

"And that the port of Montreal be equipped with the most modern permanent elevator facilities by the Government as an adjunct to the canals, thereby assuring to the producer that the minimum charge for the transshipping and storage of grain will be made;

"And also that such facilities be provided by the Dominion Government as will prolong navigation at Fort William to the latest date possible."

However, at a regular Board meeting, held on the 6th of May, the clause referring to American vessels being allowed to take cargoes of grain for export from Fort William to other Canadian ports was specially discussed, when it was apparent that a great diversity of views existed as to the advisability of taking this step, and finally the whole resolution was referred to the General Grain Committee, and no further action has since been taken. It may be stated that the Dominion Government did, late in the fall, allow American vessels to take cargoes to Canadian ports, but very few shipments were made by such vessels from Fort William.

Parliament, at the last session, voted a sum to provide better harbor and elevator facilities at both Montreal and Port Colborne, and the Montreal Harbor Commission have lately leased to a syndicate, largely composed of business men in the United States, room on certain piers whereon to erect immense elevators approved by the Commission, the storage and elevating rates to be subject to the approval of the Commission as well and the syndicate undertakes, in addition, to invest a large amount of money in vessels for transporting grain from the lakes to Montreal and to divert many millions of bushels of grain for export via the Montreal route.