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Mr. WHITE—I think we had better adopt the resolution as I moved it. The principle of written papers in a deliberative body is not one we should encourage at any time. We have the opportunity of stating in ordinary discussion the views of members; and it is far better that they should come in the form of ordinary debate. Last Session at Ottawa, a great deal of time was taken up in the reading of papers. They take up too much space in our published reports; they are generally theoretical in their character, and very few are of practical value, though there was one from Mr. MARSHALL which was of interest to the Board. I think the rule prevailing in Parliament should be the rule at our meetings. When we remember that we have very little time for discussion at all,—owing to the overwhelming kindness of our friends of St. John,—we should discourage the practice more than ever.

Hon. G. W. HOWLAN (P. E. Island)—Is there not a by-law providing that no paper shall be read without a specified notice being given to the Secretary?

Mr. WHITE—It has been generally disregarded.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN—I do not see how you can put a resolution of this kind when you have a by-law which covers the same ground.

The PRESIDENT—The motion is strictly in order.

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. C. H. FAIRWEATHER (St. John)—The question of reciprocity occupying so much attention, I move

“That other questions on the notice paper be taken up and disposed of before entering upon the discussion of the proposed Reciprocity Treaty.”

Motion seconded, and carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The PRESIDENT said, in giving effect to the resolution which the Board had just adopted, he would first read the notices of subjects which had been printed in the official circular, as follows:—

Reciprocal Trade Relations with the United States—The Fisheries—Coasting Trade—Canals.

Trade between the Dominion and the West Indies, &c.

The Manufacturing, Mining, and Commercial Interests of the Maritime Provinces.

The Baie Verte Canal.

The proposed New Bankruptcy Law.

Uniformity of Conditions in Insurance Policies.

Intimate Relations with the British Association of Chambers of Commerce—

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