

as to decline to appoint any of its members on the Grain Standards Board, which met here last October.

I am of opinion that the Standards Board, as at present constituted, is altogether too cumbersome and it is responsible for the continual agitation for change which takes place, and which affects detrimentally both producer and dealer.

As our grain comes into competition with that graded at Duluth, our grades should be kept as close as possible to theirs.

The standard samples should be made permanent and graded up to by the grain inspectors, who are Government officials and qualified experts.

The Council has recommended the Department of Inland Revenue to appoint a commission to enquire into the whole grain inspection system, and their suggestion has been endorsed by the Grain Standards Board, but, so far, no action appears to have been taken by the Department in this connection.

The views of this Board on the subject of grain grades are too well-known to require any further remarks from me beyond expressing the hope that they will ultimately prevail, and that the present system of selecting the standard samples will be abolished.

POSTAGE RATES.

During the past year your Board inaugurated a movement by which petitions from almost every place of any business importance in Canada were sent to the Government at Ottawa, asking for a reduction in the rate of postage to two cents, but I regret to say that the Postmaster-General has

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