

FIREWOOD SUPPLY.

In December last a deputation of the dealers in firewood of this city waited on your Council, and asked its assistance in procuring from the Canadian Pacific Railway some relief from the operation of an order, issued by the company, denying to fire wood shippers, at points on the main line east of Selkirk, the privilege of loading cars between stations. The deputation represented that as the privileges of cutting wood on government lands were only let for a period of one year, shippers could not afford to put in side tracks at their own expense for a year's trade, and under the new order issued by the railway company, shippers in cars would have to haul wood six miles for shipment. Your Council appointed a committee to wait on the railway company, with the result that an amicable arrangement was made, by which shippers will be enabled to load cars at convenient points. This matter was an important one, as it was estimated that under the order, firewood would cost, laid down in the city, fully one dollar per cord more than at the present.

OFFICIAL ASSIGNEES.

In June, it came to the knowledge of members of the Council that the Provincial Government intended to appoint an official assignee, and to make some changes in the Act regulating the mode in which assignments were made. Fully recognizing the importance such a change would have to the mercantile community, your Council after considering the proposed changes in the Act, appointed a deputation to wait on the Attorney-General. The deputation placed their views before the Government and secured certain modifications which made the provisions of the Act less objectionable. As the proposed amendment stood, it was compulsory on the part of persons assigning, to do so to an Official Assignee appointed by the Provincial Government. The deputation had this changed so that an assignment might be made either to the assignee, or to a person chosen at a meeting of the creditors of the estate, but disallowing the privilege of an assignor placing his estate in the hands of any person of his own choice outside of the above mentioned. A provision was also secured that the Official Assignee should not incur but a very