

gion will bring the total up to very near a billion feet. It can safely be asserted then that more white pine was made during 1888 than at any time in the history of the industry.

Manitoba Grain Standards.

A meeting of representatives from the boards of trade of Port Arthur, Manitoba, and the Territories, was held at Winnipeg on Friday night, the object being to consider the mode of fixing the Manitoba grain standards. The following were present: A. Lawrence, Morden; J. D. Crawford, Birtle; J. Rokeby, Carberry; U. Sutherland, Qu'Appelle; J. Carman, V. Bowerman, T. E. Gibbs, Port Arthur; K. McKenzie, Brandon; M. Blake, H. J. Woodside, Portage la Prairie; J. F. Boyd, Minnedosa; A. Marshall, Shoul Lake; S. Spink, R. P. Roblin, D. H. McMillan, W. J. Akin, S. Nairn, H. Crowe, T. Gill, J. S. Armitage, A. Atkinson, J. A. Mitchell, N. Bawlf, D. Bawlf, A. McGaw, John Wilson, Jas. Anderson, A. H. Plowes, D. Horn, R. P. Clarke and Geo. McBean, Winnipeg.

The difficulty which surround the fixing of Manitoba grain standards at Toronto were discussed, especially regarding the time of holding the meeting at Toronto, which is fixed to suit the interests of the grain trade of Eastern Canada, and is to early to meet the requirements of the West. The following motion was adopted:—

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of the inspection act, sub-section 3, section 16 of the General Inspection Act, the

Minister of Internal Revenue be requested to appoint a board of examiners and arbitrators for Manitoba, Northwest Territories and the district of Port Arthur to be known as the Manitoba board of examiners and arbitrators; that the undermentioned boards of trade shall annually appoint examiners and arbitrators as follows: Winnipeg 3, Brandon 1, Port Arthur 1. The duties of this board shall be:—

1st. To determine all cases of difference between inspectors as to the true qualities or grade of any grain inspected by one of them and re-inspected by an other within the limits before mentioned. Provided that in cases wherein the inspector of Winnipeg is a party the other inspector may call upon the president of any board of trade within the district to nominate two members of such board engaged in or having a knowledge of grain and not being interested parties and upon such parties presenting themselves at the usual place of meeting of said board of arbitrators such nominees shall with the chairman and such two members of the board hereinbefore established as the chairman may elect, constitute a legal board for the determination of the matters in dispute.

2nd. This board as constituted shall meet annually in the city of Winnipeg not later than the 25th of October for the purpose of choosing samples of grain of the various grades to be the legal standards for grain grown in Manitoba and the Northwest, by which inspectors of grain throughout Canada shall be governed in the work of inspection and such standards shall be chosen and approved by the said board or

a majority of them present at such meeting, notice of which shall be given by the council of the city of Winnipeg board of trade.

Also the following:—

Resolved, That this meeting is strongly in favor of the appointment by the Dominion Government of official weighmasters at points where the volume of business is ample enough to provide on a moderate scale and at a sufficient salary, the services of competent men.

A motion in favor of deepening the canal system was adopted.

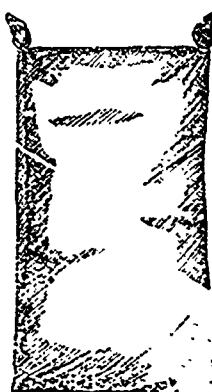
The utmost harmony prevailed, and all were unanimous that the grain trade of Western Canada should be regulated by western men.

The Northwest Land Co. is still endeavoring to get out of paying municipal taxes in the Territories. As the company owns a large amount of property in the towns along the C. P. R. in the Territories, the tax matter is a very important one to the municipal corporations as well as to the land company. In the case of the town of Regina, the land company wants the town to accept one quarter of the total assessment for 1887 and 1888, remit all the previous taxes, and remit the C. P. R. interest for the balance of their twenty years. The proposition of the town is that taxes be paid on the land company and C. P. R. Co.'s interests in the townsite from 1887 forward, that all previous taxes be remitted, and that the trustees furnish the council with a list of all the lots transferred since 1883, together with the names of the purchasers. A settlement has not yet been arrived at.

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