

ANNUAL REPORT

HIDE AND LEATHER EXAMINERS.

WINNIPEG, 7TH JULY, 1891.

To the President and Members of the Winnipeg Board of Trade:

GENTLEMEN :—

The Board of Hide and Leather Examiners beg to report that their duties for the past year have been very light as there has, as yet, been very little leather tanned in the Province, although there appears to be a good opening here for a practical tanner, 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 your Board Circular of 1887, there is 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 Winnipeg Inspection seems to have given satisfaction generally during the past year; and attached herewith is the Inspector's returns of all hides inspected by him at Winnipeg, from January 1st, 1891, to July 1st, 1891.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. F. HUTCHINGS,

Chairman.