

AMENDMENTS TO GRAIN INSPECTION ACT.

In March last the General Grain Committee of the Board reported in favor of a request being made to the Minister of Inland Revenue that the western members of the Western Grain Standards Board should be called together for consideration of changes proposed to be made in the Inspection Act, whereby all grain passing Winnipeg should be inspected in this city and warehoused in Fort William and other terminal elevators on Winnipeg inspection; that inspectors should grade directly on the Act; that no certificates for straight grades should be given for mixed cars or cargoes after grain had once been inspected, and that the Standards Board should only be called together when climatic causes lead to the production of a considerable quantity of grain which could not be graded under the standards specified in the Inspection Act.

The Minister acceded to this request, and the Western Grain Standards Board met and unanimously adopted resolutions embodying the principles outlined in the above proposed amendments to the Act. The Minister then called to Ottawa two representatives from the Standards Board, and at the special request of that body our Secretary was one of the representatives sent. A meeting was called at Ottawa, while our representatives were there, of delegates from Eastern Boards of Trade and the Dominion Millers' Association for consideration of the proposed amendments advocated by the Western Grain Standards Board. Most of the eastern interests strongly opposed the proposed changes at that meeting, which was largely attended by members of the House of Commons and Senators. After full consultation with the western members of Parliament and the Department, the representatives drew up the amendments desired to be made in the Inspection Act. These were adopted, tentatively, by the Min-