

consideration and revision, with a view to its being again introduced in Parliament.

#### RECIPROCAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

The Memorial on this subject, presented to the Governor-General in Council, is as follows :—

*To His Excellency, Earl Dufferin, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council.  
The Memorial of the Dominion Board of Trade,*

Most Respectfully Sheweth :

That under the operation of the Reciprocity Treaty, which was entered into in 1854 by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, for the purpose of furthering and enlarging trade relations between the United States and the Provinces of British North America, the commerce and general prosperity of Canada were greatly promoted and increased,—said Treaty being also of great value to the commercial interests of the United States :

That at the instance of the Government of the United States, formal notice was given in the year 1865, for the abrogation of said Reciprocity Treaty, which was thereupon abrogated in the year 1866 ;—that notwithstanding the abrogation of said Treaty, the trade of Canada with the United States has continued to increase ;—and that it is confidently believed that, if a new Reciprocity Treaty, on an enlarged, liberal, and equitable basis were negotiated on behalf of the Dominion of Canada with the United States, there would be a still further and very much larger augmentation of the volume of trade between the two countries ; and that with this view, the business men and commercial organizations of both countries have been, and are, giving the question of reciprocal trade relations their most earnest consideration :

That at the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the United States National Board of Trade, held in the city of New York in October, 1872, a resolution was adopted with great unanimity as follows :—

*Resolved :* "That the Executive Council be instructed to memorialize Congress to make an appropriation for the appointment of a Commission to act in conjunction with the State Department, in negotiating a treaty with Great Britain for reciprocal trade with the Dominion of Canada, on a broad, comprehensive and liberal basis, which shall also include the enlargement of the Canadian Canals by the Government of Canada, and the right of American vessels to navigate the said canals under the same conditions as are imposed upon Canadian vessels."

That at the Third Annual General Meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade, held in the city of Ottawa, in January of the present year, a resolution was unanimously adopted as follows :—

*Resolved :* "That the Executive Council be instructed to memorialize the Government of the Dominion, in favor of the appointment of a Commission to act with that of the United States, should one be named, or to take such other means, as shall best respond to any action on their part, to carry out a Treaty of Reciprocity in Trade with the United States."

Wherefore, your Memorialists do very respectfully represent to Your Excellency in Council, their most earnest and cordial desire, that you will be pleased to consider the important question, of initiating some system of Reciprocal Trade between the two coun-