The Annual Meeting Was Held Last Night.

Resolution of Sympathy With the Late Ald. Marshall's Family,

President Bowman Reviews the Board's Work for the Year.

And Imparts Some Interesting Information On Other Matters.

All the Officers Elected by Acclamation -The City Parks-Improvement Wanted by the Board.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the board rooms, Richmond street, last night, the following members being in attendance: President John Bowman (in the chair), Vice-President A. B. Greer, Secretarytreasurer J. A. Nelles, John S. Pearce, T. R. Parker, D. W. Blackwell, H. W. Burnett, John Bland, Robert Ingalls, Sam Stevely, James Cowan, J. D. Saunby, C. W. Allen, J. Mattinson, W. H. Davis, W. J. Saunby and A. S. Mackintosh.

THE LOSS OF A VALUED MEMBER After a few routine matters had been disposed of, Mr. A. B. Greer arose and offered the following resolution:

"That the Board of Trade of the city of London desires to place on record its deep sorrow at the sad loss it has sustained in the death of Mr. John Marshall, one of the most valued and active members of the council of The city has lost in Mr. Marshall a model citizen, valued for his enterprise and activity in further- at the trade congress of our chambers ing every movement for its advancement. He was of a noble and sympathetic nature, quickly responsive to all appeals to his generosity, and he of Smallman & Ingram; Mr. Samuel long remembered for his Munroe, of John Marshall & Co. bright and genial disposition. This sympathy in their sad bereavement.'

solution, and before submitting it to opening. The last great harvest of the meeting President Bowman re- 60,000,000 bushels of cereals in the ferred in feeling terms to the deceased Province of Manitoba has brought the meeting President Bowman remember, "I am sure," said the president, "that the resolution but feebly expresses the sorrow we feel at the loss Marshall came to London in his early manhood, grew up with the city, always took a pride in marking its dealways planning for the good of the public; he was a model citizen, enervelopment. He had a keen foresight, getic at all times, and built up a large mineral products, \$20,000,000; the fisherthis, he had a large circle of friends, of wealth aggregate his genial spirit, and I am sure we will long retain in our memory the name of John Marshall."

The resolution was carried by a standing vote. THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL AD-

dress, gave an exhaustive review of drawn upon. With the completion of the doings of the board for the year, the great Imperial highways over the and also some interesting statistics sea and the continent, and enlarged concerning the city and Dominion. 'It affords me pleasure," said Mr. Bowman, "to present to you the annual report of the council of the Board questions of more than passing intercompletion of the agreement with the whilst we desire to commend the council for embodying in the said agreement so many conditions that are for the convenience and safety of the pub-

lic, we, on the other hand, would call their attention to the continued violation of some of the most important of them, viz.: That of not providing proper fenders in front of the cars, and of the excessive speed at which the cars ing from want, but a surplus that has being run on the main thorough-We trust within a few months the whole system may be perfected and citizens have the benefit of one of the most complete electric roads on the continent.

THE CAR SHOPS AGREEMENT. "The next matter of deep importance to the city was the agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company for the rebuilding of the car shops. The board of the return to her of great commerwas active in securing the passing of cial prosperity. May we not hope to the bonus and in strengthening the soon feel the effect of this, and to hands of his worship the mayor and share in it in some measure. the City Council in securing for Lon- there is a better feeling in the neighdon this valued privilege. Your presi- boring Republic. dent and members of the council of the new bond issue has greatly tended to board had pleasure in waiting upon restore confidence. Credits are more Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, the presi- freely extended. Capital, instead of dent of the Grand Trunk Railway, on the occasion of his visit to the city. investment, and whilst the great stores Sir Charles expressed regrets that he of cereals are held at reduced values, could not remain over to the reception on the other hand the great demand your board desired to tender him. Your for industrials owing to exhausted president, however, was assured that stocks, will tax capital and labor to he would revisit London in the spring, the utmost to meet the conditions inand would then be only too happy to cident to the reviving trade. meet the boad and discuss any quescongratulate the president and director of doing business should prevail, great-G. T. R. system, and that vigorous re-

of rebuilding can go on with only

slight inconvenience LOWER FREIGHT RATES. "The success of the London Steamship Company, in carrying freight from equal development. Then we must re-Montreal to London and Cleveland, member that all commodities have rewas fully assured. Lower rates of duced in value, which would represent freight were secured for our principal shippers, and the fact demonstrated trade than the mere monetary value that London was one of the most important shipping centers in the Dominion. Owing to the operations of this company, the city received privileges the railway companies had been

