

by your Board on these matters, or to the report of the committee on grain movements now in your hands.

The whole country is paralyzed by the present state of affairs. The value of the farmer's produce is lessened by the difficulties in the way of disposing of it as well as by the excessive rates of transportation charged. And in consequence it is safe to say the farmer does not get more than four-fifths of what he is entitled to as the fair value of his crop.

The statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway Superintendent, Mr. Whyte, that the crop of last year was four times that of the previous one, is no doubt correct, and as that company found so much difficulty in carrying out the comparatively small quantity of the year previous—more than once having been compelled to stop carrying beyond Port Arthur—the present blockade and stagnation are but natural. The experience of the two seasons has shown that it is physically impossible for the Canadian Pacific Railway to carry out the crop in this country in anything like a reasonable time, over their present route.

Should the Dominion Government attempt to continue the tyrannically restrictive policy hitherto adopted, it is a question for the authorities at Ottawa to consider how long—while hundreds and thousands of our fellow Canadians are scattered over the country to the south of us prosperous and contented; while many others from this side are continually joining them, and while the 1,200 miles of rock and morass between here and Pembroke has left little but sentiment to unite us to the east—how long that sentiment is likely to prevail against many material interests and the feelings of exasperation so rapidly growing here. The situation is a serious one, and it certainly seems the part of wisdom for the Dominion to withdraw from the untenable position now held by them and allow the Province to grant such relief as our people, through their representatives, may deem necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Your Board has been able to accomplish much during the past, and while members have one and all, as is usual in a new country, been fully occupied with their own affairs, they have still found time to devote to the work of the Board.