

President's Address.

Gentlemen :—

In retiring from the office with which you honored me a year ago, I shall follow the example of my predecessors, and make some brief references to matters of interest to you and others engaged in business.

I will first refer briefly to some of the matters contained in the report of the Council, which is now in your hands.

COMMERCIAL AGENTS IN NORTHERN EUROPE.

Last April the Board was instrumental in having submitted to the Government at Ottawa memorials from nearly all the Boards of Trade in Canada, urging upon their attention the desirability of having Commercial Agents appointed to represent Canada in the various countries of Northern Europe.

It was pointed out that one of the leading duties of such agents should be to furnish intelligent information regarding the resources of Canada to those about to emigrate, and it was also shown that such an arrangement would be a valuable power in advancing the trade interest of the Dominion.

From information recently received from the Minister of the Interior, I have reason to believe that the suggestions embodied in the memorial will have the best consideration of the Government.