

In December, Mr. D. F. Reid, a member of this Board, died suddenly at his home in Selkirk, whence he had removed from this city.

BOARD OF GRAIN EXAMINERS.

In July the Board of Grain Examiners presented to the Board their regular yearly report, which your Council recommend should be published as an appendix to this report. In September the Grain Examiners procured samples from all parts of the Province, after considerable difficulty, owing to the fact that with such an enormous yield of all grains it was well nigh impossible to get threshing done in that month. As provided for in the Inspection Act, a deputation of three of the Examiners proceeded to Toronto and assisted in selecting samples to serve as standards for the season's crop. A full set of standard samples are on file in the Secretary's office, for use in the case of boards of arbitration being called for.

Prof. Saunders, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm for the Dominion, has forwarded to this Board samples of early ripening hard wheats, and asked for the opinion of the Board as to their values as compared with that of red fyfe. The matter has been referred to the Board of Grain Examiners for their report.

HIDE AND LEATHER COMMITTEE.

The Hide and Leather Committee presented their Annual Report in July, with the returns made by Hide Inspector, who made suggestions regarding the distribution of information respecting the requirements of the Inspection Act. As ordered by the Board, the Committee prepared a circular addressed to country dealers, butchers and farmers, explaining the necessity of greater care being taken in the marketing of hides, as well as in the skinning of animals. This circular, to the extent of 1,000 copies, was distributed throughout the Province, and judging from the favorable comments made by the provincial press, and the fact that many papers have reproduced it more than once, your Council consider that the outlay was amply repaid.