

We have been advised that a very large number of these petitions have been sent in to the Government; many of the Boards appealed to have written us, expressing their thorough endorsement of the prayer of the petition.

In answer to our own petition, forwarded to the Government, the Postmaster-General has answered that he is not in a position to say what action the Government may take in regard to the matter. Some of the members of Parliament for Manitoba, who interviewed the Postmaster-General on our behalf, inform us that there was not much hope held out that the petition would be successful. The Council recommend that the incoming Council again take up this matter and make full representations, and, if necessary, further address the other Boards of Trade in Canada in that direction.

REMOVAL OF CUSTOMS OFFICES.

When the Hon. J. I. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, was in the city in October last, a committee of the Council took up with him the matter of the removal of the Customs Offices from the present inconvenient situation to a more central one adjacent to the majority of the business houses. Mr. Tarte accompanied the committee in looking over the Post Office building and the present Custom House, with a view to seeing if sufficient accommodation could be secured in the former building for the Customs Offices, and they were forced to the conclusion that such accommodation could not be had, and that, for the present, the matter would have to be held in abeyance. Mr. Tarte, however, has promised to look into the matter in view of the possible extension of the