

Winnipeg Board of Trade  
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Speaking from Ottawa tonight, I am happy to have the opportunity of expressing a word of personal greeting to all who may be participating in the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Winnipeg Board of Trade. I am still happier to have the privilege of extending congratulations, on behalf of the Government of Canada, to the officers and members, upon the completion by the Board of sixty years of useful public service.

Winnipeg was little more than a village when the Board of Trade was founded sixty years ago. Although a remote outpost of settlement at that time, as a centre of trade, it had enjoyed a long tradition. For nearly a century, it had been a great fur-trading market. The establishment of a Board of Trade, even in so small a place, was, therefore, a natural development.

The founding of the Board coincided with the beginning of a great transformation in the character of the trade of the Canadian West. As a result of agricultural settlement, the fur trade paled into insignificance before the trade in wheat, of which Winnipeg also became the great central market.