

Stratford—R. McFARLANE, M. P., JAMES REDFORD, M. P.
Windsor—D. CAMERON.

The Convention was opened at 2 o'clock, P. M., by E. MCGILLIVRAY, Esq., Vice-President Board of Trade, Ottawa, who stated that the Meeting of Delegates was due to the action taken by the various Boards of Trade on the Silver question. On the 12th March last, the Board of Brantford addressed a letter to the Board of Trade, Ottawa, requesting that such a Convention should be called, and advising the latter Board to take the initiative therein. After some consultation, the Council issued circulars asking the opinion of the various Boards in this matter, and received letters of approval and concurrence from all except that of Montreal, from which the following letter was received :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE, }
 MONTREAL, March 17, 1883. }

Secretary Board of Trade, Ottawa :

SIR,—In reply to your circular of 13th inst., I am directed to inform you that from the recent discussion of the subjects therein, the Board of Trade does not think a delegate meeting would be advisable at present. A deputation of Members will be in Ottawa by and by, and will be happy to attend the meeting alluded to.

I am, Sir, respectfully,

(Signed,)

THOMAS PATTERSON,
 Sec'y Board of Trade.

Those Boards of Trade which concurred and agreed to appoint Delegates, were Quebec, Kingston, Belleville, Cobourg, Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, Guelph, London, Stratford and Windsor. The various Chambers of Commerce in the Maritime Provinces were also addressed, but no answer has been received from them. The objects of the meeting were to consider the Silver Question, the Tariff, and all commercial relations growing out of the same, or in any way connected therewith, and to this end it would be necessary to organize the meeting at once by appointing a Chairman.

It was moved by Hon. J. SKEAD, seconded by THOS. PATTERSON, and unanimously resolved, that JOHN STEWART, Esq., be Chairman of the Convention.

Moved by R. McFARLANE, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by E. MCGILLIVRAY, Esq., and resolved, that G. H. PERRY, Esq., be Secretary.

In order to allow sufficient time for the proper arrangement of the necessary business, it was moved by E. MCGILLI-