'Important postal privileges were granted to the citizens owing to the miles; in 1894 it had increased to 15,768 solicitations of the board. Many questions of more than local interest were dealt with-The Dominion Bankruptcy Act, the question of cheaper postage, It is, therefore, wise to conclude that fast Atlantic steamship service, the deep waterways convention, and the trade congress of the chambers of

"Dominion Bankruptcy Act-This

question has been before the council, also at the general meetings of the board, and the bill, as drafted by a united committee of the boards of trade of Canada, had our approval. The bill was the result of the best judgment and deliberation of the leading husiness men of the various Province. ing business men of the various Prov- \$4,445,000, and paid-up capital of \$5,inces, and it is reasonable to ask why the wants of the business community in this respect should be constantly ignored. For want of such a bill the credit of the country at home and abroad is materially affected.

REDUCTION OF POSTAGE RATES.

"Cheaper Postage-The board has cents is burdensome to the business community, and has led to an extensive delivery by messenger boys, thereby entailing a loss to the Postal Department. The board is strongly in favor of a reduced general postage rate to 2 cents, provided it could be granted without too great a reduction to the people. Probably no other city can show such an equal distribution of the general prosperity of the people. without too great a reduction in the revenue of the department.

"Fast Atlantic Steamship Service-The board strongly indorsed the action of the Government in granting a subsidy of \$750,600 per annum for this service. This with the Imperial subsidy vice. This with the Imperial subsidy of £75,000 per annum, should insure it to the country at an early date. There to the country at an early date. There broad and deeply shaded avenues, lincould not be a more opportune time ed with costly and tasty homes, prefor its inauguration. The opportunity to increase trade between the United Empire and her colonies would be seen a greater evidence of general in everyday life. Mr. Reid hoped a greatly favored by this last link in the great Imperial highway between the bution of wealth. This is not the reeast and the west. The deepening of sult of inherited wealth, but is the proour waterways from the great lakes ion. This question is the subject of international conference between Canada and the United States. Let us not ago its present site was covered by a be too hasty in releasing any of our that we may have an independent highway from the sea to the heart of this continent. In the meantime, we join with others boards of trade in urging the Government to deepen the St. Lawrence Canal to a depth of fourteen feet, that the country may have navigable waters of at least this uniform depth.

CLOSER TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE COLONIES.
"The question of closer and enlarged trade relations between the United Empire and her colonies has been fully discussed by this board. I am glad to say that the board will be represented of commerce by a number of our leading merchants: Mr. M. Masuret, of M. Masuret & Co.; Mr. J. B. Smallman,

"In conclusion, let me say that we board also desires to convey to the have arrived at a period in the history wife and family of deceased its deepest of this Dominion when we must make advancement towards national great-Mr. John S. Pearce seconded the re- ness. The doors of opportunity are prosperous times to this great Province of our Dominion. Vast productive areas are still unoccupied. of Mr. Marshall. For many years he tion of the food supply for the United had been a member of the council of Empire is directing the attention of the board, and took an active part in the leading statesmen of Great Britain its proceedings, always giving us the to Canada and her vast resources. The benefit of his mature judgment. Mr. years are not far distant when the tide of emigration must flow to the fertile provinces of the Northwest.

CANADA'S PRODUCTIONS. "The annual agricultural productions of Canada amount to about \$500,000,000 business. Aside from ies, \$20,000,000. The four great streams this, he had a large circle of friends. We feel our resources have been but as president was moved and secondary critics. He was too violent, they was not a lightly drawn upon. We have illimitlightly drawn upon. We have illimitable wealth in our forests untouched, great fertile areas undeveloped. An incalculable wealth in the fisheries of

our inland seas, whilst the great treasure vaults of the country, with their stores of iron, copper, silver, nickel President Bowman, in annual ad- and gold, have as yet been hardly trade relations with the United Empire, this country shoud enter upon a period of great development and prosperity.
"It is needless for me to speak of of Trade. You will observe that many this beautiful Province of Ontario. You know of its fruitfulness, of the thrift, est have been dealt with. The board the energy and intelligence of all classhas every reason to congratulate the es of the community. Surely such council of the city upon the successful people in such a favored land cannot but seize occasion by the hand and London Street Rathway Company; and make the bounds of empire broader still. True, Canada has passed through a period of great commercial depression, but commercial stagnation has been universal. And whilst the neighboring Republic has suffered from the wreck of many of its industrial and financial establishments, Canada held her own, and has been free from financial disaster. We are not sufferbrought a reduction in values and an unprofitable return, not only for the products of the field and forest, but for the manufacturing industries as well. Everywhere there are signs of increas-

> Stocks of metal are low and prices higher. Cheering news comes of ENGLAND'S LARGELY INCREAS-ED TRADE, The success of the

ing values in manufactured articles.

