

The Wheat Grades.

The Council of the Winnipeg Board of Trade met Wednesday afternoon to consider a report made to it by the board of grain examiners on the question of the Inspection Act now in force so far as it deals with the inspection of Manitoba wheat.

Following is the general line of the report:—

"Your committee find on comparing the requisities for grading in the Canadian Act and its amendments with those required by law in the State of Minnesota and the Territory of Dakota, that while the latter for No. 1 hard only calls for a wheat composed mostly of Scotch fye, the Canadian standard demands a wheat containing no less than 85 per cent. of the same hard variety.

Your committee also find that the grade of No. 1 northern in Minnesota and Dakota calls for a wheat containing not less than 50 per cent. of red fye which is the same as is required in Canada.

Your committee desire to draw to your notice that in Minnesota and Dakota there is a latitude allowed to the representatives of boards of trade who arrange the standards each year, which is not allowed by the Canadian act to similar representatives in Canada, and with this power in their hands the Minnesota and Dakota board representatives are enabled to arrange their standards each year in keeping with the season's crop peculiarities.

Your committee wish to advise that the board of grain examiners and the council of the Board of Trade take steps to have the following changes made in the Inspection act of the Dominion:—

1st. Your committee is anxious that the reputation of Manitoba for the production of the best red Fye wheat should be maintained, and in order to do so they recommend that the grade known as extra Manitoba hard wheat, which has hitherto been an impracticable one owing to its requiring an absolutely pure red Fye wheat, should be changed so as to make the grade a practical one and yet to afford a standing incentive to farmers to continue, as far as possible, to raise pure red Fye wheat. They recommend that the act be amended to read as follows:

"Extra Manitoba Hard wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than sixty-two pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than 85 per cent of red fye wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada."

2nd. "No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than 65 per cent. of red fye wheat grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada."

3rd. No. 2 Manitoba hard wheat shall be sound and reasonably clean, weighing not less than 58 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less than 65 per cent. of red fye wheat, grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada.

4th. That a new grade be established, which will be described as follows: "No. 1 hard white Fye wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of not less

than 75 per cent. of hard white Fye wheat, grown in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories of Canada.

5th. Your committee are of the opinion that some provision should be made in the Inspection Act allowing to the Board representatives similar powers to those enjoyed by the representatives in Minnesota and Dakota, by which each successive fixing of standards can be arranged to meet the crop peculiarities of each year, at not less than the percentages named in the Act and the above proposed amendments.

6th. That when in the opinion of this Board it is not practicable to send suitable samples of Manitoba wheat to Toronto in time for the annual meeting of the Dominion Board of Grain Examiners at the date on which this meeting is now usually held, such meeting shall not be called by the council of the Toronto Board of Trade for the fixing of standards for Manitoba wheat until the 1st of October, and if this arrangement conflicts with the general grain interests of the Dominion then that provision be made by the Toronto Board of Trade to arrange for the fixing of the Manitoba standards at a later date.

A committee was appointed to draw up a memorial for transmission to the proper authorities.

Business East.

ONTARIO.

J. A. Phillips, marble dealer, Almonte, has assigned.

R. R. Unger, general storekeeper, Alvinston, is away to St. Thomas.

Price & Elliott, saw and shingle mill, Burks Falls,—Elliott dead.

Mrs. Flora Hamlin, grocer, Campbellford, has assigned.

Minaker & Bro., dry goods, Cobourg, were burned out.

A. Mulhall, hotelkeeper, Cobourg, was burned out.

Wm. Errington, carriages, Colborne, has assigned.

Miss M. A. Storey, boots and shoes, Collingwood, has sold out.

B. Goebel, carriages, Galt, has admitted John Clouston; style now Goebel & Clouston.

John Balmer, grocer, etc., Gravenhurst, has assigned.

John Hough, hotelkeeper, Guelph, was burned out.

Wm. Goering & Co., wines and liquors, Hamilton, have assigned.

Wm. Harris, baker and confectioner, Hamilton, is dead.

John Green & Co., wholesale dry goods, London, have suspended.

Malcolm Campbell, general storekeeper, Lucknow,—style now Campbell & Brumpton.

Neil Leslie, tins, Maxville, has assigned.

Wm. R. Gladstone, hotelkeeper, Midland, has assigned.

Calvin J. Cook, general storekeeper, North Pelham, is dead.

Jas. W. Wild, shoe dealer, Orangeville, has assigned.

C. Gagne & Co., tailors, Ottawa, have assigned.

Mrs. Robt. Fair, fruit, etc., Palmerston, has sold out.

Jos. M. Monteith, dry goods, Paris, is selling off and retiring from business.

W. H. Ridley, general storekeeper, Paris, is selling off.

Jas. Wilson, baker, etc., Paris, is offering compromise of 20c. in the dollar.

S. Williams & Co., tailors, Port Hope, have assigned.

Wm. Willard, general storekeeper, Raglan, has assigned.

W. J. Brumpton, general storekeeper, Rothsay, has sold out and removed to Lucknow.

Chas. A. Gamon, drugs, etc., Shelburne, has assigned.

Haskett & Marlatt, general storekeepers, Simcoe, have dissolved.

Mrs. Mills, fancy goods, Strathroy, has sold out.

H. E. Wilson, grocer, St. Marys, has assigned.

R. Bradshaw, grocer, Toronto, has sold out.

J. W. Gale & Co., wholesale dry goods, Toronto, have suspended.

Harkness & Co., wholesale jewelers, Toronto, have retired from business.

Edward Laing, builder, Toronto, has assigned.

Chas. Lowe, wholesaler's cigars, Toronto, has assigned.

Nurse Bros., grocers, Toronto,—George J. Nurse dead.

Geo. Planner, butcher, Toronto, is offering 25c. in the dollar.

H. Travers, fruit, etc., Toronto, has assigned.

A. R. W. Burrows, general storekeeper, Vandecar, has assigned.

Thos. F. Larney, general storekeeper, Varney, has assigned.

F. Miggs, general storekeeper, Wolverton, has sold out.

J. S. Habkirk, general storekeeper, Auburn, has assigned.

J. C. Richardson, general storekeeper, Beeton, has admitted E. Strangway; style now Richardson & Strangway.

Geo. McNaughton, grocer, Chatham, is asking compromise.

A. Spears, general storekeeper, Davisville, has sold out.

Johnson Bros., planing mill, Essex Centre, were burned out.

Stephen Andrews, butcher, Goderich, has assigned.

Geo. Murray, general storekeeper, Hensall, has assigned.

London Soap Co., London, have dissolved; H. D. Long continues alone.

McDonald & Davis, dentists, London, have dissolved; each continues alone.

H. R. & J. F. Gillon, butchers, North Bay, have assigned.

Blyth & Kerr, wholesale gasfitters, etc., Ottawa,—Wm. Kerr of this firm dead.

Chas. Lemon, hotelkeeper, Owen Sound, has sold out.

R. W. Boyd & Co., (Adam Wilson, Propr.), grocers, Parkdale, have assigned.

J. & D. J. Adams, brokers, Port Perry, have dissolved.

Boult & Smart, tailors, St. Thomas, have dissolved; Boult continues.

Rice & Colvin, butchers, Stratford, have dissolved.