

(APPENDIX A.)

WINNIPEG BOARD OF TRADE,

WINNIPEG, 22nd Feb., 1895.

To

Reeve of the Municipality of

DEAR SIR,—As you are no doubt aware, a movement is now on foot for the settlement of our vacant lands, and a committee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, aided by other leading business men and citizens generally, is now at work to devise some means for carrying out this very necessary project. Already this committee have numerous applications for lands from intending settlers, and there is every prospect of the movement being a decided success.

Some of the municipalities around Winnipeg have, through their reeves, expressed a desire to place the lands at the disposal of the committee, either to be given as free grants, or at nominal prices to actual settlers. The committee are anxious to place all surrounding municipalities on the same footing, showing no favor, and they wish to know if your municipality has any lands available for such purpose. If you have any, be kind enough to get an expression of opinion from your municipal council on the subject, and let the committee know what you are prepared to do, what lands you have, whether as free grants, or at what figures you will place them at the disposal of the committee to be used for actual settlers.

The committee are busy at work on all the details of this project, and an early reply is necessary so as to enable them to get at the work of locating settlers in time for the opening of spring.

Awaiting your early reply, I have the honor to be, Your obedient servant,

CHAS. N. BELL,

Secretary Board of Trade.

The committee would respectfully ask for a reply on the following points :

What quantity of lands are controlled by your municipality? Would your council be disposed to offer lands owned by the

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