

earliest possible date, establish a mint in Canada for the purpose of coining all gold and copper currency required to meet the commercial requirements of the country."

Senator McInnes requested an expression of sympathy with the above resolution from the Winnipeg Board. As, however, it was known to your Council that diverse opinions on the subject of a Canadian mint were held by Canadian bank officials, and as we had no data of importance bearing on the subject, the Council decided that they were not prepared, at the time, to pass an opinion, either for or against the resolution. The question came up in the Senate and was warmly discussed there, but action was deferred until this year. The Hansard debates on the subject are now at the disposal of the Council, and its successors may deal with the matter as they see fit.

#### CITY GAS FRANCHISE.

On the invitation of the City Council, the Board sent two delegates to a meeting held for the purpose of discussing the question of the city gas franchise, in view of a proposition made to the City Council by the Gas Company. The Council in connection with this matter, passed the following resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this Council, it would not be in the interests of the City of Winnipeg to incur the debt necessary to establish and maintain a rival system of gas works in the city; but it would be advisable that the City Council enter into some reasonable agreement with the Gas Company to secure a reduction of prices in gas, with such provisions as will secure a further reduction from time to time."