

No. 2. Manitoba Hard Wheat shall be sound and reasonably cleaned, weighing not less than 58 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least two-thirds of Red Fife Wheat grown in Manitoba or the North-West Territories of Canada.

No. 1 Hard White Fife Wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than three-fourths of Hard White Fife Wheat grown in Manitoba or the North-West Territories of Canada.

GRADES.

Immediately after the appearance of the Official Gazette, the Boards of Trade in Toronto and Montreal appointed deputations to wait on the Dominion Government with strong protests against the carrying into effect, at once, of the provisions of the amended act. The result was that another Order-in-Council was issued, bearing date of 4th January, 1888, cancelling that of 22nd December, 1887, thus leaving our standards as they were. There is no doubt but that a certain amount of confusion would have resulted to exporters who have placed their samples and sold from them, but it certainly is a great pity that through the grades in force being extremely high the export figures will show a comparatively small amount of No. 1 Hard Wheat as going out of the country this year, the bulk of the crop ranging but very little below the standard for No. 1 Hard, which contains not less than 85 per cent. of pure Red Fife Wheat.

Your Council are of the opinion that a strong protest should be made by this Board against the principle that Eastern Boards of Trade, or other organizations, shall determine on and decide on the standards of wheats grown only in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories; and that the Dominion Government after, at the request of this Board, gazetting changes in the standards for Manitoba wheat, should cancel those changes at the request of the Boards of Trade of Toronto and Montreal, without even consulting this Board.

GRAIN MOVEMENT.

Your Council opened up a correspondence with business men at most of the principal grain shipping points in the province, with the