

On their return the delegates submitted the following report :

WINNIPEG, 8th April, 1889.

*The President and Members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.*

GENTLEMEN :

Your delegates appointed to interview the Government and urge upon them the necessity of improving the navigation of the Red River, have the honor to report as follows:

On the 5th March, accompanied by Messrs Daly, Ross and Watson M.P.'s, Ald. Colin H. Campbell, Messrs. Leacock, Kennedy and others, your delegates had an interview with Hon. Sir H. L. Langevin, Minister of Public Works and Mr. Perley, Chief Engineer of the Department, in reference to the improvements necessary for the navigation of the Red River. The advantages to be derived from the proposed improvements were pointed out and the matter was fully discussed.

Sir Hector requested your delegates to prepare a memorandum stating as fully as possible, in detail, reasons for the proposed improvements. The following memorandum was therefor prepared and sent to him:

OTTAWA, 8th, March, 1889.

SIR:

As requested by you the undersigned delegates from the City Council of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Board of Trade have the honor to submit the following information in reference to the improvement of the Red River:

1. The objects sought in advancing the improvement of the Red River are:

- (a) The development of the timber and mineral resources of Lake Winnipeg and its tributary streams.
- (b) The reduction in the price of fuel to the people living on the Red River between Lake Winnipeg and the International Boundary.