

CHARGE NOT WELL FOUNDED

Statement That Toronto Grain Inspectors Are Careless Refuted As Groundless.

BOARD OF TRADE WILL TAKE ACTION

Only Change in Certificate Must Be Lower, as Grain Cannot Improve in Transmission.

The jealousy of the grain inspectors of Winnipeg and Port William toward the Toronto grain inspection department has broken out again. This time it has made its appearance in the nature of a report from C. C. Castle, warehouse commissioner for Manitoba, to the Department of Grain and Commerce at Ottawa.

In this report Mr. Castle is quoted as having asserted that the sale of Canadian grain is materially interfered with abroad by the carelessness of the inspectors and his assistants at Toronto. He alleges that in a recent trip to Europe he found much Canadian grain selling off several points below what the Toronto reinspection certificates called for.

Complaint Not Well Founded.

Edward Adamson is grain inspector at Toronto. At present he is out of the city. His deputy explained that there is very little Manitoba grain inspected in Toronto; therefore, the complaint could not be well founded. The Manitoba grain, which is inspected here, comes in with its grade certificate, as indicated by the inspector from Winnipeg or Port William, as the case may be. Any reinspection made here would not permit a higher grading than that on which the grain was shipped in. The only change in the certificate would have to be lower. The rules permit this on the theory that the grain may deteriorate in transit from the west to Toronto, and it cannot be improved by the transmission.

Board of Trade May Take Action.

The Board of Trade discussed the cable criticism at a meeting Wednesday, and decided to secure a formal copy before taking any action. In substance, the cable report charges that Manitoba grain inspection is uniform and regular, and that certificates showing a shipment to be No. 1 hard or No. 1 northern, when issued at Winnipeg or Port William, are found to be correct grading when the grain reaches the foreign port, whereas at Toronto the grading is carelessly done, and sometimes the Manitoba grain is tampered with here, or mixed with inferior grain, which is given a false grade. The jealousy is said to be based largely upon rivalry of certain Manitoba elevator companies as against those further east. The report is calculated to do Toronto inspected grain much harm, but there is not thought to be any truth in the charge.

Undetected Crime in Canada.

Editor World: An editorial published recently in a city newspaper, in which the opinion was expressed that undetected crime is increasing in Canada, brings up the question of the value of our criminal statistics as at present compiled. A recent report of the statistics of the Dominion Government congratulates the people of Canada on a marked decrease in the number of convictions for serious crimes having taken place since 1900. This fact, however, is not sufficient to indicate that serious crime is decreasing. In the absence of any information as to the number of crimes actually committed, a statement of the number of convictions obtained is valueless, inasmuch as it is just as likely to indicate inactivity on the part of the authorities in the enforcement of the law as inactivity on the part of the criminals in the violation of it.

In order that our criminal statistics may be reasonably complete, and that we may know what progress is being made from year to year in the detection of crime throughout Canada, we should have a classified table showing the number of crimes committed annually, as well as the number of convictions obtained, and where, as is frequently the case, a number of people are convicted for completely the same crime, the number in each case should be carefully stated. Each conviction does not necessarily represent a separate and distinct crime. Care should be taken to have the report scrupulously accurate, and not framed with a view to making a good showing from the standpoint of those responsible for the keeping of crime within reasonable limits.

Complete statistics carefully compiled along the lines indicated would be specially interesting during the next few years, for which great things have been predicted by its advocates, and the writer will be more than pleased if the results should be such as to remove entirely the doubts by which he is troubled regarding the effects of this particular measure on the future conduct of our criminal population. William Stark, City Hall, Toronto, Oct. 15, 1902.

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