

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

To the REPRESENTATIVES constituting the

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

The Executive Council have much pleasure in laying before the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Board, a summary report of proceedings since the meetings held in January, 1873; and at the outset they beg to remark that the general election consequent upon the dissolution of the Dominion Parliament, constrained them to somewhat exceed their powers in postponing the meeting until 24th February. The week in which it was announced to be held, in accordance with a provision of the Constitution, was subsequently ascertained to be the one between nomination-day and the day appointed for polling, in some Provinces,—in others the times designated being respectively a week later,—and, as many of the delegates would probably be required to remain at home pending the elections, your Council were of opinion that, unless the responsibility of postponement were assumed, the result would be an unsatisfactory attendance. It is respectfully submitted that, as the circumstances were purely exceptional, and such as could not be foreseen,—the necessity for action being also urgent,—the decision arrived at can only be considered a precedent in a precisely similar emergency.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Board in January, 1873, a numerous delegation waited upon Lord Dufferin, at the St. Lawrence Hall, in Montreal, and presented the Address of Welcome. The persons present on the occasion were:—From Quebec—Henry Fry, Esq., President, and Mr. A. Frazer. From