

Mr. Whyte in an interview. Mr. Whyte promised to lay the views of the Council before Mr. Van Horne personally. The Council took the position that a considerable reduction in the present rates was absolutely necessary in the general interests of the country and the railway company, and that if a material and permanent reduction is made at an early date it would encourage our farmers to continue faithful operations for the future, and have a most beneficial effect upon the immigration efforts of the authorities for 1893. A reply to this report has been received from the President of the Canadian Pacific Railway stating, in effect, that he fully appreciates the situation, and that so soon as he has gathered some necessary information, he will reply fully to the resolution. The Council therefore recommend that their successors continue to give this question that earnest attention which its importance demands.

LECTURE ON IMPERIAL FEDERATION

Advantage was taken of the presence in the city, in November last, of Mr. G. R. Parkin, a prominent advocate of the scheme of Imperial Federation, to secure from him, by his kind consent, a lecture on the above subject. A large number of members and others attended the lecture, which was a very able exposition of the arguments advanced by supporters of the scheme. A hearty vote of thanks was voted to the lecturer for his address.

PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Arising from the General Meeting with the Medical Association was the formation of a joint Committee of the two bodies, to consider the sanitary condition of the City and Province, and in arranging for presentation suggestions as to the best steps to be taken to meet the situation. This Committee has held many meetings, and after securing a large amount of information relating to Public Health Acts and regulations, had, a conference with the members of the Pro-