

is becoming exhausted, and where \$6,000,000 is invested in the paper business. Information of a most favorable character has been forwarded. The Council recommend that attention be given by their successors to this matter.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

In May last copies of a Bill for "An Act respecting Insolvency," forwarded by the Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, was carefully considered by the Council, and while, on the whole, many features of the Bill were approved of, there were some clauses that in the opinion of the Council would not be workable in the sparsely settled provinces and territories. A committee was appointed to prepare a report on the objectionable clauses, but the Premier withdrew the Bill after some discussion thereon had taken place in the Senate, where it had first been introduced, and the Council was relieved of further action.

BEST FORM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR WINNIPEG.

At a general meeting of the Board on the 25th June, a committee was appointed "to enquire into and report upon the best form of Municipal Government for the City of Winnipeg," the committee being authorized to add to the committee a number of citizens "with a view of securing representation from all classes of citizens not members of this Board." This Committee, after holding one or two meetings, reported that, in their opinion, it would be well to hand over the consideration of the whole matter to a large citizens' committee composed of representatives of professional, mercantile and labor organizations of the city. The Council readily acquiesced in this view of the matter, and the Committee was re-organized on that basis.

REGULATIONS FOR OFFICIAL WEIGHERS.

Under the provisions of the Dominion Public Weigher's Act, the Council was called on in October to frame regulations to govern an Official Weigher for Winnipeg. This duty was per-