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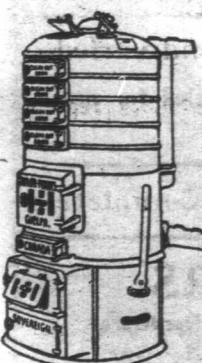
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ELEVATOR SUBJECT

Discussed by Western Premiers
and Representatives of the
Grain Growers from Three
Provinces.

The conference of representative
grain growers of the three western
provinces met the premiers of the
three provinces in the city last
Thursday.

The grain growers present were as
follows:

Manitoba: D. W. McQuig, R. Mc-
Kenzie, J. W. Scallion and Andrew
Graham.

Saskatchewan: E. N. Hopkins, A.
E. Partridge, A. G. Hawkes, F. M.
Gaetz, and R. C. Saunderson.

Alberta: T. H. Woolford and E.
L. Freeman.

The premiers considered the fol-
lowing proposals which had been pre-
sented at a meeting of the inter-provin-
cial council of the Grain Growers'
Association held in Winnipeg, on
Sept. 25th:

(1) That the government provide by
purchase or construction of both,
each railway point, where any consid-
erable quantity of grain is marketed,
elevator facilities with up-to-date
equipment for cleaning, loading and
weighing grain, that the facilities for
the most part be sub-divided into
bins of 1,000 bushels capacity, and
that the system be operated by the
government direct, or through a com-
mission appointed for that purpose.

(2) That the minimum capacity at
each shipping point be approximately
one-third of the quantity annually
marketed there. This whole amount
need not, however, be provided at the
outset, but the storage structure
should be so arranged as to easily
admit of addition and extension as
necessity demands.

(3) That the charge for handling
and storing grain be such as to pro-
vide interest on amount invested,
cost of maintenance and provision
for gradual payment of initial cost.

(4) That a certain per cent. of
the storage (not to exceed 25 per
cent.) should be at the disposal of
buyers of street grain.

(5) That two or more farmers be
granted the privileges of jointly oc-
cupying a bin.

(1) Advantages without the co-op-
eration of the Dominion government.
(a) The abuses incident to the
storage facilities being in the hands
of those interested in the purchase
and sale of grain would be abolished
such as, improper grading, the giving
of light weight, the taking of exces-
sive dockage, the substituting of
inferior quality for that
specially binned by the farmer, deny-
ing the privileges of special binning
to the farmers on the false plea of
lack of space and interference with
the freedom of shipment of stored
grain by the owner.

(b) Adequate facilities for the
cleaning of the grain are not provided
by the elevator companies. The gov-
ernment system would enable the
cleaning of grain to grade require-
ments before shipment, retaining to
the farmers a large amount of
screenings valuable for feeding pur-
poses, increasing their chances of ob-
taining higher grades when grain was
inspected and saving them from pay-
ment of freight on screenings from
point of shipment to the terminal.
(c) Dockage would be no longer a
matter of guess work. The farmer
would be credited with his exact amount
of cleaned grain and permitted
to retain his screenings, which often-
times include valuable grains of var-
ious kinds as well as weed seeds hav-
ing a high feeding value.

The following facts illustrate the
saving possible in this connection: It
is estimated that the 70 million of
wheat of the crop of 1906 in-
spected, contained 2 p.c., or 1,400,
000 bushels of screenings, averaging
in weight 3 ct. a pound, and which
cost the farmer on an average 10 cts.
a bushel in freight charges owing to
his inability to have his grain clean-
ed before shipment. These two items
represent a loss of \$660,000 to the
farmers of the west, which will oc-
cur every year with additions until
abolished by the establishment of a
government storage system equipped
with proper cleaning apparatus. The
above amount would pay the interest
on a sum sufficient to create the
storage system asked, and provide a
sinking fund which would liquidate
the cost within a reasonable term of
years.

The grain being weighed into cars
by a government official having no
interest therein, will facilitate the
collections of claims for shortages
from the railway companies.

