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nineteen per cent. of the wheat inspected was no grade. Elevators at Sovereign, Sask., had been supplied with cars on the plea that the grain in them was damp. When it was shipped to the point of inspection, however, six of the cars proved to be straight grade. Mr. McKenzie also informed the Senators that farmers were paying \$15 to have cars shunted. If present conditions as defined by the

Emergency Act were allowed to become permanent the terminal elevators having line elevators would be able to buy grain where they pleased without reference to the sample market. One result would be that they could mix grain and have a worse hold on the grain trade even than at the present time.

That the distribution clause protects farmers against themselves as well as against the greed of elevators was a strong point made by F. W. Green, secretary of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association. Without the present regulations they would make a rush for cars regardless of the wants of others. The existing system was a guarantee of fair play for all concerned in the shipment of grain.

Some good points in favor of the contentions of the grain growers were also made by J. A. Maharg, president of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association, and J. S. Wood, vice-president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' association.

The House spent several interesting hours on Tuesday discussing the estimates for the militia department. It was Hon. Sam Hughes' first experience in getting money voted, and despite a good deal of criticism, most of it good natured, his votes slipped through with comparatively little trouble. The two most interesting features of the discussion no doubt were the minister's unconcealed enthusiasm for things military and the escape from Liberal members of the House of some opinions quite of the opposite color which have been bottled up during the past fifteen years. With Col. Hughes military training is the beginning and the end of all things good. As one opposition critic put it the minister left the impression on the minds of those who listened to him that the churches and all other institutions could be dispensed with if only the youth of the land were trained as soldiers. They could save their souls by military training rather than by the Grace of God.

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