

THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR

GOVERNMENT OWNED ELEVATORS

In order that our readers may obtain an intelligent view of the situation in reference to the present storage capacity, we publish herewith a complete list of the elevators in the three provinces, giving the name of each station, the number of elevators at each station, the total capacity, the total wheat receipts at each station for the year ending 31st August last, and the average receipts at each station.

In view of the prominence of the storage for grain, in the public mind, and of its relationship to the continued progress of the West, we commend a careful consideration of those schedules.

Interested parties studiously circulate exaggerated reports of the amount of money invested in these elevators and the cost that a transfer from private owned elevators to Government ownership would involve, and it is of the utmost importance that the men who have already paid for these houses from the proceeds of their grain crops, and will have to pay for any outlay that may be necessary in assuming control of our storage facilities by the governments, should have some knowledge concerning the actual facts pertaining to the situation.

The outstanding feature of the figures given below, is the small average receipts at almost every point. Quite a number of farmers' elevators last season handled more wheat than the total receipts at over 50 per cent. of the shipping points. In some places there are four or five elevators doing the work that could easily be done by one. In another line, when business gets cut up too much, the ones not needed have to pull out. The elevator business has a way of its own. They get together and charge enough for the service rendered to make it pay—whether the receipts are large or small. The farmers have been paying the cost of maintenance, insurance, interest and sinking fund of many elevators whose annual receipts of grain did not amount to 5,000 bushels for some years.

Quite a number of these elevators have no value as a business concern, with the exception of what they are worth for old lumber. Their maintenance is a drain on the wealth producers, and the sooner the business interests are relieved of them the better for all concerned, with the single exception of the handful of men in Winnipeg who are the beneficiaries of the system.

In a future issue we hope to be able to give an approximate estimate of the probable cost of establishing a government system, and in the meantime we would be glad to have expressions of opinion from some of our leading farmers and business men on the question.

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Station.	Elevators.	Capacity.	Receipts.	Average.
Alexander	5	150,000	246,881	49,376
Altona	5	157,000	166,280	33,256
Arden	4	95,000	177,597	44,399
Arnaud	2	56,000	37,020	18,510
Arrow River	3	65,000	67,873	22,624
Austin	3	90,000	144,324	48,108
Bagot	1	25,000	14,600	14,600
Balmoral	1	22,000	6,974	6,974
Bardal	1	25,000	21,700	21,700
Basswood	4	97,000	10,744	2,686
Beausejour	1	10,000	15,028	15,028
Beresford	4	108,000	93,118	23,279
Binscath	5	146,000	65,216	13,043
Boissevain	5	196,000	182,932	36,586

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Bradwardine	4	103,000	154,614	38,653
Birtle	4	103,000	98,564	24,641
Brandon	4	320,000	391,753	97,938
Brookdale	2	85,000	130,993	65,496
Burnside	2	50,000	41,611	20,805
Cameron	2	75,000	22,000	11,000
Carberry	5	135,000	106,800	21,360
Carey	1	30,000	29,665	29,665
Carman	6	174,000	146,542	24,423
Carnegie	2	69,000	71,246	35,623
Carroll	3	92,000	92,428	30,808
Cartwright	3	85,000	100,406	33,468
Chater	2	60,000	76,210	38,105
Clearwater	3	88,000	61,184	20,394
Coulter	1	30,000	11,782	11,782
Crandall	5	135,000	189,100	37,820
Crystal City	5	171,000	75,453	15,090
Culross	1	27,000	23,261	23,261
Cypress River	5	150,000	195,474	39,094
Dalry	2	70,000	75,852	37,926
Darlingford	4	115,000	121,678	30,419
Deleau	2	30,000	56,354	28,177
Deloraine	5	128,000	247,623	49,524
Dominion City	3	80,000	97,940	32,646
Douglas	3	91,000	153,064	51,021
Dufrost	1	25,000	21,452	21,452
Edrans	1	25,000	14,215	14,215
Ebor	1	30,000	37,751	37,751
Elkhorn	4	81,000	172,567	43,141
Elm Creek	3	70,000	95,832	31,944
Elva	4	105,000	133,729	33,432
Fannystelle	1	25,000	22,364	22,364
Findlay	1	23,000	18,518	18,518
Forrest	3	58,000	119,030	39,506
Foxwarren	4	100,000	45,525	11,381
Franklin	5	107,000	94,990	19,198
Gladstone	2	50,000	106,906	53,453
Glenboro	5	156,000	194,992	38,998
Goodlands	4	113,000	157,642	39,410
Gretna	7	173,000	157,943	22,563
Griswold	6	196,000	268,216	44,702
Hamiota	6	150,000	264,811	44,135
Harding	3	77,000		
Harrowby	1	30,000	8,307	8,307
Hartney	5	185,000		
Hargrave	3	85,000	112,323	37,441
Headingly	1	10,000	11,459	11,459
High Bluff	4	116,000	148,478	37,119
Holland	6	164,000	246,291	41,049
Holmfield	3	85,000	45,976	15,325
Kaleida	2	60,000	49,804	24,907
Kelloe	3	82,000	35,951	11,983
Kemnay	2	70,000	81,649	40,824
Kenton	4	116,000	154,897	38,724
Keyes	3	50,000	44,424	14,801
Killarney	5	140,000	111,982	22,396
Kirkella	1	27,000	11,916	11,916
Landsker	1	50,000	60,197	60,197
La Rivere	3	93,000		
La Salle	3	75,000	32,192	10,730
Lauder	4	115,000	185,330	46,332
Lenore	4	116,000	132,966	33,241
Lyleton	3	89,000	18,467	9,155
Manitou	5	195,000	135,889	27,179
Manson	1	30,000	18,440	18,440
Mather	3	82,000	124,423	41,474
Medora	4	97,000	123,131	30,782
Melburne	1	25,000	8,311	8,311