

delegate, to act with a joint deputation appointed by the City Council and the Liberal 'Conservative Anti-Disallowance League, to proceed to Ottawa to endeavor to induce the Dominion Government to allow the charters for railways reaching to the International Boundary Line, granted by the Legislature of Manitoba, to stand.

The President was appointed by your Council to act as delegate. He proceeded to Ottawa, and on his return made a full report of the action taken by the deputation. His report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

In July, owing to the many misstatements made by interested parties both in this and the eastern provinces, that the freight and passenger rates in force in the Northwest on the Canadian Pacific Railway were fair and not excessive, your Council caused a pamphlet to be prepared, which, under the title of "Plain facts regarding the disallowance of Manitoba Railway Charters," clearly exposed the injustice and wrong done to the people of the Northwest by the exorbitant charges made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Tables of rates were given, and the tariffs quoted from referred to. The correctness of the statements advanced in this pamphlet was uncontrovertible and has never been seriously challenged or contradicted. Ten thousand of these pamphlets were rapidly circulated in Manitoba, the Territories, the Eastern Provinces and Great Britain, and the issue caused a clearer understanding of our true position to be arrived at by thousands of people, who before had seen only the misstatements promulgated by that portion of the press in the Dominion interested in supporting the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In August, Mr. Van Horne, the vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, after a visit to Manitoba, made publicly gross attacks on members of this Board, in regard to their position on disallowance, and also as to the object this Board had in view in agitating for the cessation of the disallowance policy of local railway charters. Your Council immediately replied to Mr. Van Horne's misstate-