

extension of International Commerce. Mr. D. W. Bole was appointed as our representative at an International Congress held in Philadelphia, under the auspices of the Museum, and his interesting report follows :

REPORT OF DELEGATE.

Winnipeg, 17th Jan., 1900.

The President and Members Winnipeg Board of Trade.

Following the resolution of the Council of the Board appointing me a delegate, I attended the International Congress of Commerce held in Philadelphia during the month of October last.

The Congress was held under the auspices of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, and the Directors of this worthy institution deserve credit for the great success attending their efforts.

Before entering upon a report of the Congress I would like to say a word about the Museum. This institution is carried on by a number of public spirited gentlemen, assisted to some extent by the City and State, and is intended to promote foreign trade. The buildings occupied by the Association are very large, and are divided into a great many departments, each devoted to samples of certain natural products gathered from all parts of the world. One large room is filled with samples of wood from every part of the habitable globe ; woods taking a polish are exhibited in the rough, in a partly polished state, and in a highly polished state ; woods useful in every department of wood craft are to be found here, so that it is possible for an American manufacturer to make choice of raw material from sample, to learn of the