

during the past year, and have received hearty support and co-operation in all matters advanced, tending to the welfare of this western country, and the Dominion in general. We could only wish that some of the Provincial Boards were more active in holding meetings for the consideration of important matters affecting the trade and commercial prosperity of the province.

Requests have been received for information regarding the steps to be taken to form Boards of Trade from two points in the Province, information which was cheerfully afforded with an offer of any assistance possible that can be rendered by this Board.

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WESTERN IMMIGRATION ASSOCIATION.

The Board was represented at the Western Immigration Association meeting held in Winnipeg on February 27th and 28th, 1896. A large number of subjects, of great interest to that part of Canada lying between Lake Superior and the Pacific in particular, were discussed by the convention, the principal items on the programme being those relating to the best means to be adopted to secure settlers for this western country, and to develop its varied resources. The attendance was large, representatives from every district in the territory defined being present. A permanent organization was effected, the executive being composed of representatives from Western Ontario, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Representatives of the executive were sent to Ottawa and interviewed the Dominion Government explaining the scheme adopted by the Association, and they asked for substantial financial assistance in carrying on its