

Report of the Grain Committee.

To the President and Members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade.

In submitting this their first annual report, your committee of grain examiners wish to state, that their labors since their appointment have been confined almost exclusively to the work of organization, which has progressed well during the past twelve months.

The first work in which your committee engaged was the collection of samples of grain from which to select the standards for grading during the year. This they attended to, and in compliance with the provisions of the inspection laws, they sent two of their number to Toronto in September last who assisted, with delegates from other boards, in selecting the standards to regulate the inspection of the year.

The unfortunate frosts of August last, which caused considerable damage to grain crops, made this work of selecting standards a difficult one owing to the fact that the inspection laws made no provision for the grading of frosted or otherwise damaged grain, beyond rating all as no grade, and adding the inspector's notes regarding its defects. The deputation to Toronto in conformity with the instructions of your committee, and with the concurrence of delegates from other boards made arrangements for the recognition during the year for three qualities of frosted wheat, namely, number one, two and three, and this arrangement has been found of great value to grain dealers and raisers of this province, while it furnished a basis upon which the management of the Canadian Pacific Railway made rebates in freight on damaged grain, which undoubtedly were a great help to the farmers of this country, and were so arranged as to cause no inconvenience or financial delay to parties exporting grain.

Your committee felt relieved when the long delayed appointment of Captain Clark as grain inspector for Manitoba was made in time for the opening of the grain season of 1885, and they are satisfied that a system of inspection in this Province has already