

brigade at once on a thoroughly efficient footing. Finally, the underwriters' demands were so far complied with, that on 6th December they adopted a resolution reducing the rates to those in force prior to 22nd February last.

#### INSPECTION AND OTHER OFFICES.

##### *Flour and Meal.*

Inspector, Louis A. Boyer. Board of Examiners, 1888 :—A. E. Gagnon, Chairman; John Brodie, E. F. Craig, O. M. Gould, Jas. S. Norris.

As when flour was inspected to sample, no mark was placed on the barrel to show that any inspection had taken place, the Board of Examiners, in April last, at the request of the Inspector, authorized that officer to stencil all flour inspected to sample and found sound as follows :—  
 "Official Inspection." "Sound." "....., Inspector." "Montreal."  
 "(Date)....."

A year's experience of the very radical changes in the Inspection Act, in regard to the grades of flour procured at the instance of the Dominion Board of Examiners for flour and meal, showed that they had worked very well, but that another grade is needed, and at the last meeting of that Board, held 25th October, 1888, the following resolution, supported by the Montreal delegates, was adopted :—Resolved, That this meeting hereby recommends that an addition be made to the present classification of grades of flour, by the insertion in Section 31 of the Inspection Act, after the word "Superfine" of the following clause :—"That of the fifth quality by the word Fine."

##### *Wheat and other Grain.*

Inspector, Hospice Labelle. Board of Examiners, 1888 :—Hugh McLennan, Chairman; J. O. Lafrenière, A. G. McBean, Robert Peddie, Adam G. Thomson.

A resolution was adopted at the last annual meeting of the Board of Trade recommending that the Council take steps to place this Inspection Office upon a sound financial basis. The subject was referred by the Council to the Corn Exchange Committee, which reported that it saw great difficulty in advising any interference with the inspection law, but that it hoped the export trade would so improve as to make the inspection of grain more remunerative. In view of this utterance from a body so intimately connected with the grain trade, your Council deemed further action unnecessary.