

## **SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.**

*Winnipeg, 5th February, 1889.*

*To the President and Members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade :*

GENTLEMEN :—

The Board of Grain Examiners present a semi-annual report so that the whole question of the Manitoba grain standards may be laid before you.

The Annual Report of the Examiners of last year, adopted by the Board on the 3rd July, contains all the details of the changes made in the schedule of wheat grades, in the Inspection Act, up to that date. The proposed draft of changes, sent out by the Department of Inland Revenue on the 7th of June, was afterwards adopted by the Government and the Order-in-Council gazetted on the 9th August, the changes taking effect on the 1st September.

On the 28th September the general grain committee of this Board had chosen from a large collection of samples, obtained from many districts of the Province and Northwest Territories, those that would best meet the requirements of the inspection act for the different grades. Messrs. D. G. McBean, R. P. Roblin and S. Nairn were elected by the grain examiners as delegates to attend the annual meeting in Toronto. Taking charge of some 30 sacks of grain samples ; which were conveyed as baggage free of charge by the kindness of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., the delegates proceeded to Toronto, where they arrived on Oct. 1st, the day of meeting.

Owing to the peculiar features of the wheat crop it was impossible to obtain samples for some of the grades defined in the Act, as no such wheat appeared. The Dominion Examiners, after a lengthy discussion, passed the following resolution :—

“Whereas, in regard to Manitoba and Northwestern wheat the delegates not being able to come to any satisfactory conclusion sufficient to enable them to fix standard samples of these wheats,