

The average time occupied in the disposal of cases which have been heard in the Chamber, from the lodging of the submission to the award, has been ten days, but it is quite possible, all parties being ready, to dispose of a case in one day. The amount of fees in each case has not exceeded, on an average, Five Guineas, and this notwithstanding that several important disputes, involving in some instances large sums, have been dealt with.

The simplicity, rapidity and inexpensiveness of the arrangements, resulting in the satisfactory settlement of business differences, have been testified to by all those who have had experience of the working of the Chamber.

I am therefore directed to ask that you will be good enough to lay this communication before the Council of your Chamber, and to suggest that the Chamber should advise its members to insert in their London contracts the following clause :—"All disputes which may arise relating to this contract shall be submitted to arbitration, under the rules for the time being of the London Chamber of Arbitration."

The Scale of Fees is enclosed herewith.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES F. MONCKTON,

Registrar.

EXTENSION OF CANADIAN TRADE.

The Minister of Trade and Commerce, in August last, requested this Board to send any suggestions they might have to offer on the subject of the possible extension of trade of the Dominion in various directions. The Council referred the matter to a committee, who made the following report :—