

40. On a written application to the commissioner by ten farmers residing within forty miles of their nearest shipping point, he may give permission to any person to erect under the provisions of this Act, a flat warehouse covered with metal of not less than 6,000 bushels capacity, with power to enlarge the same should necessity require it, at such shipping point. Such flat warehouse shall be erected on the railway company's premises after getting location of a siding, and the railway company shall be compelled to give such location with siding on its premises, in some place of convenient access, to be approved of by the commissioner, at a rental not greater than that charged to standard elevators.

Insert the following immediately after section 41:—

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

41a. From and after the first day of September, 1900, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of selling grain on commission, or to receive or solicit consignments of grain for sale on commission, in the inspection district of Manitoba, without first obtaining an annual license, for which he shall pay two dollars, from the Warehouse Commissioner, to conduct and carry on the business of such commission merchant, and giving a bond to Her Majesty, with sufficient surety for the benefit of persons entrusting such commission merchant with consignments of grain to be sold on commission, in such amount as is fixed by the Commissioner, subject to appeal to the Minister. If such commission merchant receives grain for sale on commission, the said bond shall be conditioned that he faithfully account and report to all persons entrusting him with grain for sale on commission and pay to such persons the proceeds of the consignments of grain received by him, less the commission earned on account of the making of such sale, and necessary and actual disbursements. If he does not receive grain for sale on commission, the bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as such commission merchant.

44. Where any warehouse or elevator is at the time of the passing of this Act doing business in the storing or shipping of grain at any point on the line of any railway in the Manitoba Inspection District, such elevator or warehouse shall be allowed to continue to do business at such point, and without the consent of the owner shall not be removed or refused cars for the shipping of grain, notwithstanding that elevators of any greater or other capacity shall be erected at such point or for any other cause other than non-compliance with the law or as next hereinafter provided. Nothing in this section shall affect the right of any person carrying on the business of an elevator or warehouse at the time of the passing of this Act, to continue to do so.