

Resolutions of a similar character were also passed by the Boards at Portage la Prairie and Virden. As requested, the Grain Exchange called a meeting for the 6th October, and invited all Boards of Trade in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, with those at Port Arthur and Fort William, to send representatives. The full Council were delegated to represent this Board, and several attended the meeting.

The meeting was duly held, there being representatives from the Boards of Trade at Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Virden, Moose Jaw, Regina and Morden, with officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Northern Pacific Railway and Manitoba and Northwestern Railway. The members of the Western Grain Standards Board (appointed by the Dominion Government) from Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Brandon Wolseley, Regina, Port Arthur, Montreal and Toronto also attended the meeting as visitors.

In order to create a discussion the Brandon Board submitted the following propositions:

"1st. That all grain shipped eastward from Winnipeg by the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway should be inspected at Winnipeg.

2nd. That the inspection should be done by a board of three inspectors.

3rd. That the inspection at Fort William should be abolished, and instead the grain to be binned in the elevators there, on the Winnipeg inspection, a competent person being appointed at Fort William to superintend the binning of all grain, and who would be authorized to give a certificate of each shipment out of elevators, showing the number of bushels of each grade of grain each shipment may be composed of; and that there be no charge for such service."

A prolonged discussion followed, the opinion being general, that, as the Inspection Act now stands, it would be impossible at present to adopt the system outlined above. The railroad officials expressed themselves as opposed to the scheme.

The following motion was then carried;—

"That a committee consisting of two delegates from each organization represented at this meeting, be appointed to consider the