

the Department should be adopted, viz.: That all export entries of goods the product of Canada should show the Province in which the produce originated; that these entries should be made in triplicate and one copy be forwarded for posting to a selected port in the Province from which the goods or produce came, and in this way the customs returns of our Province would give a correct total of the export of the produce, including such as passed out of the Dominion *via* a port of export in another Province. Manitoba would thus get credit in the trade and navigation returns, as published and circulated in Great Britain and Europe, for its actual exports, even when such were exported through Montreal, Fort William, Vancouver or elsewhere. It was again pointed out to the Minister how the present form of publication acts injuriously to our western interests, and that if a British capitalist, for instance, were contemplating making investments in Manitoba or the North-West Territories and goes to the High Commissioner of Canada's office in London, and examines the customs export returns for the Dominion, he would be led to imagine that but a few cattle and a paltry amount of grain are our whole exports for a fiscal year, because owing to the present system of compiling the export statistics of Canada, our exports are actually credited to Ontario and Quebec.

Nothing has since been heard from Ottawa on this subject, and the Council would advise that a proper representation be made to the members of Parliament from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories with an urgent request that they take it up with the Government and insist that some improved form be adopted for the compiling and publication of our export statistics.