

which were unanimously in favor of the convention, and a long list of suggestions as to matters of interest for discussion were sent in. Since, over one thousand invitations have been mailed on a list as complete as the committee could make of the business men in the territory above mentioned. Many replies, in acceptance of this invitation, are to hand, and arrangements have been made for the convention to meet at 8 p. m. on Thursday, the 4th inst. The Council strongly urge that as many members of the Board as can possibly attend will do so, to meet the visitors and take part in the discussions arising.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

Two communications were received in October and November from Mr. J. S. Larke, Commercial Agent of the Government of Canada for Australasia. Mr. Larke is stationed at Sidney, New South Wales, and advised the Board on the state and prospects of the crops in Australia and New Zealand. He reported that there was last year, and would probably be this year, a considerable shortage in the crops there. Mr. Larke's letters were referred to the General Grain Committee of the Board, who presented the following report :—

"Your General Grain Committee beg to report :

"1. That they have considered the correspondence from Mr. J. S. Larke, Commercial Agent of Canada at Sidney, N. S. W., on the subject of the wants of Australia in regard to breadstuffs which Manitoba has to sell.

"2. That the Committee cannot understand Mr. Larke's statement that he has not been able to secure samples of grain from the Canadian Northwest, as, so far as can be learned