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REPORT OF COUNCIL.

WINNIPEG, Feb'y. 4th., 1890.

The Members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

GENTLEMEN :

The Council present to you their Eleventh Annual Report on matters receiving the attention of the Board during the past year :—

RED RIVER NAVIGATION.

At the last Annual Meeting the Board appointed a committee "to enquire into the question of extending the deep water navigation of the Red River to this city."

The Committee held several meetings and conferred with many persons familiar with the navigation of the Red River and Lake Winnipeg, and others connected with the shipping interests involved. A considerable amount of data relating to the trade and resources in fish, lumber, ties, firewood, stone, minerals etc. of the Lake Winnipeg country was secured and collated. In February 1889, on the occasion of a visit of Messrs. K. McKenzie and H. N. Ruttan to Ottawa, they were requested to wait on the Minister of Public Works and lay before him data which had been collected showing the necessity of having the Red River, between the lake and this city, so improved that its navigation by vessels of sufficient draught to run on the lake would be made possible.