

## Winnipeg Board of Trade.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAIN AND HIDE INSPECTORS AND BOARD OF GRAIN EXAMINERS.

The midsummer meeting of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon, when reports from various committees were presented.

The inspector of hides and leather presented his report, from which the following extracts are taken:

"I can only again state that the condition of trade in the city has improved, while the country has not, owing to the dealers buying lots flat, that is, a price for a number, with a certain tare for hides; and just so long as they do so carelessness will exist on the owners' side. I am safe in saying that the loss per annum to this province reaches into thousands of dollars, because they will not comply with the instructions issued by your board some two years ago. The hides inspected for the year ending June 30, 1892, were: No. 1, 9,850; No. 2, 5,274; No. 3, 845; total, 15,969. Fees collected, \$781.75.

## GRAIN EXAMINERS' REPORT.

## The President and Members:

Gentlemen—The board of grain examiners beg to present their annual report. The board have had a number of meetings and attended to all the duties devolving on them under the General Inspection act. From action taken, the Winnipeg inspection division now embraces the territory lying between the Port Arthur division and British Columbia. Legislation was secured to allow of the establishing of "commercial grades" of grain in any season, when, from weather causes, a considerable quantity of grain could not be taken into the schedule grade. An act authorizing the appointment of official weighers was passed in Ottawa at the request of boards of trade west of Lake Superior. This board may make regulations for the detailed working of the system, which, when approved by the minister of inland revenue, shall govern official weighers in this inspection division.

Messrs. McGaw, Spink and Martin, were appointed representatives to the meeting on the 23rd and 29th September last, to make standards for Manitoba grain.

We have to report that, during the last session of parliament, the inspection act was amended so as to provide that the boards for selecting standards, for all lines of produce, shall be appointed direct by the governor general in council instead of by the various boards of trade in the Dominion. We have no reason to doubt but that in this departure proper and competent persons will be chosen by the Government as fairly as by the boards of trade in the past.

Only one appeal has been made during the past twelve months from the Winnipeg grain inspector's grading and the inspector was sustained. The inspection appealed from was a grading of wheat of the 1890 crop and for a local firm. No appeals have been made from his inspection of the 1891.

S. A. MCGAW,  
Chairman.

## GRAIN INSPECTION.

C. N. Bell, Esq., Secretary Board Trade, Winnipeg.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to submit to you herewith—annual report of grain inspected in Winnipeg district for the twelve months ending June 30th, 1892.

The crop of '91 has been the most difficult since the inception of inspection at this district. Although large—it was not high class. Besides, the bad weather during harvest and fall, caused great deterioration, and worse still was the lamentable prevalence of smut. The different regions of country had marked special characteristics. This, together with the backwardness of threshing, made the determining of proper representative standards—in the time necessary—difficult. The fitness of these standards as adopted, has been questioned in some quarters. This, as inspector, is not my place to criticize, but I beg to take the opportunity of protesting in the strongest possible way, against insinuations made in the most public irresponsible manner, that these standards have not been worked up to. The statute governing this matter, makes such simple full provision for grievances that there is no reconciling their making such public complaint with the fact, that of the many cars inspected, they have not once asked for an arbitration, nor in any way made use of the board regularly constituted for that purpose—vide evidence enough surely of their want of grounds for protest and the integrity of the inspection.

DAVID HORN,  
Grain Inspector.

Cars of grain inspected at Winnipeg district for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1892. (650 bushels each.)

WHEAT.	CARS.	PER C.	BUSHELS.
1 hard	424	3	275,600
2 hard	2,043	20	1,743,950
3 hard	2,210	17	1,401,850
1 northern	140	1	91,900
2 northern	131	4	345,150
3 northern	43	1	27,920
1 regular	2,440	194	1,021,750
2 regular	2,038	13	1,363,700
3 regular	648	4	350,200
1 rejected	232	14	103,800
2 rejected	917	7	620,050
No grade	701	6	456,650
Feed	285	21	185,250
Total	13,372	100	8,691,800

DAVID HORN,

Grain Inspector.

The following board of examiners was elected:

Grain—S. A. McGaw, G. R. Crowe, Wm. Martin, D. G. McBean, S. Nairn.

Flour and meal—S. Nairn, D. H. McMillan, S. Spink, F. W. Thompson, C. H. Steele.

Hides and leather—P. Gallagher, E. F. Hutchings, W. N. Johnson, N. Bawlf, F. Ossenbrugge.

The legislative committee of the city council having requested the board to appoint representatives to confer with the delegates of other bodies interested in the question of municipal taxation, the standing committee on taxation was requested to deal with the matter.

The secretary reported on the information received at Ottawa during a recent visit as representative of the Grain exchange on the late amendment to the Inspection act, and other matters connected with the grain interests. The board then adjourned.

