

Winnipeg Board of Trade.

The council of the board of trade met at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, an hour before the full board assembled. The resignation of W. J. Akin as treasurer of the board was accepted, he having removed from the city, and Geo. J. Moulton was elected in his place. The members of the council expressed their regret at losing the services of Mr. Akin as treasurer. The full board met at 4 o'clock and proceeded to discuss matters of interest with General Manager Mollen and General Traffic Manager Hannaford of the Northern Pacific Railway Co. Mr. Mollen gave an unqualified denial to the rumor that the Northern Pacific Ry people had even considered any proposition to transfer, lease or in any way dispose of their rights in the N. P. & M. Ry. He stated that the company proposed to hold and operate the road in the future as in the past. The purchasing agent of the road had been instructed to purchase in Manitoba every article for use by the road that could be obtained here, and that the company not only intended to complete and open the new hotel, but to make such additions to their general railroad properties here as would place the road in the very best position. The authorities had the most friendly feeling to this country and desired to build up the country for their mutual advantage. He would be glad to receive from business men here suggestions as to the policy of the road in affording facilities for the conduct of business in this country so that the smoothest relations should exist between the community and the management of the road. Mr. Hannaford discussed with several members present details of traffic arrangements now existing, and said the officers of the road would do everything in their power for affording facilities for shipping by the Northern Pacific railway. He asked that business men should recognize that it was to their own interest to give a fair share of their business to this line.

The question of the Transfer railway having been brought up Mr. Mullen stated that he had given orders for plans to be prepared at once and would ask the money necessary to complete the construction as soon as possible. After a general conversation between the railway people and the members of the board the officials took their departure and the board resumed ordinary business.

REPORTS.

Annual reports were received and adopted from the grain, hide and flour examiners.

The board of grain examiners reported having sent delegates to the meeting of representatives of the board of trade last year. The report continues:

"As it has been found by practical experience that almost every season produces some wheat which it is impossible to class in the schedule of grain defined by the inspection Act and do justice to producers and handlers of the grain we would recommend that correspondence be opened with the Minister of Inland revenue with the object of having the commercial grades struck by the annual meeting legally recognized when the minister considers it proper and necessary.

We also recommend that the general board appoint a committee to urge upon the Minister of Inland revenue the necessity existing for the passage of a Dominion Act authorizing the appointment of Dominion weighmen who will

have the same authority to issue certificates of the weight of grain, in the same manner that inspectors issue certificates of quality and grade. There can be but one opinion as to the extreme necessity existing that producers and shippers of grain in this province should have more protection as to guarding correct returns of the output of cars unloaded at a distance from the shipping point. If thoroughly competent and reliable weighmen, appointed by the government as are grain inspectors, were stationed at such points as command a volume of trade sufficient to afford support to such officials, they could weigh grain shipped from elevators into cars and issue certificates of the fact. The grain trade would willingly consent to pay fair fees for their convenience and guarantee, and we are satisfied claims for shortage returned from destination points would be few and far between, in strong contrast to the unsatisfactory and irritating results now prevailing on all but the Lake Superior and export business.

In April last the Commissioner of Inland Revenue forwarded certain samples of wheat, said to have been shipped from Manitoba to New York and Boston for export, and asked that the examiners should pass judgement to their grades—repeating at the same time certain statements of New York houses reflecting on the Canadian inspection. A full report was forwarded to the commissioner, and a request made that the fullest possible investigation be made into the statements of the New York exporters. Our report was evidently so convincing that notwithstanding our renewed request for further particulars, we are informed, from competent authority, that the samples forwarded by the New York dealers were sent in error, or that they found that they had been mistaken.

The board of flour and meal examiners reported having representation at the annual meeting of the examiners of flour and meal for the Dominion, which was held at Montreal on 23rd October, 1890. A representative was present and arranged that in future samples of flour should be obtained direct from some of the Manitoba mills, for use at the meetings to fix standards.

The board of hide and leather examiners reported that their duties for the past year had been light owing to little leather being tanned in Manitoba, and it is a well known fact that the hides produced in this country are heavier and of better quality than elsewhere in Canada. The spring hides are perfectly free from grubs or warbles, and if carefully taken off and cured as indicated in the board circular of 1887, there was no doubt but Manitoba would soon be as well known for producing the best hides as she is now known for producing the best wheat.

The following report was made of hides inspected in Winnipeg during year ended 30th June, 1891: No. 1, 8,045; No. 2, 4,975; No. 3, 508; calfskins; 1,241; total, 14,769.

The Winnipeg grain inspector's report shows that he inspected 10,200 cars of wheat or 6,630, 600 bushels during the year. The hide inspector reports having inspected 14,769 hides in the year ending 30th June, 1891.

The following boards were then elected for the next twelve months:—

Grain examiners—S. Spink, N. Bawlf, F. W. Thompson, S. A. McGaw, Wm. Martin.

Flour and meal examiners—S. Nairn, D. H. McMillan, S. Spink, F. W. Thompson, Jas. Anderson.

Hide and leather examiners—E. F. Hutchings, W. N. Johnson, P. Gallagher, N. Bawlf, F. Oszenbrugga.

Eastern Business Changes. ONTARIO.

J. P. Sullivan, carriages, Toronto; is dead.
Jas. Bateman, planing mill, Toronto, is dead.
J. G. Tunnor, grocer, Windsor, has sold out.
P. B. McBride, groceries, Windsor, has sold out.

H. C. Phillips, tinsmith, Lancaster, has assigned.

G. A. Quesnel, dry goods, Ottawa, has assigned.

G. L. Pierson, hotel, Courtwright, was burned out.

Dominion Furnace Company, Toronto, have assigned.

W. Tonkyn, confectionery, etc., Toronto, has assigned.

D. C. McArthur, carriagemaker, Martintown, has assigned.

Frances Sawdon, fancy goods, etc., Toronto, has assigned.

Samuel Thorne & Co., dry goods, Hamilton; have assigned.

J. W. Loucks, grocer, Kingsville, is out of business and away.

Bauslaugh & Scarth, general store, Kingsville, have sold out.

Wm. Willis & Co., lumber, London, have sold out; firm now Willis & Kernohan.

QUEBEC.

G. Bernier, tins, etc, Sorel, has assigned.

Hubert Larose, grocer, Montreal, has assigned.

H. F. Poirer, dry goods, Montreal, has assigned.

Paquet & Co., grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

David Courchene, general store, Laveir, has assigned.

Lemieux & Lavigne, grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

McIndoe & Vaughan, wholesale leather, Montreal, have suspended.

Abin & Thibault, groceries, provisions, etc., Montreal, have dissolved.

Roberge & Frere, general store, Black Lake, are offering a compromise.

F. Frappier & Co., wholesale and retail grocers, Montreal, have dissolved.

Caverhill, Hughes & Co., wholesale grocers, Montreal, have organized a new firm, composed of J. L. Caverhill, J. C. Rose, H. H. F. Hughes and W. S. Laflamme, under the style of Caverhill, Rose, Hughes & Co.

At a meeting of farmers of the east riding of York, Ontario, a resolution was passed unanimously expressing the opinion that the proposed increase in the excise duty on malt will have a most injurious effect on the barley industry and asking the government not to jeopardize the barley industry by an increase of duty at the present time, but to secure the additional taxation required by charging a full duty of seven and one-half cent per bushel on the corn used by distillers. A deputation was appointed to go to Ottawa to place the resolution before the Government.