"Economy should be the order of the tons of mutual benefit. We desire to day. Wise and conservative methods tors of the Grand Trunk Railway on er care exercised in extending credits. the securing of such an energetic and Unreasonable methods of competition progressive general manager as Mr. should be done away with, and more Charles M. Hays. We have no doubt new life will be infused into the whole tend greatly to restore confidence, and which the electric cars were run in Torm will be the order of the day.

The recent legislation relative to the establishing of the car shops met with establishing of the car shops met with establishing of the car shops met with the export trade of this country was a side of the car shops met with the export trade of this country was a side of the car shops met with the export trade of this country was a side of the car shops met with the export trade of this country was a side of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the export trade of the car shops met with the car shops m violent opposition from the citizens of has increased from \$89,000,000 to \$118,-Brantford, but we are happy to report 000,000, or some 33 1-2 per cent; our imthat owing to prior legislation the work ports from \$109,000,000 to \$123,000,000, or 13 1-2 per cent; our total trade imports and exports from \$198,000,000 to \$241,-000,000, or 21 per cent, whilst the internal trade of the country has had an

> would indicate. LOAN AND SAVINGS BANK DE-POSITS.

"The deposits in the loan and savings banks in 1878 were \$89,000,000; in 1894 they had increased to \$270,000,000. The railroad mileage in 1888 was 12,162 cates the country passed through a made more attractive. period of great growth and prosperity. with the completion of great national enterprises, there would be a period of dition. recession from commercial advance-

"Take a glance at local affairs, and

555,000; our postoffice savings department, of \$113,236, or a total of moneys

in the hands of our savings and loan institutions of \$10,113,236. Add to this the reserve fund, \$1,515,000, have a grand total \$11,628,236, or nearly \$12,000,000. This does not include investments in expressed itself strongly in favor of a reduction of city postage on letters on deposit in these institutions. The to 1 cent per ounce, as the rate of 2 total assessed value of real estate for the year 1896 was over \$13,000,000. You ly equal to this in the savings and loan associations. This is a remarkable University Coronto was a constant.

"Our public school buildings report a value of \$250,000, and we have certainly reason to be proud of the splendid educational advantages enjoyed by prosperity, or a more equitable distri- similar course would be continued in duct of the industry of our citizens, to the seaboard is another question of who availed themselves of the opporthe greatest importance to this Domin- tunities this city offered to them as and Alexander, and especially praised tunities this city offered to them the commercial center of this fruitful the latter's analysis of Browning, the Province. Three-quarters of a century mystic poet of England. "In contrast mystic poet of England." be too hasty in releasing any of our dense forest. Today it stands a city, have tonight the open, big-hearted, beautiful, wealthy and prosperous. Let big-souled poet of Scotland, Robert be made a question of Imperial policy, us, then, be loyal to our city and to Canada, and before the dawn of another century we will be taking a

> THE FINANCES. The secretary-treasurer's report for the year was as follows: April, 1896, balance on hand.....\$461 27 December, 1895, interest from

the earth."

Total .....\$878 41 Expenditure— Canadian Savings and Loan Company, year's rent.....\$350 00 Electric light and water..... Advertising, printing, postage, etc. ..... Printing bylaws .....

Balance on hand.....\$221 05 Assets-Board room furniture...... 400 00 Members' fees paid...... 140 0 Mr. Parker moved the adoption of the report, and expressed pleasure at the reference made by Mr. Bowman to

the manner in which the mining industries were being developed.

Mr. John Bland seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The re-election of Mr. John Bowman taken up. as president was moved and seconded critics. He was too violent, they said.

