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The Council include this correspondence in their report, it being of special interest in view of the fact that, within the last few days, there has been made public the text of a proposed treaty between Great Britain and the United States on the subject of International Arbitration.

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CUSTOMS CARTAGE CHARGE.

Some time ago the matter of the Customs Cartage charge in Winnipeg was taken up with the then Comptroller of Customs, but no relief was obtained. The following letter from the Hon. Joseph Martin, therefore, contains information that will prove of great satisfaction to the mercantile community of Winnipeg :—

“Recently, while in Ottawa, I brought to the attention of the Hon. Mr. Paterson, Comptroller of Customs, the fact that in Winnipeg importers were obliged to pay the cartage on goods in connection with the removal to the examining warehouse, and that such was not the practice in other large cities of Canada. I am glad to be able to inform you that the Comptroller has decided to recommend that Winnipeg be placed upon the same footing as other cities, after the end of the present financial year, so that, beginning with the first of July next, importers in Winnipeg will have no charges to pay for these services.”

The thanks of the Board were conveyed to Mr. Martin for his action in this matter.

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BRITISH ASSOCIATION MEETING IN CANADA.

The Council took up, with the local committee of the British Association meeting in Toronto, the matter of en-