

"And whereas, the convention at Brandon on December 17 last, affirmed its position on this point.

"Therefore be it resolved that this committee decline to accept any responsibility in connection with the proposed bill and reaffirm the position it has hitherto taken in connection with this and other objectionable features of the bill.

"And further that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Honorable R. Rogers, Acting Premier. Carried unanimously."

(Signed)

D. W. McCUAIG, President

R. McKENZIE, Secretary.

March 7, 1910.

Notwithstanding the strong and uncompromising attitude the Grain Growers took in reference to the control of the commission and the method of acquiring and operating the elevators the Government would not yield on these points. They seemed more concerned in getting the committee to accept their views and their methods than to concede what the Grain Growers wanted.

When Mr. Coldwell announced at the annual convention that the Government would place on the Grain Growers the responsibility of formulating a plan for acquiring and operating a system of public elevators that would meet the requirements of grain handling in Manitoba, it was expected that they would be prepared to embody in an act features that the Grain Growers regarded as fundamental. The Government in arbitrarily setting aside the advice of the Grain Growers' committee, as set forth in their memorial and subsequently made in the form of a draft bill, assumed all responsibility of their elevator system and must assume the odium of the failure to make the elevator system a success.

After the bill was passed the Acting Premier suggested to the President of the Grain Growers' Association the advisability of presenting to the Government names for appointment on the commission. Despite the fact that the Government did not enact the bill in the form the Grain Growers wanted, and that they refused any responsibility of the successful operation of the act as passed, they were prepared to do all in their power to help the Government make it a success. They recognized the importance of having suitable men on that commission, and that if an effort was made to honestly administer the act, defects