

inaugurated and carried out in a thorough business-like manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. ASHDOWN,
Convenor.

The above report was adopted by the Council and forwarded to the Minister, and in due course there was received an acknowledgement, which contained the following clause : "I have to request you to cordially thank the Board for the very kind interest taken in the matter, and for the suggestions that they have embodied in the report, and to assure them that the matter will be, with other reports of a similar nature, placed before the Minister for his consideration and such action, in connection therewith, as he may deem advisable in the best interests of the trade of the country."

QUARANTINE OF SETTLERS' CATTLE.

Your Council of last year, acting originally on a report of the Committee for the settlement of vacant lands, brought to the attention of the Board the hardship entailed on immigrants, who brought their farm cattle with them from the United States, by a quarantine of ninety days at the International boundary line. The Council, after consulting with the most extensive Manitoba cattle exporters, who assured the Board that the export trade would not be adversely affected thereby, at some length petitioned the Dominion Government to have this quarantine abolished, with a provision, if it was considered necessary, that a rigid inspection of such cattle be made in lieu of the quarantine.