

RESIGNATION OF TREASURER.

Mr. W. J. Akin, who was elected as Treasurer at the last Annual Meeting, having left the city, sent in his resignation, and the Council elected Mr. Geo. J. Maulson to fill the vacancy.

IMPROVEMENT OF RED RIVER.

Early in May last Mr. J. E. Steen, Vice-President, at the request of the Council visited Ottawa as a deputation to urge that the Dominion Government place in the estimates a sum sufficient to at least commence operations in the work of improving the navigation of the Red River, so that lake vessels could pass up to this city. Mr. Steen interviewed the Minister of Public Works, who held out no hopes that any work would be undertaken this year and this was confirmed, as no sum was placed in the estimates for that purpose. Mr. Steen reported that the engineers of the Department pronounced against building a permanent dam below the St. Andrews Rapids, and were in favor of two moveable dams if the work was to be undertaken. The estimates given by the engineers were, for one permanent dam, between \$500,000 and \$600,000; and a considerably higher figure for the two moveable dams.

Our City Engineer, Major Ruttan, has been working on plans and estimates and the City Council has asked this Board to appoint a committee to take joint action with a committee of the Council in again taking the matter up. We strongly recommend that a committee be so appointed by the Board, and vigorous action taken at an early date.

LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

In October last the Board was appealed to by manufacturers of spruce lumber on account of discrimination made by pine lumber manufacturers against dealers handling spruce lumber, and the Board passed the following resolution:

"That this Board views with strong disapprobation the decision of certain pine lumber manufacturers of the Northwest to refuse to supply lumber to dealers who handle and sell spruce lumber, believing such a decision to be a direct interference with the legitimate flow of trade, and a tyrannical attempt to hamper and