

Several conferences were held between the City Council and the Management of the Gas Company, but no formal agreement was reached. It is satisfactory to note that shortly after the conferences mentioned were held, the price of gas was substantially lowered.

EXEMPTION OF CIVIL SERVANTS.

On the 20th of April last, a deputation from the Winnipeg Retailers' Association addressed the Council on the subject of petitioning the Dominion Government to place the civil servants of the Federal Government under the same law respecting exemption and garnishees for debt, as are all other citizens of Canada.

Your Council, fully agreeing with the terms of the petition, signed the same on behalf of the Board.

EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

In February, 1897, the Council again represented to the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa the extreme necessity existing for a Dominion Experimental Farm in the Red River Valley district, and urged that an appropriation be made, at the then approaching Session of Parliament, for such an object. The members of Parliament for constituencies in the Red River Valley were written to, and requested to press upon the attention of the Minister the advisability of locating an experimental farm in the eastern part of the Province. Favorable replies were received from all of the members, and