

Harrison, but the agitation in political matters rendered the attempt useless. Your Council leave to their successors the further investigation into this matter, which is of extreme importance to the city.

COLONIZATION AND IMMIGRATION.

A strong standing committee was appointed by your Council from amongst the members of the Board to act with a similar body appointed by the City Council, to take up the matter of devising the best means available for attracting the attention of settlers to the vacant lands in the vicinity of the city. After application, the City Council provided the sum of \$500 to be expended in carrying out the object aimed at. Under the direction of the committee a brief description of the character of the lands within a radius of twenty miles of the city, with a statement of the advantages offered to settlers by the Winnipeg markets, was issued, and under an arrangement with the Minister of Agriculture, distributed in Ontario, to the extent of 12,000 copies. It is satisfactory to know that many inquiries have been made regarding our lands, in consequence. Attention may be drawn to the fact that during the past summer a considerable quantity of the lands in this vicinity has been settled on; and the abundant harvest, marketed at the highest provincial prices, will, without doubt, induce many farmers to secure these lands at the low prices for which they are now offered. The Committee will submit a report to this meeting.

GRAIN ESTIMATES.

Your Council, in September, collected data regarding the yield in various grains throughout the Province, and from the information secured, prepared an estimate of the quantities of each description available for export. While exercising great care in compiling the figures, it was considered advisable to rather understate the totals, so that no imputation might be made of an attempt to boom the country on unreliable figures. It is satisfactory therefore to know that every indication at present confirms the estimates made by your Council of a grain yield per acre, that is probably without a parallel in any country on the globe. The estimate as published was widely circulated in Canada, the United States and Europe,