

rate of $27\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, while the rate levied on other agricultural machinery, such as mowers and reapers, etc., was 20 per cent., and that it would be of great benefit to the dairy farmers of Manitoba if the duty on their machinery was reduced, the matter was brought to the attention of the Customs Department and a request made that a change in the rate of duty be made. The matter is now under consideration.

IMPROVED POSTAL FACILITIES.

A large number of petitions signed by many persons resident along the lines of the Northern Pacific Railway in Manitoba, were forwarded to the Board with a request that the prayer of the petitions, for improved postal service between points in the United States and points along the lines of the Northern Pacific Railway, should be endorsed by the Board and the matter urged on the attention of the Postmaster-General. After consideration your Council acceded to the request and the Postmaster-General was communicated with and replied that he is giving the subject attention.

RECEPTION TO GENERAL BOOTH.

The Council appointed Mr. J. H. Ashdown as a representative of the Board, to act with others from public bodies in the city, in welcoming General Booth, of the Salvation Army, on his visit to Winnipeg last month.

The General, at a meeting, explained, in detail, his scheme for establishing settlements or colonies in Canada, and elsewhere, and peopling them from the crowded centres in England.

LORD BRASSEY'S VISIT.

On the 25th September Lord Brassey delivered a very interesting address to a general meeting of the Board on the subjects of "Colonization Schemes" and "Improved Ocean Mail Service."

ELECTION OF BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

At the regular General meeting of the Board in July last the following Boards of Examiners, provided for in the General In-