

with the Board of Trade Congress, the enquiries as to the possibility of shipping our flour to Asiatic markets; the efforts in the direction of deepening canals leading to the Atlantic Seaboard, the appeal for lower grain freight rates to the Atlantic ports; the work on the interests of a better quarantine against cholera at Grosse Isle; the enquiry and committee report on bills of lading, and a number of other subjects, all of deep interest in connection with the export and import trade of our city and province.

The reports presented show also, that the home arrangements of Northwestern trade have received much attention, and that the policy of the Board has been broad and liberal, not confining its efforts simply to the immediate interests of the city of Winnipeg, but exerting its influence whenever opportunity afforded in the interests of the whole province and the territories west of here, with which we are inseparately linked by mutual ties.

The voice of the Board has been heard and with effect in the interests of settlers east of here, where progress was blocked for want of road improvement and bridge building. The claims of the Southwest to a better train service have been advocated; the old subject of deepening and improving the Red River, which would be a great boon to all towns on its banks, has not been lost sight of, although the effort seemed a hopeless one; the construction of the water power on the Assiniboine river at Winnipeg has also been attended to, and now that in an indirect way the pressure of Portage la Prairie and Brandon is with the city in this work, there is some hope of early successful results being reached. In many other respects home interests have been jealously guarded, but in no way have our purely trade interests been so well served as in connection with this Board's actions regarding insolvency legislation. Unquestionably the prompt and decided action of the Winnipeg Board checked for a time, the progress of the Montreal Board's proposed insolvency bill, and since the first action of this Board the West has become solid against this