

meeting, propose such measures as will, if carried out, make your interests in that direction permanently secure.

The extension of the Ontario and Quebec system from London, Ontario, to Windsor and Detroit, is now practically completed, and will be fully opened for traffic about the end of the present month. This line has been made with the greatest care, and is in every physical sense one of the best in America. One large steel ferry steamer for the ferriage of trains across the Detroit river is completed, and a second is under construction.

Your Company has joined the Wabash, the Flint and Père Marquette, and the Detroit Lansing and Northern Railways in the building of a fine terminal station in the most commanding position in the city of Detroit. The great system of the Wabash Railway Company will afford the long needed independent connection with Chicago, St. Louis, and other western and south-western points, and the connection with the two important Michigan railways above named, which together embrace 950 miles, will be of very great value.

During the year the construction of a branch line extending from a point near Brandon, Manitoba, in a south-westerly direction along the Souris river, was commenced. About 65 miles of grading was done, and the rails were laid for 17 miles to the village of Souris. This branch passes through a fine and well settled district, which has long suffered from the lack of railway facilities. It is the intention of your Directors to com-