

2. It shall be lawful for the said corporation, or a majority of them present at any general meeting, consisting of not less than fifteen members, to alter or amend its constitution, and to make and enact such by-laws, rules and regulations, for the government of the said corporation, its Council, officers and affairs, and the promotion of the objects contemplated by its constitution, and from time to time to repeal, alter or amend the said constitution and by-laws as such majority shall deem meet: Provided that no such by-law or provision in the said constitution shall be contrary to or inconsistent with the laws in force in the said Dominion; and such constitution and by-laws shall be binding on all members of the said corporation, its officers and servants, and all other persons whomsoever lawfully under its control.

3. Within six months from the passing of this Act the Secretary of the Dominion Board of Trade shall record and attest by his signature in a register to be kept for that purpose, the existing constitution and by-laws of the said Dominion Board of Trade, and shall subsequently record and attest any by-laws or resolutions or change in the constitution to be made hereafter; and a certified copy thereof, or any amendment, alteration, repeal or addition thereto, so entered in the said register as herein provided, certified to be a true copy of such constitution, by-laws or resolutions, as recorded in the said register, under the hand of the said Secretary and the seal of the said Corporation, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the contents thereof, in all courts of law and equity in the said Dominion.

Your Secretary has duly complied with the requirements of Section 3 of the Act, and a Seal has been provided for use in such official documents as may require it,—the device consisting of the Dominion Arms enclosed in a wreath bearing the dates of establishment and incorporation of the Board.

PROPOSED GENERAL LAW FOR ORGANIZING BOARDS OF TRADE.

A Bill to make provision for organizing Boards of Trade throughout the Dominion was also introduced into Parliament during the Spring session. Either from imperfection of the draft, or from misconception of the object sought to be attained, the proposed Act did not seem to be fairly appreciated by members of the Committee to which it was referred; the result was its not being favorably reported upon. The object of the measure,—as your Council understand it, and as they believe it was understood by the Board,—is simply to save the trouble and expense of procuring special Acts of Incorporation, at least to those towns in which the number of members in a purely commercial organization would be comparatively few. It is, therefore, recommended that the Bill be referred to a Special Committee of the Board for