## Charges in the Tariff.

Following are the resolutions providing for changes in the Canadian tariff laws:

Resolved. That it is expedient to amend the Act, chapter 33, Revised Statutes, intitled "An Act respecting the Duties of Customs," by repealing item numbered 610 in schedule C, to the said Act; and to amend the Act, 53 Victoria, chapter 20, intitled "An Act to Amend the Act respecting the Duties of Customs," by repealing the items numbered 95 and 122, under section 10 of the said Act; and to amend the Act 54-55 Victoria, chapter 45, intitled "An Act to Amend the Acts Respecting the Duties of Customs," by repealing the item numbered 1 under section 1 of the said Act, and to provide otherwise by enacting that the following rates of duty be substituted in lieu thereof:

Eggs, 5 cents per doz.

All molasses n.o.p., all syrups n.o.p., all tank bottoms, all tank washings, all cane juice, all concentrated cane juice, all beet root juice and all concentrated beet root juice, when imported direct without transshipment from the country of growth and production, (a) testing by polariscope 40 degrees or over, and not over 56 degrees, a specific duty of 1½ cents per gallon; (b) when testing less than 40 degrees, a specific duty of 1½ cents per gallon, and in addition thereto 1 cent per gallon for each degree or fraction of a degree less than 40 degrees, and 1 cent per degree additional; (c) and in addition to the foregoing rates a further specific duty in all cases of 2½ cents per gallon when not so imported direct without transshipment. The packages (when of wood) in which imported to be in all cases exempt from duty.

Paraffine wax, stearic acid, and stearine of all kinds n.e.s., 3 cents per pound.

Glove leather when imported by glove manufacturers for use in their factories in the manufacture of gloves, viz.: Kid, lamb, buck, deer, and waterhog, tanned or dressed, colored or uncolored, 10 per cent. ad valorem.

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that the duties of customs, if any, imposed by the said Acts on the articles named in this section

are hereby repealed, and that the said articles may be imported into Canada or taken out of warehouse for consumption free of duty.

Oleostearine, when imported by the manufacturers of leather for use in the manufacture of leather in their own factories.

Tin strip was'c.

Nitrate of soda.

Lime juice, crude only.

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that the Governor in council may order at any time when he may deem it in the public interest to do so that item 2 under the foregoing resolution shall be suspended for such period as he may name, and that during such period the following be substituted therefor:

All molasses n.o.p., all syrups n.o.p., all tank bottoms, all tank washings, all cane juice, all concentrated cane juice, all beet root juice (.), testing by polariscope, 40 degrees or over, and not over 56 degrees, a specific duty of 1½ cents per gallon. When testing less than 40 degrees, a specific duty of 1½ cents per gallon, and, in addition thereto, 1 cent per gallon for each degree or fraction of a degree less than 40 degrees. The packages (when of wood) in which imported to be in all cases exempt from duty.

And also that for the like period item 2 of section 1 of the Act 54-55 Victoria, chapter 45, intitled, "An Act to Amend the Acts Respecting the Duties of Customs," shall be suspended.

And the Governor-in-council may as aforesaid further order that section 2 of the said Act, 54-55 Victoria, chapter 45, shall be suspended for such period as he may name, and that during the said period the following be substituted therefor:

The duties of customs, if any, imposed by the said Acts on articles mentioned as follows are hereby repealed. And the said articles may be imported into Canada or taken out of warehouse for consumption free of duty, that is to say:

All cane sugar, not above No. 14, Dutch standard, in color, all beet root sugar not above No. 14, Dutch standard, in color, all sugar sweepings, all sugar drainings or pumpings drained in transit, all melado, all concentrated melado, all molasses n.o.p., all concentrated molasses n.o.p., all cane juice n.o.p., all concentrated cane juice n.o.p., all beet root juice n.o.p., all concentrated beet root juice n.o.p., all tank bottoms n.o.p., and all concrete n.o.p.

## Winnipeg Wheat Inspection.

The number of cars of wheat inspected at Winnipeg for the three weeks ended June 25, July 2, and July 9, 1892, is given below with the grading of the same.

Grade.	June 25.	July 2.	July 9.
Extra Manitoba hard	2	2	0
No. 1 hard	3	3	1
No. 2 hard	53	72	49
No. 3 hard	78	89	49
No. 1 Northern	0	1	1
No. 2 Northern	7	17	7
No. 3 Northern	5	6	4
No. 2 White type	0	0	1
No. 1 Regular	48	35	41
No. 2 Regular	27	32	38
No. 3 Regular	7	9	6
No. 1 Rejected	2	2	3
No Grade	57	69	45
Rejected	14	14	19
Feed Wheat	0	0	1
Total	308	351	266

Total inspected for the three weeks, as above, 928 cars. Total inspected for the corresponding three weeks of last year, 67 cars. For the twelve months ended June 30 last, 13,372 cars of wheat were inspected at Winnipeg, or equal to 8,691,800 bushels. Of this 40 per cent. graded hard, 5 per cent. northern, 38 per cent. was classed in the three grades of "regular wheat," and the balance—17 per cent.—went rejected, no grade, etc.