

Flour Examiners for consideration, the report was as follows:

"In relation to the flour trade with China we beg to report that the samples submitted are ground from soft wheat. The best sample is said to sell in China for \$2.36 per sack of 98 lbs. As the all rail freight on flour from Winnipeg to Vancouver is 70 cents, and the ocean freight 18 cents, it costs 88 cents to lay down a sack of Manitoba flour in Hong Kong. This deducted from \$2.36, the selling price, leaves but \$1.48 per sack, or \$2.96 per barrel for Manitoba flour in the Hong Kong Market, making it impossible for the Manitoba dealers to compete in the Chinese markets."

NEW BOARDS OF TRADE.

As usual the Board has received many applications for information as to the necessary steps to be taken to form Boards of Trade in this western country. Among the points from which applications have come are Virden, Boissevain, Napinka, Melita and Wawanesa, Manitoba; Whitewood and Fort McLeod, Northwest Territories; and Nelson and Kaslo, British Columbia. It may be stated that the General Board of Trade Act, under which this Board is incorporated, is contained in the Revised Statutes of the Dominion of 1886. The Act gives all details of the forms to be complied with in registering with the Secretary of State, and the powers invested in the incorporated Boards.

APPLICATIONS FOR INFORMATION.

During the past year a great many applications have been made to the Board for information on a variety of subjects. Correspondence has been carried on with such as the following: The establishment of a bank clearing-house, statistical information regarding provincial trade, imports and exports, crop statistics, the manufacturing of wire beds, soap and starch, agricultural implement works, railway schemes, grain grading and the inspection system, elevator capacity of the country, the establishment of safe deposit vaults, real estate advertising literature, city statistics, &c. A large number of traveling visitors from Eastern Canada, the United States