

filled the office of Flour Inspector for this city. Mr. Benjamin Rousseau, formerly Deputy to Mr. Phillips, having passed a most creditable examination before the Board of Examiners, was recommended and appointed to fill the office rendered vacant by the death of the late Flour Inspector.

INSPECTOR OF ASHES.

This office is still vacant. If those interested in the business would exert themselves to place it on a more healthy footing, it might be easily revived, much to the advantage of the city.

FLOUR AND MEAL.

The Board of Examiners held their annual meeting and duly selected and passed the standard samples of the various grades of flour, which are now in the custody of the Secretary.

FISH AND OIL.

The Council have repeatedly pressed upon the Government the necessity for a compulsory inspection of Fish and Oil—a measure often promised and urgently needed, and they hope that at the ensuing session a bill will be submitted to Parliament.

CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

This body, composed altogether of proprietors paying considerable taxes to the city revenue, and organized for the purpose of promoting reform and efficiency in the management of the Corporation, have secured the rooms of the Board for their meetings, at a rental of fifty dollars per annum.

SHIP-BUILDING.

The Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee, specially named to investigate this most valuable branch of industry, addressed a number of questions to your Council on the present position and future prospects of the trade, more especially with reference to the construction of composite ships, in the chief ports of the Dominion, which questions have received the serious attention of the Council. The trade in the construction of sea-going vessels in Canada is languishing to a great extent, and with the increased demand for iron vessels and the advancing price of timber used in ship-building, fears are entertained it will continue to diminish. In the interest of our working population, the urgent necessity for the introduction of the new system of building composite ships must be apparent to every one, and your Council trust the Federal Government will not allow the next session of Parliament to pass over without offering some encouragement to builders to try the experiment.

RECIPROCITY.

In September last your Council presented a Petition to His Excellency the Governor General in Council, praying that no Reciprocity Treaty be

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