

Questions as to the consumption of leather in this country, the probability of a tannery paying in Winnipeg, and others referring to the boot and shoe and harness trade, were variously answered; but your committee is able to gather that while the expense of labor and other conditions might not favor the manufacture of leather goods on a large scale at the present time, they are of the opinion that a well appointed tannery under good management would be a profitable enterprise in Winnipeg. If good leather can be made from extracts, there should be no reason why it cannot be made for shipment to the Eastern provinces in view of the fact that abundance of hides can be obtained, and the process of tanning reduces the weight from half to two-thirds, thereby reducing the cost of transportation of the manufactured article below that now paid for the green hides. Apart from this, the local consumption appears to be such as would warrant the establishment of a tannery of moderate capacity.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that printed circulars be secured containing all the information in possession of the Board, and small advertisements be inserted in some of the leading Eastern papers, directing attention of interested parties to the matter. All enquiries could be answered by the circulars referred to.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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CHAIRMAN.

Advertisements were inserted in several of the leading journals of Canada and the United States, devoted to the interests of the leather and leather manufacturers trades. The following circular was also widely distributed:

"The Winnipeg Board of Trade, through a committee appointed for the purpose, beg to call your attention to an opening presented in the City of Winnipeg for a Tannery.