

## A B S T R A C T

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The communication in October, 1854, of the documents received from the Lords composing the Board of Trade of London, by the Honorable P. J. O. Chauveau, at that time Provincial Secretary, was the first signal which aroused the public to the necessity of having Canada represented at the Exhibition in Paris.

On communication of these documents to the Legislative Assembly, a Resolution was passed by that House, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Young, in accordance with which, an Address was presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to take the necessary steps to secure a fitting representation of the products of the Country at the World's Exhibition of 1855.

Proceeding upon this Address, a proclamation was issued, constituting a Grand Provincial Committee, composed of gentlemen from all parts of the Country, to whom was confided the care of taking the necessary steps in the matter.

This Provincial Committee, composed of about two hundred persons, met for the first time on the 30th of October, with Sir Allan Napier MacNab as Chairman, and appointed a sub-Committee, to enquire into and report upon the matter, on the following Thursday, the 2nd November. This Committee was composed of Sir Cusack Roney, the Honorables F. Hincks, P. J. O. Chauveau, T. Mackay, J. Young, Captain Rhodes and Messrs. J. W. Gamble, J. C. Taché, J. Langton, E. W. Logan, de Rottermund, and C. J. Laberge.

On the day appointed, the sub-Committee above mentioned presented the following Report, which was adopted by the Provincial Committee.

### PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of the Provincial Committee held on the 31st ultimo, to suggest the course to be adopted to secure a