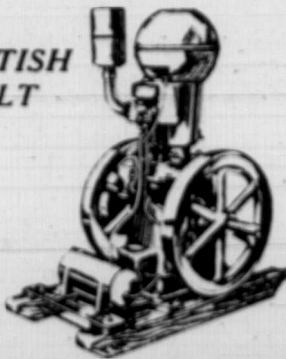


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man Magill gave a ruling that after May 1 and until August 31, the ticket known as "subject to grade and dockage," and otherwise known as the "hybrid" ticket, will be suspended. During that time, however, the board of Grain Commissioners will receive applications for the renewal of the ticket, such applications to be accompanied by a full statement of the reasons as to why the ticket should be renewed. The board, by suspending the ticket, did not condemn it, and did not admit that the case against it was fully proven.

### Country Elevator Tariffs

The present maximum tariff for country elevators fixed by the board of Grain Commissioners is 1 1/2 cents per bushel. The fact that many of the line elevator companies are charging only 1 1/4 cents, particularly those companies that are making use of the "hybrid" storage ticket brought this matter up for discussion before the Grain Commission. The chairman of the commission said that they had investigated these charges very thoroughly and found that about 65 per cent. of the elevators in the three provinces were charging less than the maximum allowed under the act.

J. L. Brown, of Pilot Mound, Man.; F. J. Collyer, of Welwyn, Sask., and a representative from Manitou, pointed out that they could not operate their elevators at less than a rate of 1 1/2 cents per bushel, but that their elevators were necessary in order to regulate the prices charged at their local points. The Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. was represented, as well as other line companies, and they agreed to open their books to the commission for inspection as to the cost of handling the grain thru the country elevators.

At the conclusion of the discussion Chairman Magill, on behalf of the board, gave a ruling that until the end of the present year, which would be August 31, the maximum of 1 1/2 cents per bushel would not be altered. This would mean that any company could charge any price they pleased for handling grain thru country elevators, provided that charge was not greater than 1 1/2 cents per bushel. If, however, any company owning a line of elevators charged less than 1 1/2 cents at any one elevator, the board ruled that the same rate must be put into effect at every elevator owned and operated by the company. He also stated that at the very first complaint received that any elevator company was discriminating in the charges at their various points, the commission would take prompt action.

### Board of Appeal Requested

The Canadian Council of Agriculture appeared before the Grain Commissioners and asked for the establishment of a permanent board of appeal to take the place of the present survey board, so that it would be possible to have a real and satisfactory check upon the present grading system. The following memo was presented to the board from the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and was concurred in by J. A. Maharg, president of the Canadian Council:

We do not think that the needs for a board of appeal would be met by representatives nominated by the Grain Growers' Association being placed on the existing survey board even should the board of trade of the city of Winnipeg or the ministers of agriculture of the different provinces consent to nominate representatives chosen by the Grain Growers' Association, for the reason that a board of appeal in addition to being a final court of appeal in cases appealed from the decision of the inspectors, should be charged with making rules under which all grain (whether that of the different grades) must be graded. Any appeal made to the existing survey board would not only have to be made to the survey board, but would have to be made to the survey board in Winnipeg, and would have to be made to the survey board in Winnipeg, so as to be always available to be called upon to receive all appealed cases, and in that case would not insure the confidence of all shippers any more than the existing survey board does and cannot be expected to discharge the function that should properly belong to a board of appeal.

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