

This Board has therefore undertaken to communicate with Boards in important trade centres throughout the Dominion to learn their views, and would request that an expression of opinion be given upon the subject, and also that a date be mentioned which, in their opinion, would be most advantageous to hold the first meeting.

Should a sufficient number think favorably of the project, a meeting will be called to meet here, upon the date named as being the most favorable to a majority of those having stated their views, and each board will be requested to send delegates to confer upon a basis of organization.

I am, therefore, directed by this Board to request that you will submit the matter to the Council of your Board and convey to me as soon as possible the result of their deliberation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. S. GARLAND,  
Secretary Ottawa Board of Trade.

After due consideration the Council wrote the Ottawa Board as follows : "This Board cannot see how any advantages are to be enjoyed by Boards distant from the seat of the proposed Dominion Board, and cannot favor the scheme proposed. The Board would very gladly join in any feasible plan to hold, periodically, a conference of delegates from the Boards of Trade in Canada, to consider matters of general interest to the whole Dominion."

#### LEASE OF ROOMS.

Our lease of the rooms occupied by the Board having expired, a renewal was secured for a further term of three years, at the same rental as heretofore paid.