



The Government Bill

The following is a Copy of the Elevator Bill proposed by the Manitoba Government, and which the Grain Growers' Elevator Committee refused to accept

BILL

An Act Respecting a System of Government Grain Elevators

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as "The Manitoba Government Grain Elevators Act."

2. The Government of Manitoba shall have power to purchase, lease, construct, maintain and operate grain elevators at any place or places in the province.

3. The said Government shall have all power to acquire by way of expropriation from any person or corporation, except railway companies under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, any existing grain elevators and the land used in connection therewith, or any existing leases thereof, and any adjoining land which it may be desirable to acquire for use in connection with the maintenance or operation of such grain elevators, and, for the purposes of this section, the words "grain elevator" shall be taken to include all lands, leases, plant, supplies, buildings, works, rights, franchises, easements, assets and property of any kind, owned, held or used for the purposes of or in connection with any such grain elevator or with the operation thereof.

4. The price to be paid by the said Government for any property so purchased may be fixed by agreement between the owners and the Commissioners hereinafter referred to, but, if it be not so fixed, it may be determined in the manner and by the proceedings provided by "The Manitoba Expropriation Act," and the said Commission shall employ valuers to report to them from time to time what would be the reasonable and fair valuation of any such property.

5. In any proceedings under section 4 hereof for the purpose of determining the said price, the same shall be fixed at the actual value of the said property having regard to what the same would cost if newly constructed, making due allowance for deterioration and wear and tear and all other proper allowances, but not allowing anything for franchise, good-will or prospective profits.

6. At any time within three months after the said price has been fixed or determined as aforesaid, the said Government may by notice in writing to the said person or corporation withdraw from the said purchase, first paying to the said person or corporation all cost of proceedings under section 4 hereof.

7. After the expiry of the said three months without such withdrawal the said purchase at the price fixed or determined shall be deemed to be a contract binding upon both parties, and may be enforced by either party as such; and upon payment or tender to the said person or corporation of the said price by the said Government, the said property so purchased shall become vested in His Majesty in the right of the Province of Manitoba, and the said Government may forthwith enter into possession of the same.

8. The said Government shall have power to sell any of the said grain elevators and property at any time, also to lease the same, or any part thereof, to any municipality in the province upon such terms as may be fixed upon by order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council and mutually agreed upon between the parties.

9. Every grain elevator so purchased, leased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the said Government under this act shall be deemed to be a public work within the meaning of "The Manitoba Expropriation Act" and "The Manitoba Public Works Act."

10. The said Government shall have power from time to time to issue debentures of stock of the Province of Manitoba, in sums not exceeding one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at a rate

not exceeding four per cent. per annum, half-yearly, and payable at any time not exceeding forty years from date, for the purpose of raising funds required for the purposes of this Act, and such debentures may be made payable at any place

power from time to time to make such provisions and regulations as may be deemed by it advisable or necessary respecting the maintenance and operation of such elevators, the keeping of accounts, the application of funds and other matters of financial or administrative detail involved in the carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

12. The Government shall have power to appoint Commissioners, not exceeding three, for the purposes of this Act and may fix the salaries to be paid to such Commissioners. The said Commissioners when appointed shall have sole charge of the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of all said Government grain elevators and property connected therewith and shall only be removable from their respective offices by order of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council made for

ed by them advisable or necessary respecting the keeping of accounts, application of funds, control of employees, and other matters involved in carrying out the purposes for which they are appointed, the said rules and regulations to be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

13. Neither the said Government nor the said Commissioners shall take steps towards purchasing or leasing or constructing any grain elevator under this Act, unless and until a petition asking for the same signed by at least sixty per cent. of the grain growers contributory to such proposed elevator is received, which petition shall be in the following form or to the like effect:—

"To the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council of the Province of Manitoba.

