction of a decimal system, which was laid to-day before the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade, I am desired to say :

That the Council strongly advocate a system of decimals, not only in currency for accounts, but for weights and measures also. And they are of opinion that the introduction of the denomination of dollars and cents as in use in the United States, will be found most convenient ; as its use to some extent now prevails, and its adaptation as far as regards the paper currency would be attended with no inconvenience whatever.

I have, &c.

ALEXR. BORROWMAN,
Secretary.

W. L. Mackenzie, Junr., Esq.,
Clerk of Committee.

"their debtors will pay in gold, and, if gold rise, debtors will pay in silver; and the debtor who may " have purchased goods on credit, in England, or the United States, will, if prosecuted by his creditor, pay " the debt in a depreciated coinage, which will not pass current in these countries, except at a loss to him " who trusted his property out of his hands."