

ing given for that purpose. In return for this the elevator owners shall undertake to pay at all times a price not to be below a limited margin of profit. The owners shall also pay the operators of the elevators."

After proper deliberation, the following reply was drafted and assented to by the members of the council, and the secretary be instructed to mail a copy to each of the Premiers, with a request that they arrange a meeting at an early date between themselves and the representatives of the Grain Growers, for a further consideration of the scheme for the establishment of a system of Provincial elevators.

Text of the Demands of the Farmers' Representatives

"Resolved that we, the members of the Inter-provincial Council, having the verbal suggestions of the Premiers placed before us, and having carefully examined same, regard them as being totally inadequate to safeguard the interests of the farmers in marketing their grain and we beg to reiterate our former request that the Government acquire and operate the interior storage facilities along the lines previously stated, more specific details in certain particulars of which are given below."

"1. That the Government provide by purchase or construction, or both, at each railway point where any considerable quantity of grain is marketed, elevator facilities with up-to-date equipment for cleaning, weighing and loading grain, that these facilities for the most part be subdivided into bins of 1,000 bushels capacity, and that the system be operated by the Government direct, or through a commission appointed for that purpose."

"(2.) That the minimum capacity required at each shipping point will be approximately one-third of the quantity annually marketed there. This whole amount need not, however, be provided at the outset but the storage structure should be so arranged as to admit easily of addition and extension as necessity demands."

"(3.) That the charges for handling and storing grain be such as to provide interest on amount invested, cost of maintenance and provision for gradual payment of initial cost."

"(4.) That a certain per cent. of the storage (not to exceed 25 per cent.) should be at the disposal of buyers of street grain."

"(5.) That two or more farmers be granted the privilege of jointly occupying a bin."

"(1.) Advantages without the co-operation of the Dominion Government:

"(a) The abuses incident to the storage facilities being in the hands of those interested in the purchase and sale of grain would be abolished, such as improper grading, the giving of light weight, the taking of excessive dockage, the substituting of grain of inferior quality for that specially binned by the farmer, denying the privilege of special binning to the farmers on the false plea of lack of space and interference with the freedom of shipment of stored grain by the owner."

"(b) Adequate facilities for the cleaning of the grain are not provided by the elevator companies. The Government system would enable the cleaning of grain to grade requirements before shipment, retaining to the farmers a large amount of screenings valuable for feeding purposes, increasing their chances of obtaining higher grades when grain was inspected and saving the payment of freight on screenings from point of shipment to the terminals."

"(c) Dockage would be no longer a matter of guess work. The farmer would be credited with his exact amount of cleaned grain and permitted to retain his screenings, which oftentimes include valuable food products, such as broken grains and domestic grains of various kinds, as well as weed seeds having a high feeding value."

"The following facts illustrate the saving possible in this connection. It is estimated that the 70 millions of wheat of the crop of 1906 contained 2 per cent. or 1,400,000 bushels of screenings, averaging in worth 1 cent. per lb. and which cost the farmer on an average 10 cents per bushel in freight charges, owing to his inability to have his grain cleaned before shipment. These two items represent a loss of \$560,000 to the farmers of the West, which will occur every year with additions until abolished by the establishment of a Government storage system equipped with proper cleaning apparatus. The above amount would pay the interest on a sum sufficient to create the storage system asked for and provide a sinking fund which would liquidate the cost within a reasonable term of years."

"(d) The grain being weighed into cars by a Government official having no interest therein, will facilitate the collection of claims for shortage from the railway companies."

"(e) The preservation of the identity of grain in special bins under the custody of Government officials will make

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