Winnipeg, 2nd September, 1899.

Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere,
Minister of Inland Revenue, Ottawa.

Dear Sir: I am instructed by the Winnipeg Board of Trade to bring to your notice the fact that the Inspection Act of Canada makes no provision for the grading and inspection of flax seed. As considerable flax seed is now raised in the Province of Manitoba—300,000 bushels this year—representations have been made to this Board that it is advisable that flax seed should be inspected at Winnipeg, so as to secure to the producer the full value of his product.

This Board respectfully requests you to issue such instructions, as you may deem necessary, to inspectors of grain in the Manitoba Inspection Division to enable owners and shippers of flax seed to have their grain graded, and certificates issued therefor.

Under instructions, I beg to submit for your consideration a draft schedule of flax seed grades that our Grain Section, after much consideration, have prepared for submission to you.

MEMO OF PROPOSED FLAX SEED GRADES.

All flax seed inspected shall be classed according to quality and condition, as follows:—

No. 1 Manitoba flax seed shall be mature, sound, dry and sweet, free from mustiness, and containing not more than ten per cent. of damaged seed, and having a weight of not less than fifty-three pounds to the measured bushel of commercially pure seed.

No. 2 shall be the same as No. 1, except that it may contain