

an increased rate of charges on goods for Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba when delivered at Lake Superior to either of the said roads by other than certain favored lines of boats.' I would be pleased if you would be good enough to forward to me the particulars of the matter referred to in the above paragraph, and, if possible, any illustrations of the operation of the discrimination referred to, which you are in a position to include in your statement. I note the request of the Board in regard to the same question as affecting the Ontario and Rainy River Railway, and will be very happy to give it my best consideration!

"Yours faithfully,

"CLIFFORD SIFTON."

This letter was referred to the Board's Standing Committee on Freight Rates.

At a meeting of the Council on the 21st September, the following letter, presented by the Chairman of the Freight Rates Committee, is an answer to Mr. Sifton's inquiry, was approved and duly forwarded:—

Winnipeg, September 21st, 1899.

Secretary Winnipeg Board of Trade, City.

Dear Sir: In reference to the Hon. Clifford Sifton's letter of the 15th inst., in which he asks for information concerning the recital connected with the resolution regarding discrimination of freight rates, as follows:—

"Whereas, the Canadian Pacific and Northern Pacific Railways, for the past two seasons, in defiance of public