

ment of Public Works, and the Council is pleased to report that shortly afterwards they were notified by the Department that the dredge was at work widening the basin.

**DISCRIMINATIVE RATES TO WINNIPEG ON LAKE SUPERIOR
STEAM BOAT FREIGHT.**

As reported at the last annual meeting, considerable correspondence was had by the Council of that year with the railroad companies operating between Fort William and Duluth and Winnipeg, and the Department of Railroads and Canals concerning the matter of discriminative freight rates imposed on merchandise arriving at Duluth and Fort William by independent steamboat lines when shipment of such merchandise was made to Winnipeg. No satisfaction was had from either the Railroad Company or the Government.

Your Council of the past year again took up this matter by forwarding the following letter :—

Winnipeg, 20th May, 1897.

Mr. R. W. Jamieson, M.P.,

House of Commons,

Ottawa, Ont.

DEAR SIR,

I have been directed by our committee on freight rates to write you on the following subject :—

Last year the Canadian Pacific Railway (and the Northern Pacific Railway from Duluth to Manitoba points), as will