

within half an hour after receipt of application for the same, and everything indicates that the practical working of this feature of the Act will meet the necessities of the situation.

WESTERN GRAIN STANDARDS BOARD.

Under the new Inspection Act the functions of the Western Grain Standards Board are limited to the selection of commercial grades of grain, when, from climatic or other causes any considerable portion of a crop is affected to an extent that would prohibit the grading of the grain under the regular standards set forth in the Act. Under the new order of things the Inspectors inspect, according to the specifications shown in the Act, all the regular grades of grain. It was considered advisable that the Standards Board should be called together this past season, and they established the commercial grades of No. 3 Hard and No. 1 and 2 Frosted Wheat, though as a matter of fact only a trifle of frosted wheat has appeared in the markets.

FLAX SEED INSPECTION.

On the 29th August last the General Grain Committee of the Board reported to the Council, recommending that the Minister of Inland Revenue should be petitioned that the Government provide for the inspection of flax seed. The Council endorsed the Committee's report, and the following communication was addressed to the Minister:—