

is due to the present system is the outcome of an agitation caused by the low prices paid for wheat "on street" as compared with prices in store at Fort William when the grain dealers got all the cars.

We desire to express our approval of Bill No. 114 introduced by Dr. McIntyre of Strathcona, believing that it will meet the requirements of the Western growers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

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OTTAWA, April 14, 1908.

The Right Honorable Sir Richard Cartwright, K.C.M.G.,

Minister of Trade and Commerce

Ottawa, Ontario.

Right Honorable Sir:—

We desire to supplement our statement of April 10th by the following:—

Memo. of Recommendations of the Conference of Manitoba and Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and Alberta Farmers' Association held at Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 15-17, 1908, re amendments and additions to Manitoba Grain and Inspection Acts proposed by the Royal Grain Commission.

"Appendix A., amendments to Manitoba Grain Act, 1900."

1. Approved.
2. Approved.
2. Disapproved, desire Act to remain as at present.
3. Approved.
4. Approved.
5. Approved.
6. Sec. 28, A, B, C, D, E, F, G and I, with subsections of same approved, but. Sub. Sec. 28 H be amended by adding after the word "separate." "When no special request is made." "But on demand by shipper the identity of the shipment must be preserved."
7. Approved.
8. Approved.
9. Approved, but wish the following to be added to 4a: "Receptacle to be provided by the Elevator Co. and sample placed therein in presence of owner. Receptacle to be secured by padlock to be provided by owner, he to retain key, the elevator men to be custodian of receptacle."
10. Approved.
11. Approved.
12. Approved.
13. Approved with the addition after elevator in fourth line, "or make false statements with regard to the conduct of business of said elevator."
14. Approved.
15. Approved, but change word "next" in second last line to "first." (Sub. Section 2.)
15. Sub. Sec. 2a. We endorse the deposit of \$2.00 provided that the recommendation of the Royal Grain Commission re Reciprocal Demurrage be acted upon, otherwise we most strongly oppose it.
16. Approved with the following addition: "Notice shall consist in posting the names of those to whom cars are allotted in a car order bulletin to be established in the station waiting room. Such names to remain posted six hours before cancellation or order, no part of such six hours to include the time between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. of the following morning."
18. Sub. Sec. 9. Approved with addition of following at end of clause: "This provision shall not prevent two or more farmers from loading a car on the application of one, and obtaining a car on declaration of joint ownership."
18. Sub. Sec. 10 approved.
19. Approved (in part). Insert in Schedule F, directly above space reserved for remarks "the spread between grades to be governed by that existing on day of inspection and this rule shall also apply to commercial grades."
20. Approved with following changes: the words "may

in his discretion" in the second line be struck out and the word "shall" inserted in their stead.

21. Approved.

22. Approved.

23. Approved with addition of the words "as shown by order book as the end of clause."

24. Approved.

With respect to the recommendation of the Royal Grain Commission re providing a grade for "slightly bleached" and "slightly tough" (when dried) wheat, we would wish this passed provided our own proposed amendment mentioned in our statement dated April 10th is not incorporated in the Grain Act. In case our amendment becomes law there is no need of this provision of the Commissioners.

We are particularly anxious that a provisional clause should be inserted in an appropriate place in this Inspection Act, providing that should the provinces or any of them create a system of provincially operated elevators, the provincial operators will be able to exercise the functions of Dominion samplers and weighmen, so that certificates of weight and grade may be obtained before shipment. The following is suggested as a wording of the proposed clause.

"In any system of provincially operated elevators the operators of same shall be ex-officio weighmen and samplers for the carrying out of the Inspection Act on the application of the Provincial Government on their behalf and the taking of an affidavit by each, to properly and impartially discharge the duties of the offices and the execution of a satisfactory bond guaranteeing the Dominion Government against loss given by each officer for himself or by the Provincial government on his behalf."

The making of such provision will free the Provincial Governments from any apprehension that after a system had been created that any barrier would be put in the way of the system yielding the fullest benefit possible.

For the detailed advantages to a provincial system of see the pamphlet entitled "Provincial Ownership and Operation of a System of Line Elevators," copies of which have been filed with the Department of Trade and Commerce and sent generally to Senators and Members.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed.)

R. MACKENZIE,

E. A. PARTRIDGE.

In making the change in the Inspection Act proposed by us we are approaching our classification of wheat to what is known as the Liverpool Standard grades for red spring wheats. But in order to fully conform to A and B Liverpool grades, the weight of one hard should be made 61½ lbs. and of one northern 60½ lbs. Since the elimination of the adjective "red" would narrow the distinction between one hard and one northern and since we have excess weight in our Western wheat, this seems to be a desirable change to make in addition to the elimination of the word "red."

(Signed.)

E. A. PARTRIDGE.

APPENDIX A.

AMENDMENTS TO MANITOBA GRAIN ACT, CHAPTER 83, R.S.C., 1906.

No. 1. That section 3 of the Manitoba Grain Act, chapter 83, R.S.C., be amended as follows:—

Add after the words 'Port Arthur' the following: 'and all elevators east of Fort William and Port Arthur which receive Manitoba grain for storage or re-shipment and doing business for a compensation.'

(Makes the Grain Act apply to eastern transfer elevators as well as the terminal at Port Arthur and Fort William.)

No. 2. That the following be added as subsections 6, 7 and 8 of section 19 of the Manitoba Grain Act:—

'6. It shall be the duty of every public terminal elevator to clean all grain received by them on which the inspector has set dockage for cleaning, except all rejected grades, which shall be cleaned only upon request of owner.'

'7. Public terminal elevators shall pay or make allowance to the owner for all domestic grain of a commercial