

COMMERCIAL UNION.

An invitation was extended to the Hon. Mr. Butterworth and Erastus Wiman, Esq., to address a public meeting on this subject, which was accepted by both gentlemen, but unfortunately, circumstances have since prevented them from visiting the Province. No action has been taken by this Board to place on record any endorsement or rejection of the Commercial Union movement, which has been the cause of much discussion in the Eastern Provinces, and especially with Boards of Trade. Mr. Goldwin Smith addressed a public meeting in the city on the subject, which was well attended.

POSTAL MATTERS.

In February last, many complaints were made to the Board concerning the unsatisfactory state of the mail service, between Winnipeg and the points on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway westward, on Wednesday and Thursday of each week, there being no mails despatched to the west on Wednesdays and none coming east on Thursdays. Your Council took immediate action and appointed a committee to wait on the Post Office Inspector. After consultation with him, a memorial was prepared and forwarded to the Postmaster General, which represented the serious inconvenience to the business community caused by the existing arrangements, and asked that the local passenger trains should carry mails on days when no through trains ran. No notice was taken by the Post Office Department of this memorial, the receipt even not being acknowledged, but in the month of August the Hon. Mr. McLellan, Postmaster General, visited the city, and was waited on by a committee appointed by the Board to again take up the matter. The result of the visit of this deputation was, that an order was issued to send mails on the local trains between Winnipeg and Brandon on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A petition was received from Glenboro asking the Council to use its influence in securing, for points along the Manitoba South-western Railway, the privileges of a mail service on each day that an express train ran on that line. The Post Office authorities were communicated with, but so far no change has been made in the service.