

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW DEFEATED.

A motion to reduce the entrance fee to members joining the Board from \$25 to \$10 was voted on in March, but lost.

THE LIBRARY

A large number of Government and other reports, with some general reference books, have been added to the Library during the past year. Fyles of the Daily Free Press from 1887 have been bound. Mr. J. E. Steen has placed on loan bound copies of The Commercial. The books placed on deposit by the Northwest Commercial Travelers some years ago are still in the custody of the Board. A large number of trade papers are received at the office and are consulted by members.

ASSINIBOINE WATER-POWER WORKS.

The matter of the Assiniboine water-power works was considered at a general Board meeting on the 7th December, when—

IT WAS RESOLVED—"In view of the early expiry of the charter in favor of the city authorizing the construction of the Water-Power Works on the Assiniboine River, this Board desires to express its opinion that the City Council should take the whole matter into consideration with the view of this great and important work being proceeded with, either by the city or a Company, and that as speedily as possible."

A copy of this resolution was forwarded to the City Council, and that body has again taken up the subject with vigor. Arrangements are being made with the Corporations of Portage la Prairie and Brandon for a conference, at the former place, to take joint action in urging on the Dominion Government the advisability of declaring the Assiniboine River a non-navigable stream, which, if done will permit of the construction of works without the addition of expensive locks.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS ELECTED.

At the general meeting in July, in accordance with the