

the Winnipeg City Council and others, who composed the entire party, our representatives published a valuable report on what they saw and learned during the trip. This report was extensively copied in Eastern papers, and no doubt has awakened much interest in this hitherto almost unknown immense sheet of navigable water.

MANITOBA HOTEL FIRE.

The following resolution was passed by the Council on the 10th February and forwarded to the Northern Pacific Railway Company:—

“Resolved, that the Board of Trade of the City of Winnipeg desires to express to the Northern Pacific Railway Company its earnest sympathy with that Company in the loss which it must have sustained by the disastrous fire which occasioned the destruction of the Manitoba Hotel on Wednesday last.

“The Board, and the citizens of Winnipeg generally, have appreciated the value and importance of this hotel to the City and the enterprise which prompted its erection, and whilst it is understood that the hotel has not of itself proved a directly profitable investment, it is hoped that its influence on the business of the Company and the remarkably improved conditions which now prevail in this country may so have impressed this on the Company as to warrant a decision to immediately replace the building. The Board will be glad to receive from the Company, at its early convenience, some intimation of its intention in this respect.”

The Council at the same time discussed the matter of the service rendered by the Fire Brigade in connection with the