

OTHER BOARDS OF TRADE.

No further reports have been received from Quebec, Montreal, Dominion Board of Trade or Portland, nor have any at all been received from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

DECOSMOS' RAILWAY SPEECHES.

The sum of \$20 was voted by the Council towards defraying the expense of printing said speeches at Ottawa, copies of which have been widely circulated, and are on file for reference of members of the Board.

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

Nothing further has been done or attempted in reference to affiliation with said Board, nor do we apprehend any such step until our financial as well as numerical strength shall warrant it.

DELEGATE TO ENGLAND.

The correspondence and printed circulars on this subject will be laid before you; but inasmuch as the commercial conference, up to the present moment, has made but little progress it will only be necessary now for us to state that the Council nominated the Hon. Amor DeCosmos, M. P., and then Mayor Turner (successively) as the representative from this Province; they, however, being reluctantly compelled to decline the honor on account of more pressing engagements the Council were fortunate enough to secure the services of H. C. Beeton, Esq., of Finsbury Circus, London, Great Britain, who has attended most, if not all, the meetings in London, and from his reports you will readily perceive that our Board of Trade has been constantly and faithfully represented.

DRAWBACK ON TIN PLATE.

This subject has again engaged the attention of Council. A rebate of 34 cents per box was first allowed, and then, through the instrumentality of the Board and able assistance of members of the Senate and Commons at Ottawa (representing British Columbia) was increased to 50 cents per box drawback; since then further resolutions and suggestions have been sent to Ottawa recommending that the *actual duty paid* on all materials used in the canning of salmon for export be allowed.