In reply, Mr. Bowman thanked the members for the honor again conferred upon him. He regretted that while the board associated with it so many in- of the Scottish poets. His works of fluential citizens, they did not attend genius were chiefly lyrical, though the meetings and give the benefit of when we remembered that he wrote their presence and ideas. It was diffi- "Tam o' Shanter and "The Jolly Begtheir presence and ideas. It was in of cult to get a full and free discussion of gars" we realized the range of the questions other than those of local powers and felt that had he been interest. During the coming year it spared he might have written a great was altogether probable that the epic poem. Under more favorable boards of trade of Canada would be conditions and a longer life, what brought into closer touch with the might he not have done? Some of Chamber of Commerce of London, Tennyson's greatest works were writ-England. It was altogether probable ten after his 37th year, and that the local board would be called Burns died. The speaker alluded to upon to outline some policy for in-creased trade relations between Eng-Cooper in England and Burns in Scotland and the colonies, and Mr. Bow- land began to send forth their inman trusted that when the question came before the board the members would rally in full force and make

their influence felt. The other officers were also unanimously chosen as follows: Vice-President-A. B. Greer.

Secretary-Treasurer—J. A. Nelles. Council—W. R. Hobbs, John Bland, T. H. Smallman, W. J. Reid, D. B. Dewar, A. M. Smart, John McClary, A. W. Porte, Wm. Yates. John Campbell, M. Masuret, J. W. Little. Arbitration Board-J. D. Saunby, C. H. Elliott, P. Pocock, J. Mattinson, D. Perrin, J. H. Ginge, Adam Beck, T. R. Parker, L. H. Ingram, D. W. Blackwell, S. Stevely, James A. Kennedy. Board of Examiners—John Suther-

Western Fair Representatives—John said there were many kinds of lov-B. Hunt, J. D. Saunby. Bowman, J. W. Little, John Bland, W. ers, but two conspicuous kinds. One H. Smallman, A. B. Greer, was the man who fell in love once Yates, T.

Railway and Municipal Committee— he, who, like Burns, must always be W. J. Reid. M. Masuret, John Labatt, Robert In- in love with somebody. galls, A. M. Smart, A. W. White, J. D. Carlyle considered Highland Mary his Saunby, C. S. Hyman, J. R. Minhin-chief love, but the speaker thought nick, R. C. Struthers, J. W. Little, Sir Jean Armour the first in his affec-Jean Armour the first in his affection. Carling, John McClary, John tions. No doubt Burns loved them both—though not at the same time. Well, C. W. Leonard, W. A. Gunn, F. (Laughter.) The lecturer then took up A. Fitzgerald, S. Sterling, Jas. Cowan, M. Gartshore, T. H. Smallman, L. Ingram, John Bland, C. W. Allen.

Auditor-Thomas A. Browne. THE CITY PARKS. Mr. John S. Pearce called the attention of the board to the condition of the city's parks. "Victoria Park is away behind the times," said Mr. Pearce, "and I think if the board acts with the Horticultural Society something may be done this year." Mr. Pearce also offered a protest against the speed at the business portion. He also con-

Mr. Parkes agreed with Mr. Pearce in the park matter. He said committees had been appointed to deal with the question in the past, but when letters were sent to the council no notice was taken of them. Mr. Parker thought it

a more largely increased volume of the park. The following committee was anpointed to co-operate with other associations in the matter: Messrs. J. S. Pearce (chairman). T. R. Parker, D. W. Rlackwell, John Bowman and A. B.

Greer Mr. Blackwell asked if some fluence could not be brought to hear

properties were in a very poor con-Messrs, A. S. Mackintosh and E. B. Plewes were unanimously elected being unable to come to London.

Mr. Reid, in replying, said that al-

Professor Clark's Entertaining Lecture on "Robert Burns."

Fine Audience at Cronyn Hall-Votes of Thanks.

Robert Burns and Prof. Clark made

strong double attraction last night
at Cronyn Hall, and drew the largest

the Fsaims of David and Robert
Burns, he said, and when he was in
any trouble, if Psalms did not suit
him, he always turned to Robert audience that has yet attended any of the platform by the chairman of the for a' that." He remembered that, evening, Mr. Robert Reid, sen., and by Provost Watkins. Mr. Reid, in in-VALUE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, troducing Mr. Clark, expressed his approval of the excellent course of public lectures provided by the Western University. Personally, he had derived the greatest possible pleasure therefrom. It was a privilege to be able to spend these evenings in a ly touch of human nature which almore etheral and intellectual atmothe near future. He alluded in complimental terms to the contributions of Professors Sykes, Burwash, Walsh, to Browning," added Mr. Reid, Burns. There is no mystery there, Every line of his poetry is clear. It comes from the heart and it goes to proud position among the nations of the heart. There is a wonderful contrast between these two great geniuses I am sure the lecture tonight will be worthy of the subject." (Applause.) Prof. Clark spoke for about an hour. His treatment of the subject was exceedingly entertaining. His lecture be ing embellished by many happy quotations from the poet

