

Report of Mr. A. W. Campbell.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Works Committee of the Council of the City of Winnipeg.

Gentlemen,—

In response to your letter from your Chairman to the Honorable, the Premier of Ontario, asking that I be permitted to visit Winnipeg for the purpose of consulting with you in the matter of street improvement, it was my privilege to visit your City, and in compliance with your request, I beg to submit the following report:—

In company with your Committee and City Engineer, I looked over the City, studied the improvements being made in its rapid development, considered its location and surroundings, so as to judge somewhat of future requirements, that I might suggest the pavements that will be consistent with the City's demands. I made an examination of the natural material available for street improvement in the vicinity of the City; the manner and methods of preparing this material and applying it to the streets; the nature of the soil and facilities for drainage. I observed the different classes of pavement being used and the manner in which they have been laid; the traffic of the City; its trend, concentration, and distribution over the streets.

In every particular it appears to be the aim of your authorities and the citizens to provide the most durable and substantial class of improvements within reasonable limit of cost; and they are building not only for the present, but for future requirements. In public buildings, places of business and residences, modern design and good workmanship have been employed. In the matter of street improvement it does not appear as if the same study, care and economy have been practiced; but, on the contrary, much inferior and unprofitable work has been done, and I would suggest that the question of street improvement, which is possibly the most important public work with which your City has now to deal, should be given very much closer attention. Business me-