

done much towards the organization of the grain trade, and has been much appreciated by all connected therewith.

Following up the appointment of an inspector, an application was made for the appointment of a deputy inspector at Portage la Prairie, and an applicant was examined but found deficient in the qualifications necessary for the incumbent of such a position.

The selection of a deputy inspector for this city was also undertaken, and after passing a very high examination Mr. David Horne was recommended, which recommendation your Board ratified, and the Department of Inland Revenue, with commendable promptitude, has since confirmed the selection and made the appointment.

The result of the season's inspection up to the tenth of the current month, according to a report taken from the books of the inspector and his deputy, are as follows :

Grain of all kinds inspected here, 3,668 cars, containing 2,409,200 bushels. Of this 3,536 cars containing 2,298,400 were wheat, 106 cars containing 84,800 bushels were barley, and 26 cars containing 26,000 bushels were oats.

Up to the close of April last the movement eastward on the C.P.R. of wheat was 2,933,744 bushels. From that date to the present month exact figures as to the movement cannot as yet be had, but a fair approximation would raise the aggregate about three and a quarter millions of bushels.

These figures do not include wheat exported in a manufactured state, nor uninspected wheat used by the mills in the city of Winnipeg and other portions of the Province. Nor do they include wheat now in storage at points west and in this city, so that they furnish no direct key to the surplus of wheat from the crop of 1885. The figures on flour exports are not within the scope of your committee's duties, but enquiries made at exporters place them for the season up to the 10th of this month as somewhat over 400,000 bags, which would represent over one million bushels of wheat. The exports of wheat from the crop of 1885 up to the date mentioned, manufactured and unmanufactured, may safely be placed at about four and a quarter millions of bushels, and inquiry shows that there is still about half a million bushels in store in the Province, besides what is still held by farmers.

Your committee take pleasure in stating that although the year