

MIXING OF GRAIN AT TERMINAL ELEVATORS.

In July the Winnipeg Grain Exchange submitted to the Board the following communication :

"The Winnipeg Grain Exchange has, for some time, had under discussion the matter of the present system of the issue of certificates for cargo shipments of grain by the Grain Inspector at Fort William, and, at a recent meeting the Grain Exchange passed the following resolution :

"That in the opinion of this Exchange it would be in the best interest of the grain trade, and the country generally, if all terminal elevators at the lakes and seaboard were, on and after the 1st September, 1892, declared and made Regular Elevators ; that no mixing of grades shall be allowed in such elevators, and that in the case of the shipment of any mixed cargo the Inspection Certificate shall show the composition of the cargo.

"And further that the co-operation of the Boards of Trade at Montreal and Toronto in placing in operation the above system be requested by this exchange.

"The Exchange would beg to urge your Board to take action and use its influence in making "regular" elevators free from mixing so that in effect, grain shall leave the elevator of the same grade under which it was inspected in ; and that in the case of cargoes in elevators, the Inspector shall designate on his certificate the several grades and their quantities composing the cargo. This system is followed at Duluth and is beyond question the correct one."

"In a recent letter to the Exchange on this subject Mr. W. C. Van Horn writes : "The manipulation of grain at terminal or transfer elevators I hold to be wrong in principle. This practice in many of the private elevators of the United States has been a source of scandal."

The Board referring the matter to the Council, the latter, after consulting with the General Grain Committee, indorsed the resolution, and a copy was forwarded to the Minister of Inland Revenue. The matter was again brought before the Council by some members of the Grain Committee with a request that their decision be rescinded, but on referring the resolution to the Committee it was returned endorsed by a majority of that body. The Department of Inland Revenue, having received similar resolutions from Boards of Trade in Manitoba and Eastern Canada, approved of the principle