

Your committee are aware that, as yet, hide inspection is somewhat of an experiment in this Province, its existence being too short to allow of any definite conclusions being arrived at as to its value to the country. Still they are satisfied that it has already developed satisfactory symptoms, indicating that in time it will prove a great benefit to the hide trade, and the inspector and men and firms connected therewith intimate, that already they can see an improvement in the condition of hides coming to market, which is much more marked in connection with the hides furnished by the city dealers than in those coming from the country.

Your committee desire to state that since his appointment, there have been no appeals from the inspection of Mr. Bird, and no complaints of any kind brought before their notice.

Your committee would much rather that this report had been more elaborate and exhaustive, but the time from which conclusions can be drawn being so limited, they must content themselves with this meagre one, and leave to their successors the work of enlargement, which a more extended experience will enable them to carry out.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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