

GRAIN EXAMINERS.

To the President and Members Winnipeg Board of Trade:

Your Grain Committee present herewith their Second Annual Report.

After organizing, the first matter to receive the attention of the Committee was the collection of samples of grain from which to select grading standards for use during the year. This they attended to, and, in compliance with the provisions of the inspection law, sent three members of the Committee to Toronto in September last, who, with delegates from other Boards of Trade in the Dominion, selected the grain standards to regulate the inspection for the year. A full set of these standards have since been on file in the Board room, and your Committee recommend that a suitable case be procured for the safe keeping of these standards, so as to enable the Secretary to act as sole custodian, and be prepared, if required, to certify to their identity.

Your Committee desire to express their entire satisfaction with the working of the Inspection Act and of the services rendered by the Deputy Inspector, Mr. Horne, in the absence of the Inspector during the entire year.

The grain crop of 1886 being so equal in excellence, the standards selected were more readily determined on at Toronto, and while being high enough, were selected with a view of taking in the largest quantity possible of the season's crop. The result will be seen by the following figures. Taking the wheat inspected at Winnipeg the percentages were as follows:—No. 1 Hard, 61 per cent. ; No. 2 Hard, 9 per cent. ; No. 1 Northern, 16 per cent. ; Nos. 2 and 3 Northern, 4 per cent. ; Nos. 1 and 2 Spring, 5 per cent. ; rejected 5 per cent.