

2nd. Canadian tanners do not ask for Winnipeg inspection of hides.

3rd. Shipments of hides from this Province to Ontario and Quebec are made, for the most part, direct to the warehouses established there of the business houses who purchased them in this country, and when sold in those Provinces, if purchasers buy on inspection, they ask for inspection by the Inspectors at Toronto or Montreal.

4th. As probably two-thirds of the hides sent out of Manitoba and the North-West Territories are shipped in a frozen state, and it is impossible to inspect frozen hides in the manner in which they are handled, it is practically impossible to encourage inspection.

5th. The Winnipeg inspection of hides has been, so far as is known to your Board, satisfactory, but the course of trade has so tended as to remove any demand for inspection at Winnipeg.

Your Board of Examiners believe that the above is a correct explanation of the fact, evidenced by the Hide Inspector's returns to the Board, that inspection at Winnipeg is a thing of the past, and unless radical changes occur in the methods followed in the hide trade, there is little likelihood of many hides being inspected in this city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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