

The Montreal Board did not have the bill introduced at Ottawa last Session, but from newspaper reports the Council learns that deputations from the Boards at Montreal, Toronto and London have lately interviewed the Hon. Sir John Thompson at Ottawa, regarding the introduction at this Session of Insolvency Legislation. No communications have been received from these Boards on this subject since last March, so that the Council is not aware of the detailed propositions submitted to the Government by these bodies.

The Victoria Board has written this Council for information regarding the working of the Manitoba Act relating to estates, with a view of considering the advisability of securing legislation of a similar character in British Columbia.

GENERAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

The Committee on Drainage of low lands, appointed at the last Annual Meeting, held several meetings, and interviewed the members of the Provincial Government, to urge the advisability of the Government's undertaking a topographical survey of the low lying districts of the province. The Deputation received assurances that the Government realized the necessity for active steps in this direction, and that a commencement would be made during the summer. While the details of the work performed have not yet been fully reported, it may be stated that work has been carried on in the district comprised between the Red and Assiniboine rivers and Stonewall and Lake Manitoba.

FREIGHT RATES ON GRAIN.

The Council last month took up the matter of the freight rates prevailing on grain exported from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. A Committee having prepared a report giving fully the opinions of the Council on the subject, it was forwarded to the President of the Company, through General Superintendent Whyte, a deputation discussing the matter with