

Act was a matter carefully studied in the interests of the dishonest, and for the injury and loss of the industrious, and interfered seriously with the trade arrangements of the Province. Your board at considerable expense and much trouble opposed the measure, and forwarded to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa a petition calling for its disallowance, signed by three thousand three hundred and forty (3,340) citizens of the Province, which was presented by your president, accompanied by one of the most influential deputations that could wait upon the honorable gentlemen. Your board regret to state however, that while the honorable minister and the right honorable the premier of the Dominion admitted the injustice of and condemned the act complained of, no disallowance of the measure could be secured at Ottawa.

Your board are pleased to state that the long-delayed appointment of Capt. Clark as grain inspector for this province was made in time for the opening of the present grain season, and that a system of grain inspection here has already done much to bring that trade into thorough organization.

In connection with this same matter your board of grain examiners, through your secretary, have been in frequent communication with the department of Inland Revenue, regarding the amendments to the Inspection Act passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, and in no small measure are we indebted to its efforts for an amended inspection act, which while it may have some defects, is framed so as to guard well the interests of both grain dealers and growers in the Northwest.

At the request of the leading hide dealers and butchers of the city your board took steps for the appointment of a hide and leather inspector for this city. A board of examiners was appointed, and candidates for the position examined, resulting in the unanimous selection of Mr. W. J. Bird, a selection which your board ratified, and which your secretary has placed before the Department of Inland Revenue at Ottawa in regular form. As yet Mr. Bird's appointment has not taken place, but the delay has not yet been greater than is generally experienced in connection with such appointments.

During the past summer and fall several prominent individuals