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OTTAWA BOARD OF TRADE.

At the annual meeting of the Ottawa Board of Trade, held last week, discussion on an important resolution, which we quoted on page 938, was deferred till the next meeting.

Mr. Cecil Bethune, secretary of the Board, presented his annual report for the year just closed. During the twelve months, it was stated that the country in general had prospered, and the city of Ottawa had had its share. Continuing, the report stated: The custom returns show the following increases in 1899 over 1898: Imports, \$341,163; exports, \$1,035,336; duty paid, \$130,996.

The collector of inland revenues for the port collected, during 1899, nearly \$100,000 more than in 1898. The membership is as follows:

Members on roll, Dec. 31st, 1898 210
Members elected in 1899 48

Total 258
Members resigned 3
Members struck off for non-payment
of dues 6
Deceased (Martin O'Gara) 1

Total 10
Present membership 248

The Board gave expression of its patriotism and interest in the second contingent by unanimously voting \$100 to the comfort fund for the boys of the Ottawa detachment, and heartily singing God Save the Queen.

The announcement of the result of the elections for council and board of arbitration was made at the close of the meeting. The other officers were elected by acclamation. The following will direct the affairs of the Board during the year: President, George F. Henderson; first vice-president, John Coates; second vice-president, George S. May; treasurer, C. A. Douglas.

Council—Messrs. A. W. Fleck, C. J. Booth, A. Holland, James Ballantyne, C. Ross, L. Crannell, P. Whelan, W. D. Hogg, R. W. Shannon, J. R. Reid and J. McKinley.

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GUELPH BOARD OF TRADE.

At a meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade, Mr. Buckingham, the secretary, read a communication setting forth that Messrs. J. White & Co. contemplated either the removal of their bolt factory from London to Guelph or the rolling mills from Guelph to London. They had determined the two works must come together, and if Guelph would give them a bonus of \$15,000, to pay expenses of removal, they would go to Guelph. The matter was referred to the manufacturers' committee of the board. A resolution passed by the Peterborough Board of Trade, asking for legislation to put an end to the trading stamp system, was approved;

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