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before retiring from office if I did not publicly thank them for their ever-ready help, their experience and counsel in all the arduous duties of the past year, as well as the fidelity with which they have labored to further, and further successfully, all the plans of the Executive, Council and Committees.

I fear that I have transgressed beyond the time and that my matter, not being new, has been more or less wearisome to you, so that I will but make one more reference and that is that throughout the year's work I have endeavored to do all the Board's work through the co-operation and assistance of your elected representatives and that the success of the year's work is, in my judgment, largely the result of the fact that the men I have called upon to do the work have been men who have been associated in the fullest sense in all that the Board of Trade was striving to do. I would also call attention to the fact that under the custom of the Board of Trade its President is an active member of every Committee, and this I have striven to be, after assuming the responsibility of office.

When in Calgary a few weeks ago, I was told by a relative that he had been informed by a prominent member of our Board "that I took my job seriously" and doubtless this is correct. Nevertheless, the work has been to me intensely pleasant, the associations most delightful and your sympathy and support most inspiring, and I would therefore close by asking that in so far as I have blundered or committed any sin of omission, that you will cover it with the mantle of your forgetfulness, and in so far as I may have in any measure done good

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