

respectfully petitions the Dominion Government to take some steps to secure the immediate relief of trade, and with other Boards of Trade, would respectfully suggest that this could best be obtained by the arrangement of a '*Modus Vivendi*' whereby products may be exchanged between the two countries on the old terms, until diplomacy has procured a permanent settlement."

Most of the prominent trade bodies of Canada offered similar suggestions to the Government. It is satisfactory to note that trade difficulties between the two countries have since been removed.

EXTENSION STONEWALL BRANCH.

Representations were made to the Council in March last, by farmers settled to the northward of Stonewall, that the district was greatly in need of an extension of the Stonewall Branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Statistics and data were submitted showing that the areas under crop, and the population, would amply justify the construction and maintenance of an extension for twenty miles to the north. A committee of the Council waited on General Superintendent Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and laid the matter before him. Mr. Whyte afforded the information that the matter was already in the Company's hands for consideration and that he had sent out an engineer over the proposed route, who had reported favorably. Mr. Whyte further stated that as the plans of the Company, as to construction of lines and branches in 1892, had already been determined on, nothing could be done with this extension until 1893. Last month the matter was again taken up with Mr. Whyte, who promised to recommend it to the management on his visit to Montreal.

FLOUR EXPORTS TO HONG KONG.

In November Mr. Duncan McArthur referred to the Council samples of Oregon flour, forwarded from an English merchant in Hong Kong, China, with samples of the sacks used in the trade and prices brought in that market. On referring the samples and correspondence to the Board of