

"2083. POLICE PROTECTION. All railroad companies, warehousemen, and millers operating at the terminal points of this state shall furnish ample and sufficient police protection at all of their several terminal yards and on their terminal tracks to securely protect all cars containing grain, while the same are in their possession, shall prohibit and restrain all unauthorized persons, whether under the guise of samplers, sweepers, or under any other pretext whatever, from entering or loitering in or about their respective railroad yards or tracks and from entering any cars of grain under their control, or removing grain therefrom and shall employ and detail such number of watchmen as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the within section. Any failure to comply with the provisions of this section, and #2082 shall be deemed a misdemeanour. (7708, 7709, 7711)".

This is only quoted to show how this indiscriminate taking of samples led to dissatisfaction and abuses, and induced the Legislature of Minnesota to pass the above Law.

The railways, therefore, desire to protest strongly against the proposed amendment, for the reasons given, namely,-

(1) It would result in congestion at terminals, and serious delay to traffic.

(2) The trouble that would be caused through conflict between separate legally authorized samples, and the difficulty in determining who would be entitled to take the additional sample suggested, and, therefore, that there should be but one sample authorized under the Act to be drawn from each car, which should be taken exclusively by the Inspection Department.

And the railways beg to further impress upon the Government the vital importance of passing no legislation which will have a tendency to delay or interrupt the free and rapid movement of the grain crop of the West towards the Head of the Lakes, - not only are the farmers and the grain trade interested in this, but the whole business conditions of the country are dependent upon the free and rapid movement of its grain crop.

CLAUSE 4. The grain men strongly objected, but reluctantly agreed, to the present clause allowing twenty-four hours, as it places elevator companies at the mercy of unscrupulous agents and farmers, permitting them, after contracting and closing a sale of grain, to repudiate the sale and demand storage tickets if the