

volunteers, and while we rejoice with the surviving actors we none the less remember with sorrowing pride that some of our best young blood was spilt and some of our noblest young lives went out on the South African veldt in defence of Britain and of the honor and glory of their native land. Their deaths will not have been in vain, but will, I firmly believe, be a shining mark for future generations of one of the most remarkable turning points in the long and glorious history of the British race and the British Empire.

## CLOSING REMARKS.

Before closing this address, I feel it not less a pleasure than a duty to refer to the valuable services of Mr. Calkin your secretary-treasurer for the past year. He has been not merely assiduous but indefatigable in the performance of the duties devolving upon him, which have now grown to be of considerable importance and volume, and he has brought a zeal and enthusiasm into the work which were both infectious and refreshing. I am indebted to him for much useful assistance and information, and in this respect my thanks are also due to many members of council, and to officials of the local board of trade. Nor must I omit to acknowledge, here and now, our obligations to the regular press and to the trade journals of the country for the copious space they have devoted, or, I might say, donated, and the prominence they have given to reports of the proceedings of your board and the several local boards. By this means a general interest has been created in and an impetus has been given to our work which has been of incalculable service and is bearing good fruit from day to day.

I feel that I have trespassed too much and too long upon your time and patience, and will now conclude by expressing the hope that the result of your action and deliberation at this meeting will mark another step forward in the history of the board, and will tend to still further broaden its scope and extend its usefulness; to still further justify its claims to represent the concrete intelligence, experience and judgment of our foremost practical business men on all subjects affecting the material interests, progress and prosperity of the Maritime Provinces and of the Dominion, and to still further illustrate the supreme advantage of working together in harmony, board with board

and Province with Province, to foster and promote our common objects and our common aims.

The president was greeted with loud applause as he took his seat, and, on motion of Mayor Loggie, of Chatham, the



The Past President—Mr. M. G. DeWolfe,  
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report was received, and a hearty vote of thanks conveyed to Mr. DeWolfe for the excellent address delivered by him.

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

"I may say," remarked the president, as

he arose to acknowledge the vote, "that I am very much obliged, and I only hope that when I vacate this chair the work will be easier for my successor. The secretary and myself have spent many hours trying to work out what we thought would be for the best interest of the Maritime Provinces. I am very much pleased to see such a representative gathering. Mr. Jarvis in his annual report last year congratulated the convention on its representative character. I am much pleased to say that the gathering here to day is even more representative than that which we had in the winter port last year. I am glad that the delegates have, by their presence, proved that the Maritime Board of Trade has come to stay." In conclusion, he expressed the opinion, amid applause, that a fast winter steamship service would only be brought about through the efforts of the Board of Trade of the Maritime Provinces.

## THE SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. G. E. Calkin, the secretary-treasurer, presented his annual report, and it was a most satisfactory one. He pointed out that there were 26 boards of trade out of 40 in the three Provinces that were affiliated with the Maritime Board of Trade. Last year 20 were affiliated. The number of boards represented at the present convention was

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