

and carefully considering the facts secured, unanimously resolved to urge upon you that the duty on oats and oatmeal be equalized, it being an anomaly that the duty on the raw material should be double that of the manufactured article from such material; and that the Board would not venture to suggest either that the duty on oats be lowered, or that on the meal be increased. It was considered that any action taken by you in equalizing the duty would be based on the general policy of the Government.

We may, however, state for your information, that the millers advocated that, as the duty on oats was a specific one, it would be best that the duty on the meal be also made specific, and placed at 60c per hundred pounds, which would be equal to the duty on the quantity of oats required to make 100 lbs. of meal.

For the Winnipeg Board of Trade,

We have the honor to be, Sir,

(Signed) D. W. BOLE,
President.

(Signed) C. N. BELL,
Secretary.

A communication has been received from the Minister, in which he promises to give full consideration to the claims of the oatmeal millers.

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