

THE LUMBER COMBINE

IS HARD AFTER US

Because we have dared to make **Wholesale Prices on Lumber to Farmers** and others they are trying by threats and otherwise to hamper our business. But we warn them if they **throttle reasonable competition** their combine will be met by a counter combine that will control its own timber limits and lumber supplies **in the interests of the Consumer.**

Farmers, stand by us in this fight for an open lumber market and, when wanting lumber, send us your list for prices.

We sell wholesale and ship direct from the mills.

McCollom Lumber Co.

14 Trader's Bank, Winnipeg

AS CUTE AS THE ELEVATOR MAN

We are glad to note that one of the farmers of Manitoba is wide awake enough to take advantage of the facilities available to get a square deal in the wheat trade, as far as the local elevators are concerned at least.

Mr. John Nichol, of Beresford, is \$60.00 and a good many times that amount in satisfaction, to the good. But he still would like to know why his neighbor, Uncle Sam, gets 15c. per bushel more for his wheat than he gets.

Mr. Nichol took an active part in forming a branch of the Grain Growers' Association in Beresford last summer and is a shareholder in the Grain Growers' Grain Co., being also one of the largest farmers in the district. The elevator men wanted his wheat and were willing to offer a pretty good deal—at least it looked that way until the wheat was in the elevator. Mr. Nichol consented to put it through the elevator at a 1 Northern grade; if they would not give that grade he would ship it himself. One of the elevator men consented to take it, and luckily there were two witnesses who heard the deal made. When he had a car load (1078 bush.) drawn in they tendered him his tickets subject to grade. Mr. Nichol refused to accept such and had a car placed at the elevator on the 16th of September to have the wheat loaded. The elevator man refused to load it unless he accepted tickets subject to grade; the car was therefore cancelled; and as there was no chance of making a settlement with the local man, Mr. Nichol phoned to the firm in Winnipeg and on the 30th, a traveller came out and offered to ship out his wheat but when Mr. Nichol saw what kind of wheat they were going to ship out as his, badly mixed with white oats, he refused to accept it; as his was perfectly clean. They eventually gave him 1 Northern tickets, and he at once signed for a car which was loaded on October 23rd. Mr. Nichol then sold it on track at 90c, which was 5½c

less than what he would have received had he loaded car on the 16th of September.

Mr. Nichol could get no settlement for the 5½c loss, from the company and wrote to the Grain Growers' Grain Co., on the 22nd of November. They placed the evidence sent in before Mr. D. D. Campbell who consented to look after the case as it came under his line of work, and the other day Mr. Nichol received a cheque for the full amount of his claim and now he says if any farmer wants to know the name of the Elevator Co., and the low down methods they adopt to bluff the farmer he will be pleased to make them wise.

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