(6) The preservation of the identity
of the grain in special bins under the
custody of government officials will
make possible the establishment of
a sample market which will large-
ly correct the injuries incident to a
grading system; when climatic con-
ditions make it impossible for the
grade description to classify grain
according to its intrinsic value. For
example, a slight bleaching suffered
by a large percentage of wheat the
year before last condemned millions
of bushels having the essential qual-
ities of One Hard to be graded as
Two North, making the price
two cents per bushel less than it
should be and occasioning an enor-
mous loss to the producers. Also
this year owing to a general frost
the grading system operated to

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

May Pass Law Making it a
Criminal Offence to Accept
Secret Commissions—Mod-
elled After an Imperial Act.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The government
has under consideration and will prob-
ably introduce at the coming session
of parliament in 1909, making it a
criminal offence to offer or accept se-
cret commissions with a view to cor-
ruptly influencing business transac-
tions in which the employer of the
agent who accepts the commission is
interested. The bill is aimed to pre-
vent the whole system of secret com-
missions, either in connection with
private or government business. It
will, of course, meet abuses shown
by the recent investigation at Que-
bec under Judge Cassels to have ex-
isted in the marine department of
the administration at that port. The
measure has the hearty support of
Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of
justice, and it is understood has been
endorsed by the cabinet in council.

The British Act, after which the
proposed measure will be modelled,
provides that if any agent corruptly
accepts or obtains or agrees to ac-
cept or attempts to obtain for him-
self or for any other person, a gift
or consideration as an inducement or
reward for doing, or foregoing to do
any act in relation to his principal's
affairs or business, or for showing
or foregoing to show favor or dis-
favor to any person in relation to
his principal's affairs or business, or
if any person improperly gives or
agrees to give or offers any gift or
consideration to any agent as an in-
ducement of reward for doing, or fore-
bearing to do, any act in relation to
his principal's affairs or business, he
shall be liable to imprisonment for a
term not exceeding two years or to a
fine not exceeding five hundred
pounds, or to both. A penalty is also
provided for giving or accepting with
intent to deceive an employer, and
receipt account or other document in
respect of which he is inter-
ested and which contains any
statement which is false or errone-
ous or defective in any particular,
and which is knowingly intended to
mislead the employer.

The expression "considerations" in-
cludes valuable considerations of any
kind. An agent includes any person
employed or acting for another. A
person serving under the crown or
any corporation or any municipal
council or any board or guardianship
is an agent within the meaning of the
Act.

As will be seen from the above
the act is very wide in its scope and
while possibly abuses aimed at may
be redressed under the present crim-
inal code with respect to obtaining
goods under false pretences, the new
act now contemplated will make the
offence a specific one and will in-
doubtedly have a far reaching effect
in putting a stop to a custom which
is too prevalent in connection with
both private and government busi-
ness in Canada. The act has been
found to work well in Great Britain,
and although as yet there has been
comparatively few prosecutions, the
simple facts of its being put in the
statute book with several penalties
attached has been found to act as a
deterrent to the making of secret
and corrupt agreements between ag-
ents and contractors and others.

Several members of the Dominion
government have given representa-
tives of the grain growers an assur-
ance that such legislation can be
easily secured as soon as the request
is made by a provincial government.

The additional advantages under
these circumstances would be that
grain could be sold for future deliv-
ery to greater advantage since the
grade would be known. Also advan-
ces on warehouse receipts could be
secured so soon as delivery of a car
lot was completed at the initial ele-
vator, enabling a farmer to discharge
his more pressing liabilities and
market his grain in a more leisurely
manner, selling only when there was
an active milling or export demand.

The effect would be a generally high-
er level of prices for the farmer.
Collections would be facilitated and
transportation would not be demand-
ed at any season of the year in ex-
cess of the power reasonably equip-
ped railway.

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ing the system is that the class who
form the major part of the popula-
tion demand it, and that it can be
granted without placing a tax upon
the remainder of the people.

Assembly Called.
A proclamation has been issued by
the lieutenant governor in council
calling the first session of the second
legislative assembly of this province.
The session is to open on Thursday,
Dec. 10th.

At this session a speaker will be
chosen, and there is much specula-
tion as to who will be the man, al-
though it is conceded by many that
Mr. Sutherland who was deputy
speaker in the last house, will have
the refusal of the appointment.
Legislation regarding rural munic-
ipalities will probably be dealt with.

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kinds, and will bear the happy Ses-
sion's Greetings everywhere.

Willink workers all over the Domini-
on are organizing little bands for
stamp selling. The hospital board is
hoping that over a million stamps
will be sold before Christmas, and the
work for the consumptive poor from
sea to sea will be greatly strengthened.

Other interesting information may be
obtained by writing Mr. J. S. Robert-
son, Secy.-Treas. of the Association,
847 King Street West, Toronto.

Rev. T. R. Scott has resigned the
pastorate of the Presbyterian church
at Oxbow. Mr. Scott is the oldest
minister in the south part of the
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ago. He is well known and highly
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