

Rapids would not exceed \$300,000, and it is thought that the increase in Government Revenues from lumber, ties, cordwood, minerals, etc., would be more than sufficient to pay the interest on the cost of the necessary improvements.

The undersigned would therefore on behalf of the bodies which they represent beg your consideration of the above statements, and would request that, if possible, works that would aid so materially the development of the country, be undertaken by the Government.

For Winnipeg Board of Trade,

{ K. MCKENZIE.
H. N. RUTTAN.

For City Council of Winnipeg,

{ K. MCKENZIE.
C. H. CAMPBELL.
H. N. RUTTAN.

THE HON. SIR H. L. LANGEVAIN, K.C.M.G., ETC., ETC.

Minister of Public Works, Ottawa.

At a subsequent meeting held on the 19th March the matter was again fully discussed and at Sir Hector's request the following letter was transmitted to him:

OTTAWA, March, 20th, 1889.

SIR:

In reference to the interview of Messrs Scarth, Ross and Daly, M.P.s and myself, with you yesterday in the matter of the Red River navigation improvements, it was suggested that in the event of the surveys not being far enough advanced to enable the construction of the necessary works to be proceeded with, it would be an important step towards the object desired if complete surveys were made this year.

I would therefore respectfully beg your consideration of the matter, which, as stated in the communication of the 8th inst. from the delegates of the Winnipeg City Council and Board

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