

REPORT
OF THE
Hide and Leather Examiners.

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

Your committee of hide and leather examiners beg leave to submit this their first annual report :

When appointed a year ago, the first duty of your committee was to examine candidates for the office of hide and leather inspector at this city, which was done, and Mr. W. J. Bird selected as the most suitable for the position, which selection your board afterwards ratified.

Although no delay took place in recommending Mr. Bird to the Department of Inland Revenue for inspector here, it was not until the beginning of April last that that gentleman received his appointment, since which time he has maintained a regular system of inspection.

Between the 8th of April, 1886, the date when Mr. Bird commenced operations, and the 10 day of the present month, that gentleman has inspected 3,169 hides and calf skins, the grading of which were as follows : 1,627 of No. 1, 1,231 of No. 2, 253 of No. 3, and 58 damaged. The fees received by him during this period were \$158.45.

The above figures refer only to hides and calf skins, no sheep pelts having been inspected. Neither have the trade demands of the city or province caused as yet any necessity for leather inspection.