

considerably diminished through the agency of Dr Fortin's extended telegraphic scheme.

Your Council has had much pleasure in co-operating with the Hon. Dr. Fortin, who has made a special study of this matter, and who, in his position as commander of the "Canadienne" for many years, has had ample opportunity to ascertain the wants felt in that direction.

Through that gentleman's exertions, we feel some confidence that before long all our combined efforts will be crowned with success, and that from the general and unanimous expression of public opinion throughout the whole Dominion in favor of the foregoing proposed works, the Government will take the subject under favorable consideration.

The promoter of this comprehensive line of connection has long labored for its completion, and we are quite satisfied that through his indomitable energy an influence may be exercised in Ottawa, which will bring about this most important undertaking.

DOMINION BOARD OF TRADE.

Messrs. A. Joseph, R. R. Dobell and A. Woods were elected as delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade, Mr. Dobell being unavoidably absent at the time of meeting, this Board was represented by Messrs. Joseph and Woods, who proceeded to Ottawa; and the thanks of the Board are due to these gentlemen for the attention paid by them to the following subjects entrusted to their care, namely:

1st. Inspection of Phosphates.

"That the recent discovery of extensive deposits of
"Phosphate of Lime, and the consequent increasing value
"of the article as an export, makes it desirable that shippers