

have to charge about $8\frac{3}{4}$ cents per bushel to have the same revenue as the Farmers' Elevator had on a charge of $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per bushel. The whole elevator system of the three Provinces would have to charge about 6¢ on every bushel they received to have a revenue proportionately equal to the Miami farmers' elevator.

We submit that a Government elevator at every shipping point in the three Provinces would be in a similar position to that in which the farmers' elevators now are. The storage capacity has increased at interior points during 1908 by nearly 4,000,000 bushels,—now standing at about 43,300,080 bushels. Up to the 30th of November they received about 43,400,000 bushels, having at that date thirteen millions in store. Nothing can be more eloquent than those figures showing the need that exists of the Government taking control of and regulating the storage system in order to husband the resources of our farm population.

The system now in operation permits the elevator owners to charge enough to make the operating of the elevators pay, regardless of the quantity of grain they handle. Nothing short of Government intervention will prevent the continuance of duplication of elevators.

You will recall that, at our conference at Regina, we discussed the advisability of operating the proposed system by an independent commission. We are of the opinion that this method would be the most satisfactory to all concerned.

We are pleased to note your assurance and willingness to co-operate with us in any measure or measures that will place the agriculturists in a more advantageous position to carry on their labor, and inasmuch as we are of the opinion from your own memorandum that no constitutional or legislative difficulty exists to prevent the Provinces granting the demands we made on behalf of and in the interests of the Grain Growers of the three Provinces, we shall be glad to receive from you at an early date, an assurance that you will accede to our requests just as soon as you can provide for the necessary financial arrangements to inaugurate the proposed system.

(Signed) R. McKENZIE,

Secretary Interprovincial Council.

Location	Purchased from	Capacity.	Date of Erection.	Cost.	Valuation by Arbitration
Altamont	Dominion	24,000	1902	5,390.00	
Dauphin	"	24,000	1896	5,795.00	"
Elva	"	25,000	1895	5,753.20	"
Greenway	"	15,000	1902	4,679.70	"
Glenora	"	28,000		6,000.00	"
Hartney	"	25,000	1900	5,600.00	"
Homeood	"	25,000	1901	5,768.40	"
Hilton	"	30,000	1901	7,388.15	"
Létellier	"	24,000	1907	6,023.95	"
Miami	"	23,000	1897	5,400.00	"
Ninga	"	24,000		5,960.00	"
Napinka	"	28,000	1904	6,280.45	"
Nesbitt	"	28,000	1895	5,966.00	"
Oakburn	"	30,000	1900	6,242.45	"
Roland	"	25,000		5,675.00	"
Shoal Lake	"	22,000	1887	3,725.00	"
Stockton	"	22,000	1895	5,418.80	"
Silver Plains	"	15,000	1899	4,751.17	"
Treherne	"	24,000	1895	5,550.00	"
		461,000		\$107,673.29	Average 23.42