

municipality as free grants to actual settlers? Would they be disposed to offer any assistance to such settlers by reversion of taxes or otherwise? In the event of your owning lands which you are not disposed to offer as free grants, at about what prices and on what terms would you offer them for actual settlement? The committee will be glad to receive any suggestions bearing on the subject of settlement of these lands.

After full consideration of this most important and difficult subject the Council are convinced that the finding of the Committee is correct, and that only by the formation of a strong company to take over and dispose of these lands will any solution of the difficulties connected with their settlement in the near future, be reached. A charter for a company to deal with the situation is now in existence, and it is to be hoped that active steps will be taken to organize, and prosecute the work of settlement.

RED RIVER NAVIGATION.

Advantage was taken of the presence in the North-West of Sir Mackenzie Bowell and the Hon. T. M. Daly to interview them on the subject of the improvement of St. Andrews rapids. As arranged by wire the interview took place in the City Council chamber, his worship Mayor Gilroy in the chair, and an attendance of fully two hundred citizens showed the great interest manifested in this important matter. Mayor Gilroy and Messrs J. H. Asbdown and J. H. Brock addressed the ministers at length, reiterating the substance of the many petitions from the City Council, municipalities along the Red River and this Board, presented to the Dominion Government in years past and urged the Premier to take some practical steps to improve the navigation of the Red River. In reply to the claims advanced by these gentlemen the Premier stated that at present the government had not the means to undertake all the public works asked for, and that he could not give any encouragement that this work would at present be undertaken, but he would