

ment proceeds direct with the necessary work, and after the completion of such, the municipal officers are compelled to levy for taxes according to the benefits accruing to the lands drained. The Government issue drainage debentures, after the cost of the works are ascertained, and their own official decides as to the proportion of benefits received by any lands within the drained area.

The committee asked the Government to establish an Agricultural College near Winnipeg, but received a reply that at present no funds could be set aside for that purpose.

The committee also urged that the Government exercise a more direct and vigorous enforcement of the Act relating to the eradication of Noxious Weeds.

Copies of the statements submitted to the Government, and of the new Drainage Act are attached herewith for the information of the Council.

As a result of their labors the committee at its last meeting reached the conclusion contained in the following resolution :

"That it is the opinion of the committee that the best means to be adopted to secure the settlement of the vacant lands adjacent to Winnipeg is through the formation and operation of a strong joint stock company."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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