

sion, the purpose being to secure the right men and keep them. The necessary legislation to be enacted into law at the coming session of the legislature.

"A careful reading of the above will indicate the principles that the committee had in mind which should be followed in establishing a system of public storage.

THE GRAIN GROWERS' REQUESTS

"That the Government shall provide storage elevators at each shipping point in the Province, the expenditure to be met from the grain passing through these elevators.

"That an offer be made to purchase existing elevators upon a fair valuation of their actual worth, or at an estimate at which they could be duplicated under the new system.

"That the elevators could be under the absolute control of a commission of three competent men, who should be nominated by the Grain Growers' Association, and appointed for life by the Government. This commission to be beyond the reach of any party influence, and to be perfectly independent, subject only to a vote of legislature or a hearing before the Court of Appeal.

"That all employees of the new elevator system be engaged by and responsible only to the commission.

"That elevator operators take careful samples of grain stored in their elevator, and also weights of such grain.

"That particular attention be given to special binning.

"That the identity of the grain be preserved from the farm to the market.

"That the head office of the commission be in Winnipeg, where a sample market could be maintained in the interests of the producers as well as the millers."

A discussion between the committee and the Government that followed on the different propositions contained in the memorial made it quite apparent that the views of the members of the Government and the representatives of the Grain Growers on the methods of acquiring the elevators and the responsibility of the commission was very far apart. The Government were apparently more concerned in getting the grain growers to endorse a preconceived scheme of their own, than to co-operate with the Grain Growers in evolving a scheme that would be acceptable to all as suggested by Mr. Coldwell at the Convention. When the first conference ended it was proposed to the Government to have the Attorney-General draft a bill and submit it to the Grain Growers' representative. Before the committee separated, a sub-committee was appointed to draft a bill based upon our memorial, as there was no expectation that the bill that would be prepared by the Attorney-General would meet our requirements.