

of Trade, is one of such great importance to the people of the Red River Valley.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

H. N. RUTTAN.

HON. SIR H. L. LANGEVIN, K.C.M.G., ETC., ETC.

*Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.*

The matter it is understood has not been finally disposed of by the Government. Your delegates are of the opinion that something will be done this year towards completing the surveys."

Notwithstanding the promises made by the Minister of Public Works nothing has been done during the past summer or this winter to secure the information said to be lacking. It has been especially pressed on the attention of the Minister by the Council and by W. B. Scarth M. P., that owing to the unprecedentedly low stage of water in the river an opportunity is afforded to remove boulders, make soundings, take levels etc., at an extremely low cost to the Government, but no action has been taken.

In October, Mr. Nairn, when acting as a member of the Board of Flour and Meal Examiners at Montreal, was requested to wait on the Department and press for some active work on the river improvements. Owing to the absence of the Minister and his Deputy nothing resulted from Mr. Nairn's visit.

During last month at the request of the Council, Mr. Scarth has again been in communication with the Minister of Public Works, and the matter has so far progressed that the Minister states that a report has been made to him on the subject by his engineers, but as far as can be learned he, for the present, declines to state the nature of this report.

The Council recommend that every effort in the power of the Board be exerted to have this work done by the Dominion Government at the earliest possible date. The *Monetary*