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The Diamond Jubilee of the Winnipeg Board of Trade

I greatly appreciate this opportunity which has been afforded of extending my heartiest congratulations to the Winnipeg Board of Trade on this occasion of its Diamond Jubilee. What remarkable progress has been achieved by Winnipeg during that period - progress to which the efforts of the Board of Trade have made a notable contribution! When the Board of Trade began its work sixty years ago, Winnipeg was still a small frontier town in the wilderness, and two years later, at the decennial census of 1881, its total population was still under 8,000. At the latest census of 1936, however, "Greater Winnipeg" had a population of no less than 281,000, or an increase of 3,400 per cent in fifty-five years. The little frontier town has become one of the great cities of the world, and the daily course of grain prices in Winnipeg, the centre of our enormous grain-growing area, is recorded in all the great newspapers of the world.

Many figures might be quoted to illustrate the remarkable progress which Winnipeg has made since the Board of Trade was established, but I shall confine

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