

GRAIN STANDARDS.

The following resolution was passed at the Business Men's Convention held on the 5th of February, 1897, viz. :—

RESOLVED—“That in view of the complications and differences of opinion prevailing in regard to the making of grain standards, some more simple and stable method should be adopted.

“That grain standards should, as nearly as possible, be made similar in quality and value to those with which our Manitoba and North West wheat comes in competition.

“That owing to the continual changing of standard samples under the present method, and the impossibility of European importers having any knowledge of what they are to expect from this country until a large portion of our crop has been marketed, legislation should be asked of the Dominion Government looking to the establishment of a permanent standard under the Act which alone should govern inspectors in their work, thus doing away with the present cumbersome and unsatisfactory method of making yearly standards by a Standards Board.”

This was forwarded to the Department of Inland Revenue at Ottawa, and evoked the following reply :—

Ottawa, 23rd February, 1897.

The Secretary,

The Board of Trade,

Winnipeg, Man.

SIR,

I have the honor, on behalf of the Hon. the Controller, to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 17th in-