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CANADIAN QUARANTINES.

In September last the Quebec Board of Trade submitted to this Board for approval a petition to the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture representing the inadequate quarantine facilities existing at Grosse Isle, and urging that improvements be made. The Council recognizing the importance of the request, immediately appointed a committee to secure information and formulate the opinions of members of this Board. The Committee prepared the following petition, which, after receiving the endorsement of the Council, was submitted to a meeting of the Board, to which was invited the medical profession of the city. A large number of the members of the Medical Association, attended, and after thorough discussion the petition was approved of.

WINNIPEG, 30th September, 1892.

The Honorable, The Minister of Agriculture, Ottawa :

SIR,—

The Winnipeg Board of Trade has the honor to respectfully submit the following :

That it would appear from the reports of the Medical Superintendent of the St. Lawrence Quarantine Service, the International Commission for inspection of quarantine stations of the American Continent, and the Quebec civil health office, that the equipment of the quarantine station at Grosse Isle, as at present existing, is wholly inadequate, there being no wharf suitable for the safe and speedy landing of passengers and their effects; no suitable disinfecting apparatus; no proper accommodation for the detention of suspects, and no safe and adequate fresh water supply. It has further been reported that Grosse Isle does not possess facilities for a quarantine station that will meet the demands made on it during the existence of a severe and extended epidemic of disease, such as cholera.

The Board most respectfully begs to urge :

1. That a most searching inquiry be instituted, without delay, as to the complete and satisfactory conditions presented by Grosse Isle as the best possible situation for the quarantine station of the