

interests of the Board on all occasions; and it would be better for the Board to submit to the occasional absence of Mr. Fry, than lose his services. He was sure there would be a general desire to re-elect that gentleman.

The ballot then took place with the following result:—

Mr. H. Fry, re-elected President.

Mr. H. S. Scott, Vice President.

Mr. T. H. Grant, Secretary.

Mr. H. W. Welch, Treasurer.

COUNCIL.—B. Bennett, P. Garneau, A. Joseph, J. G. Ross, J. Laird, A. Thomson, M. G. Mountain, A. Fraser, T. H. Dunn, O. Leduc.

BOARD OF ARBITRATION.—The President Vice-President and Council, were elected the Board of Arbitration.

With reference to the office of Vice-President, Mr. Scott requested the meeting, before the ballot took place, not to re-elect him, as he had served in that capacity several years, and found it inconvenient to come down to Lower Town every day to discharge the duties of the office.

The vote, however, placed him in the same position as before, whereupon he declined to serve. A second ballot was then taken, resulting in the election of Mr. Robert Hamilton. He thanked the members for the honor done him, but positively refused to serve for personal reasons which he thought important. After some delay, and fruitless efforts to induce some new man to accept the office, Mr. Scott yielded to the general request to serve as Vice-President another year, on the understanding of his being permitted to resign during the twelve months, should he feel such a step necessary.

#### THANKS.

Moved by Mr. Wurtele, seconded by Mr. White—That the thanks of the Board are due to the old Council for their attention to the interests of the Board during their term of office.—Carried.

The following new members were elected: S. Vaughan, of DeWolf and Vaughan; J. E. Deschamps, of the Richelieu Company; Adam Watters, grocer; C. J. Hinde, merchant, Esquires.

It was moved by Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Connolly, and Resolved,—

That as the Confederation of the Provinces will necessitate many important changes in the commercial, fiscal and maritime laws of the country, the Council be instructed to enquire into and report to the Board at an early date what changes, if any, are necessary in the various laws and regulations connected with our navigation interests and customs and excise duties.

The meeting then adjourned, at two o'clock.

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