

and grade. There can be but one opinion as to the extreme necessity existing that producers and shippers of grain in this province should have more protection as to guarding correct returns of the output of cars unloaded at a distance from the shipping point. If thoroughly competent and reliable weighmen, appointed by the Government as are the Grain Inspectors, were stationed at such points as command a volume of trade sufficient to afford support to such officials, they could weigh grain shipped from elevators into cars and issue certificates of the fact. The grain trade would willingly consent to pay fair fees for this convenience and guarantee, and we are satisfied claims for shortage returned from destination points would be few and far between, in strong contrast to the unsatisfactory and irritating results now prevailing on all but the Lake Superior and export business.

In April last the Commissioner of Inland Revenue forwarded certain samples of wheat, said to have been shipped from Manitoba to New York and Boston for export, and asked that the examiners should pass judgment as to their grades, repeating at the same time certain statements of New York houses reflecting on the Canadian inspection. A full report was forwarded to the Commissioner and a request made that the fullest possible investigation be made into the statements of the New York exporters. Our report was evidently so convincing that notwithstanding our renewed request for further particulars, we are informed from competent authority that the samples forwarded by the New York dealers were sent in error, or that they found they had been mistaken.

(Signed)

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