The undersigned grain growers operating farms in the vicinity of hereby request that the Government of the Province of Manitoba, purchase or lease from the elevator situated at owned by and all property used in connection therewith (or erect a new grain elevator at) under the powers conferred by "The Manitoba Government Grain Elevators Act" and we bind ourselves, each one for himself and not for the others, not to do business with or patronize or in any way make use of any other grain elevator at or near the said so long as there is a Government grain elevator maintained and operated there.

Dated this day of 19

Signed and sealed by the undersigned respectively in the presence of

Neither the Government nor the said Commissioners shall act upon any such petition until they have satisfied themselves that the same has been duly signed and executed by the necessary proportion of all grain growers that would or might be contributory to any such proposed elevator when purchased, leased or constructed.

14. In this Act the words "The Government of Manitoba" or "His Majesty in the right of the Province of Manitoba," and the powers hereby conferred upon the said Government shall be from time to time exercised by the Lieutenant-Governor by order-in-council, and may from time to time be delegated by order-in-council, in whole or in part, and subject to such limitations, restrictions or regulations as such order or orders, or any subsequent order or orders-in-council, may provide, to the Minister of Public Works or to the said Commissioners when commissioners have been appointed under the provisions of section 12 hereof.

15. The provisions of this Act shall have force and effect only in so far as and in relation to matters in respect of which the Legislature of Manitoba has authority to enact the same.

16. This Act shall come into force on the day it is assented to.

Fighting against a gale of wind which had driven balloonists to cover, Louis Paulhan of France succeeded in making a 45 mile cross country flight in a Farman biplane at Los Angeles, January 18. He broke the world's record for such an aerial voyage and won a prize of \$10,000. Until that afternoon the world's cross country record for aeroplane flights was held by S. F. Cody, who covered 40 miles in 63 minutes at Aldershot, Eng., last October. Paulhan made his 45 miles in 62 minutes and 42 4-5 seconds.

The first Hague Peace Conference passed a resolution forbidding for five years the dropping of explosives from aerostats during war. The International Bureau of Peace at Brussels has now addressed to the governments of all countries a proposition to readopt this provision and to extend it to dirigibles and aeroplanes. We wonder if in reality the war against war is not furthered by allowing invention and human ingenuity to do their utmost to make a conflict brief and decisive, rather than by attempting to prevent the clock of development from advancing even in this fearful art.—Christian Work.

At the Aviation Meet at New Orleans, Paulhan, "The Winged Man," made a glide of 600 feet to the ground in his aeroplane.



"Idyl Wild." Farm Home of Wm. Patterson, Birdie, Man.

in the Dominion of Canada or in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, or in the United States of America, and either in sterling money or Canadian currency, and they shall have coupons attached for the payment of the interest half yearly, and such debentures shall be sealed with the great seal of the Province of Manitoba, and shall also be signed by the Provincial Treasurer, but his signature on the coupons may be lithographed.

11. The said Government shall have

cause and the said government may upon the death of the said commissioners respectively or their resignation or removal from office, and from time to time thereafter, appoint other persons to fill their places who shall be removable from their respective offices in the same way as the first Commissioners so appointed.

(a) The said Commissioners shall have full power from time to time to make such provisions and regulations as may be deemed

THE FARMER FEEDS THEM ALL

The politician talks and talks,
The actor plays his part,
The soldier glitters on parade,
The goldsmith plies his art,
The scientist pursues his germs
O'er this terrestrial ball,
The sailor navigates his ship,
But the farmer feeds them all.

The preacher pounds the pulpit desk,
The broker reads the tape,
The tailor cuts and sews his cloth,
To fit the human shape,
The dame of fashion dressed in silk
Goes forth to dine or call,
Or drive, or dance, or promenade,
But the farmer feeds them all.

The workman wields his shining tools,
The merchant shows his wares,
The aeronaut above the clouds
A dizzy journey dares;
But art and science soon would fade,
And commerce dead would fall,
If the farmer ceased to reap and sow,
For the farmer feeds them all.

—Minna Irving, in Leslie's Weekly.