

the official inspector to inspect that grain and put his stamp upon it, there should then be no tampering or mixing. We have carefully provided for that, but if you go further and inspect all the grain into elevators in Winnipeg, including private elevators it will entail a great deal more work and will necessitate the employment of more officials. But I do not think it will overcome the difficulty referred to by the hon. member for Halton, (Mr. Henderson) because there are elevators still farther back, at Brandon, at Emerson, and at other points where they are receiving this grain from the small elevators along the line. Whenever the small elevators get filled up they ship the grain into a large elevator. Then in many cases they take in grain at certain seasons of the year when it is damp and out of condition. That grain is dried in the elevator and it would be quite impossible to inspect it in. However, when this grain is being shipped out it is officially inspected and it must be kept clear without any mixing after that. I do not think that we can safely amend the clause, in fact, Mr. Horn, the chief inspector whose testimony was very clear and distinct on that point, thought it was quite unnecessary to do that. I would prefer that the committee should let the Bill stand as it is for a year, and then if it is found, as it probably will be, that as the great Northwest fills up there will have to be other divisions further west and that inspectious will be necessary at Brandon and Prince Albert just as at Winnipeg today, then we can adopt whatever amendment is necessary. But in the present state of the grain trade there I do not think it would be desirable or in the interests of the trade to inspect this grain in as well as out, and that was the view taken by the committee.

Amendment (Mr. Henderson) negatived.

On section 75,

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. In section 75, after the word 'or' in the 23rd line I would move to insert the word 'at' so that it would read:

Any grain inspected at Winnipeg or other western point may be reinspected at Fort William or at other terminal elevators, &c.

In the 28th line I would move; that the words 'Canadian Pacific Railway Company' be struck out and the words 'any railway company' be substituted.

Mr. BOYD. Before the Bill is reported, I wish to call attention to a matter which I brought before the House last year, that is the posting on the blackboards of the stations at Fort William of the price of wheat in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. I do not know whether it should come here or under the Grain Act.

Mr. CAMPBELL. That comes under the Grain Act.

Mr. BOYD. I want to be sure, because I want to test the House on the question. I proposed it last year, but was not able to get it in.

Mr. CAMPBELL. That was discussed when the members for Winnipeg were not here.

Mr. BOYD. I know how the Winnipeg men feel about it. They do not want it. All I wanted to see was whether I could bring the matter up here.

Mr. HENDERSON. When the hon. member spoke to me about his amendment, my impression was that it should come as an amendment to the Grain Act. However, if there is a possibility of introducing it here without in any way destroying this Act, that might be done.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. It belongs more properly to the Grain Act.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

#### THE MILITIA ACT.

On the order,

House again in Committee on Bill (No. 5) respecting the Militia of Canada—Sir Frederick W. Borden.

Mr. HAGGART. I ask the hon. minister to let this Bill stand till this evening. The leader of the opposition is not here, and he wants to be here when it comes up. Colonel Tisdale also is going to move an amendment. I thought there was an understanding with the Minister of Militia that the Bill would come up to-morrow.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. The understanding was that we would complete the work in Committee of the Whole, and report the Bill for a third reading to-morrow, when certain resolutions of which notice has been given me by the hon. member for South Norfolk (Mr. Tisdale) may be moved. This is simply to put through certain clauses which were suggested the last time the House was in committee on the Bill.

Mr. HAGGART. The only reason I make the request is that the leader of the opposition left me a memorandum requesting that the Militia Bill, if the government are willing, be held over until he is present.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. There was one clause which the minister or the leader of the opposition were to draft, on which they were agreed. I do not know what stage that has reached. I suggest that the Minister of Militia hold the Bill open until the leader of the opposition is here to-night.

House went into committee on the Bill.