

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the President and Members Winnipeg Board of Trade:

GENTLEMEN,—I have pleasure as Secretary in submitting a short report on the work performed in my office last year.

Seven meetings of the Board, twenty of the Council and over forty of committees were held during the year, in addition to a large number of sub-committee meetings. The calling together of these bodies necessitated the issuing of 1,900 notices.

Over 300 statistical and general letters were mailed, some of which required days of steady work to compile the information given.

Over 500 letters were received and filed, many of these being from correspondents in Europe, the United States and Eastern Canada, seeking information regarding the natural resources, and mercantile and manufacturing interests of Manitoba. Others were answers to circulars sent out from my office.

The large number of 26,000 pamphlets, issued over the name of this board on Disallowance and Winnipeg's Vacant Lands, were distributed at the cost of much labor and time.

Circulars on the subjects of hide inspection, car shortage, grain estimates, grain movement, disallowance, etc., to the number of 3,000, were mailed, the trouble of procuring the addresses of persons interested in these subjects necessitating much labor.

The difficulty of obtaining access to data relating to the resources of this country and to statistical records, such as are constantly required in compiling petitions, memorials, etc., on matters affecting the Province, has long been experienced by members of this board. During the year I have donated, or collected without cost to the