

The following resolution was passed for the guidance of the sub-committee:—

“Resolved, That in the matter of appointment of a commission and in the control of the commission we must adhere to the memorandums presented to the Government.”

When the sub-committee received the bill prepared by the Attorney-General, the disappointment was great. It was drafted along the lines of the Manitoba Telephone Act, giving the Cabinet power to acquire or construct elevators under the direction of the Minister of Public Works. The committee at once set to work to prepare a bill embodying the principles that they wanted provided for in the Act. The next conference with the Government the relative matter to the two bills were very thoroughly discussed. After the conference the Grain Growers' elevator committee decided to send the following resolution to the Government as expressing their attitude toward the elevator bill the Government proposed to submit to the Legislature, the Grain Growers' elevator committee finding it impossible to accept the Government proposals:—

“Whereas, at the convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association held at Brandon in the month of December last, a resolution was adopted following the announcement made on behalf of the Manitoba Government, that the Government was prepared to establish a system of Government owned elevators, that the administration of the system should be vested in a commission which should be kept free from political influence and control.

“And whereas, in a memorandum prepared by the undersigned committee of the said Association presenting the views of the Association to the Government, it was defined that the commission be appointed to carry out provisions of an act establishing a system of government-owned elevators, should be appointed by the Governor-in-Council from names to be submitted by said Association, and that the members of such commission should be removed by the legislative assembly alone, in order to insure that such commission should be independent and non-partisan in character.

“And whereas said committee have presented to the Government a bill with provisions embodying the instructions contained in the said resolution and the terms laid down in the said memorandum, but vesting the control of the monies to be expended by said commission in the Governor-in-Council.

“And whereas the Government have in conference with the said committee stated that the Government cannot support legislation which does not provide that said commission shall be subject to control by the Governor-in-Council and have submitted the bill containing the Government's views in this respect, whereby the power