

ties and requirements of the Great West, by a personal inspection, a fact which is at once recognized and proclaimed by themselves.

HIDES AND LEATHER INSPECTION.

At the mid-summer meeting of the Board, a return was presented from the Winnipeg Hide Inspector, showing that he had practically done no work during the preceding six months, and it was reported by the Secretary that the Inspector's returns for two or three years past show that a great falling off has taken place in the number of hides presented to the Inspector for his grading.

The Board, at that meeting, deferred the election of a Board of Hide and Leather Examiners, awaiting a report from the old Board on the causes which operated in the direction of Winnipeg inspection being practically a thing of the past. The examiners have submitted the following as their report:—

Winnipeg December 19th, 1899.

The President and Members,
Winnipeg Board of Trade.

Gentlemen: Your Board of Hide and Leather Examiners beg to report that the matter of Winnipeg inspection of hides having been referred to them, they report as follows:—

1st. The majority of raw hides shipped from Manitoba and the North-West Territories are directly exported to the United States, and the American dealers and tanners do not ask for, or, in fact, recognize, Canadian inspection.