

the advisability of having the commission sit in Winnipeg, so that the people here who desired to present evidence would have an opportunity to do so, was discussed at a general meeting of the Board, on the 6th of January, 1897, and resulted in the passage of the following resolution, and a motion to refer the same to the Council for action :—

“Whereas, the Winnipeg Board of Trade has, from time to time, endeavored to lay before the Dominion Government the requirements of Manitoba and the Northwest so far as the fiscal policy of the country is concerned ;

“Whereas, the late Dominion Government did, in the year 1893, institute an inquiry into the workings of the existing Customs Tariff, and did, on the representation of this Board, agree to, and did, visit this city, and this Board did lay before the said commission their views in regard to the same ;

“And whereas, the present Government has again instituted an enquiry on the same matter, and are believed to intend to make greater changes than those that were intended, or brought about, by the late Government ;

“Therefore, be it resolved, that this board think it most important that the Tariff Commission now instituted, and taking evidence in the eastern portions of the Dominion. should visit this country and take evidence at this point, and in other points through the country, as to our requirements, and would respectfully request the Hon. Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance, to cause this to be done, and at the earliest practical moment to inform the Board of the date when such commission can be expected. And further, if it is found impossible on account of time for the commission to come here. that the Board be informed of the fact at the earliest possible moment, so that a memorial may be made up and as good a presentation of the requirements of this country as possible under the circumstances be had in that way.”

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