professor's own wit and humor, which was continually in play. Burns, he said, was a man so lovable and rich in genius, sympathy and love of human nature that we took him instantly to our hearts as a friend. Perhaps it was the very excellencies of Burns that stood between him and proper appreciation on the part of the public. While they must not gloss over the very serious faults of Burns' character, it was fair to remember that he he ever tried to apologize for evil. His love of nature, his sympathy with all creation, his lofty patriotism, his hatred of hypocrisy and sham, and the absolute sincerity, directness, and transparency of his nature and utterances-these were all noble qualities which endeared him to mankind. There were two notable things about Burns as a poet: First, his supreme excellence; second, the instant recog-nition of his genius, his works being appreciated from the moment they were published. This was in contrast experience of Byron, Shelley, The election of officers was next and Tennyson, who were at first lampooned and derided. Byron was even proclaimed no poet at all by these

satisfaction that Pope was not a poet. When Pope and Byron ceased to be poets then would the English language cease to exist. Burns was the greatest spired utterances, indicating a revolution which overthrew the reign of Pope and of his successors. life on his father's farm was early dwelt on by the lecturer. The poet's education was acquired at the parish school and from his father. Burns, when still young, had had a wide course of reading, including Homer, Shakespeare, Locke, Chaucer, Ferguson, Ramsay, Thomson, Sterne and Milton. His first poem, addressed to "Handsome Nell," written when 15 years old, Burns called silly and peurile, yet it had a few lines worthy of Burns or any other poet. At Lochlea, where he removed when he was 18 years old, his poetic faculty blossomed, and two things were traceable land, John S. Pearce, W. J. Saunby, C. —his patriotism and love. Referring to Burns' love affairs, the professor

> Prayer," he said, was no doubt aimed at a hypocrite, who was well described in the concluding stanza: Oh, Lord, remember me and mine, Wi' mercies temporal and divine, That I for grace and gear may shine Excelled by nane And all the glory shall be thine

some of Burns' poems. "Holy Willie"

and never loved again, and the other

Amen, Amen! Carlyle considered "The Jolly Beggars" Burns' greatest work, but the speaker did not agree with him. Those who knew the poet agreed that his conversation was splendid and copious, yet never obtrusive. His letters were as good as those of Cooper, who was said to be the best letter writer in the English language. It was a pitty no better occupation could found for Burns than guaging beer barrels, yet during this time he wrote some of his sweetest songs. Dumfries was the worst place for him to live was about time the city was getting a return for the money it expended on the land of gossiping and drinkin, being neither town nor countryful works, such as "Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon," "A Fond Kiss," and

those touching words: Had we never loved sae kindly, Had we never loved sae blindly, Never met nor never parted, We had ne'er been broken hearted. After the applause had subsided, mon the Board of Education to have Provost Watkins heartily thanked Mr. miles, or about 30 per cent. This indi- the grounds surrounding the schools Reid for presiding, and called atten-The members thought something on Friday evening, May 1, the subshould be done, as several of the school ject, "John Bunyan," and the lectur-Prof. Cappon, M.A., of Queen's University, Kingston. Principal Grant had written expressing his regret at

though not identified with them, he was delighted at the spirit shown by his Episcopal friends in connection with the university. He had lived in London 47 years, and had taken an active part in nearly every educational movement. He was therefore proud to see the Western University established and prospering. He moved a vote of thanks to Prof. Clark for his delightful lecture. Mr. John Campbell seconded the mo-

tion, with a complimentary word for Mr. Clark. Mr. Campbell spoke briefly and wittly. He had diligently read the Psalms of David and Robert This lecture on a Scotch poet, under Anglican auspices, seemed to realize when a boy, it would be heresy to enter the Episcopal abode. Notwithstanding all that had been said against Burns by the clergy, the latter were now beginning to see that he was one of the greatest preachof the day. Wherever the English language was spoken his poems were read, not only for their poetry, but for the philosophy and the kind ways pointed to high aims. (Ap-Prof. Clark replied humorously to

the vote of thanks, and "God Save the Queen" brought the evening to a close. Miss English kindly presided at the piano.

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