

of Customs to collect information relating to interprovincial trade. The Council could not see its way clear to take this action, as they believed that any accurate or reliable information could only be secured by placing more or less restrictions on trade to obtain the necessary data.

MAIL SERVICE ON NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Early in March last the Council petitioned the Postmaster-General that better postal facilities be afforded to stations along the lines of the Northern Pacific Ry in Manitoba. Petitions, largely signed by business men and settlers interested, had been forwarded to Ottawa, and the Council was asked to again urge the matter on the attention of the Postmaster-General. During the summer the mail service was greatly improved and is now meeting the necessities existing.

PROVINCIAL BOARDS EXCURSION.

The Virden Board of Trade invited the co-operation of this Board, in August, with a view to organizing an excursion of the members of the Provincial Boards of Trade and their families, for the purpose of visiting the Toronto Exhibition in September. After some enquiry it was found that no hope could be held out to the Virden Board that any number of our members could attend such an excursion. This fact was communicated to the Virden Board with the assurance however, that if this body could assist in any way in arranging details for the organizers, our Council would gladly do so.

GRAIN INSPECTION SYSTEM CONFERENCE.

In September last the following copy of a resolution passed by the Brandon Board of Trade, was received from that body:—

RESOLVED :—“That in the opinion of this Board the present system of grading is not satisfactory, and that the matter should be taken up by a delegation composed of representatives from the various Boards of Trade in the province to meet at Winnipeg in co-operation with the Winnipeg Grain Exchange, to see if some more satisfactory system could not be arrived at.”