

This matter can best be determined by first considering the evils incident to the present system of private and syndicate owned elevators which should be remedied. These evils may be summarized as follows, to wit: unfair grading, lack of cleaning facilities, substitution at large receiving points en route to terminals, excessive dockages, excessive spreads between grades in price, excessive freight charges, combinations among elevator men to depress prices, unfair weighing, inadequate special binning accommodation, inability to sell on merits direct to millers and other buyers regardless of grading.

These evils can be best met and overcome through a system of Provincial owned and operated elevators for the following reason:—

1. That there being no temptation for profit, or other personal object on the part of those operating such elevators, there will be assured to the producer the fair and impartial grading of his grain.

2. That through the installation of cleaning facilities in such elevators the grain will first be purged of chaff, weed, seed and other foreign matter, and will be in condi-

tion when placed on the weighing hopper, to receive the true grading to which it is entitled.

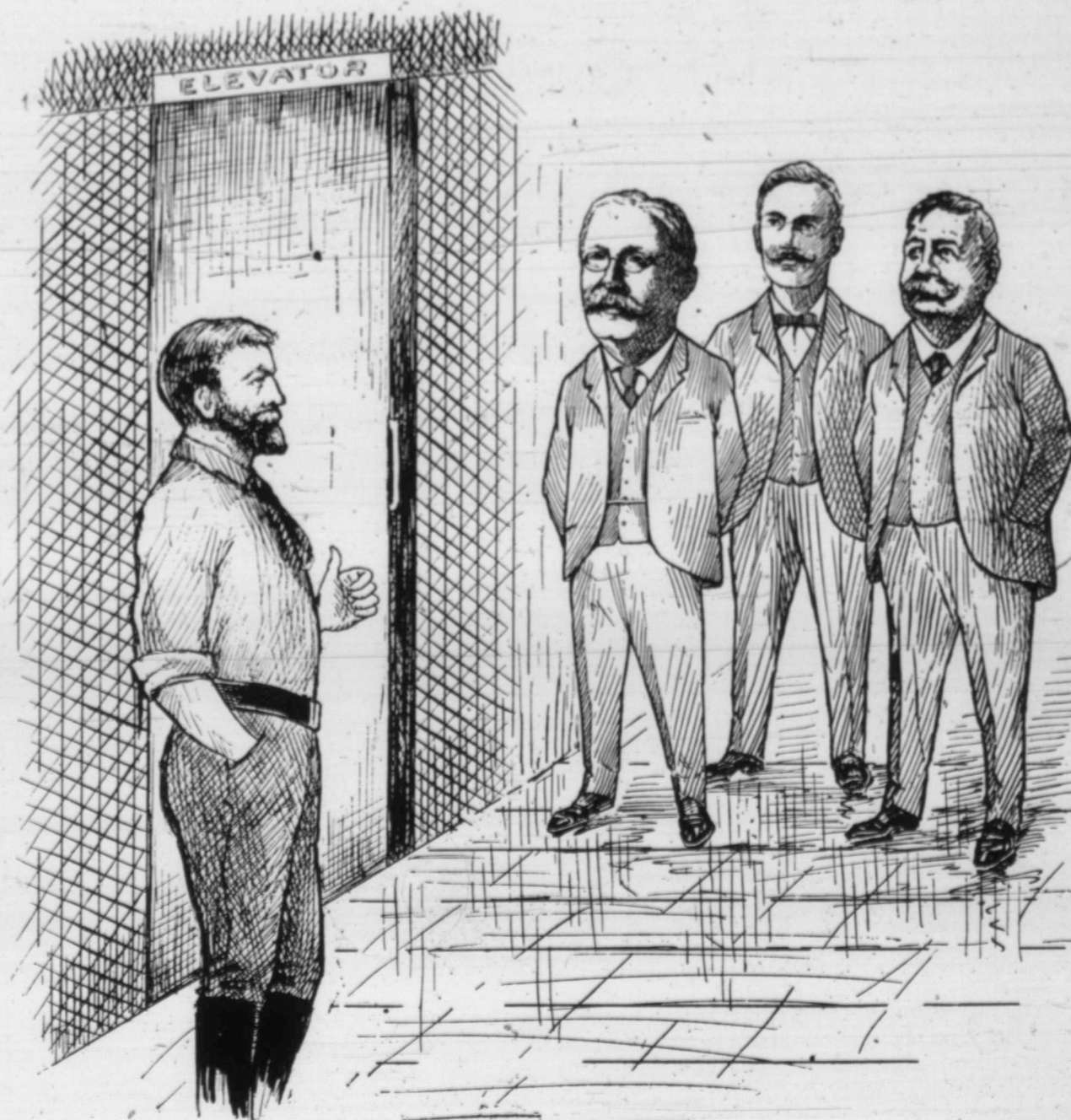
3. That, as result of the last reason mentioned, excessive dockages prevailing under the old system will be done away with, to the advantage of the producer.

4. That all waste arising from such cleaning of the grain can be ground and rendered available to the farmer for feed of stock, instead of going to the terminals and being disposed of at a low figure to large stock growers or favored corporations.

5. That the cleaning of the grain will relieve the farmer of freight charges on the waste, instead of subjecting him to the double burden of freight charges and dockages which he is now forced to bear.

6. This system will equalize the traffic, making it possible to extend the grain shipping season over a longer period, thereby saving the farmer from the loss incident to a drop in prices due to the glutting of the markets by the throwing upon them a vast quantity of grain at one time.

7. This ability to regulate the traffic by distributing shipments over a longer period, will also relieve the shortages and other incapacities of the railways to handle so great



The Elevator Question.

John Farmer (elevator man at the "Three Premiers" Hotel, to the Ways and Means Committee*)—Well; will you take the Elevator or will you WALK?

* Ways and Means of getting out of doing what the people want done.