

bulk storage in the terminal elevators. The individual lot is merged in the bin containing grain of the same grade, and bulk storing by grade lessens the cost. As the storage is at Fort William, the inspection at Winnipeg facilitates the unloading of the cars and the work of transportation. Were the grain inspected at Fort William and not at Winnipeg, the cars would have to be held pending not only the sampling, inspecting and issuing of certificates, but also possible demands for reinspection and appeals. By inspecting at Winnipeg, time is given for all these, and also for the sale of the grain by the time the cars reach the elevators.

The Winnipeg inspection governs the storage in the elevators, except in cases of cars loaded too full for proper sampling at Winnipeg, cars that have been plugged, cars that have gone out of condition, or cars upon which reinspection has been asked, or an appeal to the Survey Board from the verdict of the inspector demanded.

Re-Inspection and Appeals

If a reinspection is asked, it is given at Fort William without any additional charge. If an appeal is made to the Survey Board, the car is resampled at Fort William, and the survey is held on either the Winnipeg or the Fort William sample.

The inspection office at Winnipeg sends, every evening, by express train to the office at Fort William a sheet showing the car numbers, the grade and dockage, the inspector's notations, the shipping point, the destination, the party to whom the car is billed, and the number of the inspector's certificate. As trains are broken up at Winnipeg, or between Winnipeg and Fort William, a new train sheet has to be made at Fort William. This sheet is made from the car bills and from the Winnipeg sheet, and it shows the Winnipeg sheet number, the car number, the grade and notations, the elevator to which the car is sent and the shipping point.

A grade ticket is then made out for each car and nailed to the car. The grain is stored in the elevator according to the grade shown on the ticket, unless the car has to be re-inspected.

The cars are then switched to the different elevators, a man being placed to note signs of leaks or damage caused by the switching.

Cars that have been held for inspection, or upon which a re-inspection or survey has been asked, or that have gone out of condition, or have been plugged, are all sampled and inspected while being unloaded. As a rule, except in these cases, the grade given at Winnipeg remains.

A daily report of all cars unloaded at each elevator is then made. The report shows the carrying company, the car number, the date, the Winnipeg sheet number, the Fort William sheet number, the grade, the dockage, the seal record, the condition of the car (damages, leaks, bulkheads, etc.), the load line, the inspector's notations as to grading, cleaning, etc., and the weighman's notation. One copy of this report is given to the elevator, one is sent to the Chief Inspector, and one is retained in the inspection office at Fort William. The grain is then taken into store, and binned with other grain of the same grade.

Inspection Out of Terminals

Grading the grain as it is being loaded out of the elevators into the lake steamers presents some difficulties not experienced in Winnipeg. It is easier to secure a fair average sample of the grain in a standing car, than to secure one out of a mass of grain rushing in several streams from a huge elevator into a steamer. Further, the car sample in Winnipeg is graded in the central office and not in the railway yard, but grain being loaded into a steamer must be graded there and then. To sample the grain, send the sample to a central office and grade it there, might mean that the wrong grain would be loaded into the vessel, and the steamer started off with grain different from that called for by the shipper. To unload grain out of a vessel at Fort William would be difficult, as there are no marine legs, and to delay the steamer would add to the cost. The grain must be graded as it runs from bin to boat.

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