

your Council has been informed that they approached the Minister. It is understood, however, from correspondence received from Ottawa, that the Minister takes the ground that special legislation would be required to establish this experimental farm, and that, as no one Province has more than one farm, the Government could not see their way clear to establish a second in Manitoba. As no final answer has yet been received from the Minister, your Council would suggest to its successors in office that they approach the Government in this matter.

MANITOBA'S EXPORT STATISTICS.

Soon after the last Annual Meeting, the Council took up the matter of the export statistics of this Province, as shown in the Trade and Navigation Returns of the Dominion. It was represented to the Hon. Wm. Paterson, Minister of Customs, when he visited Winnipeg last spring, that though Manitoba had exported millions of bushels of wheat during the preceding year, that the blue books issued from his department did not show such to be the case. Arrangements were made with the minister that a Committee of the Council should confer with Major Young, Inspector of Customs at Winnipeg and that any suggestions the Committee would offer would receive full consideration. He further gave the assurance that he was greatly interested by the statements made to him, and he would give personal attention to any plan proposed to secure the objects aimed at by the Committee.

After consultation with Major Young, the following proposition was submitted to the Minister, who now has it under consideration :—