

they therefore recommend that the Minister of Inland Revenue shall instruct the inspectors through their respective Boards of Trade, that they shall inspect Manitoba spring wheat in accordance with the Order-in-Council dated 9th August, 1888."

Mr. Roblin visited Ottawa and laid the matter before the Inland Revenue Department, while the Examiners in Winnipeg represented the situation and all the complications that would surely arise from having no working standard samples, to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, who happened to be here on a visit. It was urged that residents of the Northwest, who had carefully inquired into the features of the crop and had visited most sections of the country in quest of information, were very much better qualified to deal with the fixing of standards than any other persons in the trade could be. A formal request was preferred that the standards should be settled on in Manitoba.

On the 10th October authority was given by the Minister of Inland Revenue to S. Nairn, D. H. McMillan, R. P. Roblin, W. A. Hastings, D. Horn, inspector at Winnipeg, and F. E. Gibbs, inspector at Port Arthur, to assemble and select standards, consistent with the Act, for Manitoba wheats. On the 27th October, Inspector Horn having gathered samples the Commission struck standards as follows:—

Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Manitoba hard wheat.

Nos. 1 and 2 frosted wheat.

No. 1 White Fyfe wheat.

By the direction of the Department sealed samples were forwarded to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at Ottawa, the Grain Inspectors at Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Toronto, Kingston, Port Hope and Montreal and the Toronto Board of Trade. A set of samples was also retained for the Board Room for future reference. It is to be noticed that the grades of No. 3 hard, and Nos. 1 and 2 frosted, are not provided for in the Inspection Act, but were rendered necessary to properly classify some peculiar features of the season's crop.

No complaints have reached your Examiners regarding the character of the standards selected, and the inspection has worked smoothly and satisfactorily.