

allowed to pass without seeing the commencement of the work, and would recommend that the new Council take an early opportunity of conferring with the City Council for the purpose of making renewed efforts to have the work prosecuted."

The new Council communicated with the City Council of Winnipeg, with a result that a joint committee of the two bodies was organized, and on the 22nd March wired Sir Wilfred Laurier, urging for a prompt answer to the proposition of the Winnipeg City Council *re* St. Andrew's Rapids, as wired him on the 28th Feb., 1898. The Premier answered that he would give the matter full consideration, and later on, in response to a telegram from the Committee, he wired that it was impossible to answer fully until the estimates were brought down to the House of Commons. The Committee then requested the Mayor and the President of this Board to call a public meeting in the Princess Opera House for a public discussion of the subject. The meeting was attended by a large number of citizens, a number of representatives of the City Council and Board giving addresses, and one speaker announced that he had received assurance from Ottawa that the estimates would contain a sum for the prosecution of the work of improving the navigation of St. Andrew's Rapids, and this proved to be true, as the final estimates submitted to the House included the sum of \$150,000 for the St. Andrew's locks. Delay occurred in calling for tenders for the work, and the Joint Committee communicated with members of the Government on several occasions. On the 15th of December the City Council and the Council of this Board had an interview with the Hon. Mr. Sifton in this City and urged the Minister that he strongly impress upon the Minister of Public Works the urgent necessity of commencing operations at the earliest possible moment. The Hon. Mr. Sifton stated that he had been in communication with the Minister of Public

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