

Obtain Ticket for Each Load.

A farmer selling to the elevator is protected by law in that the elevator operator is required to make out a ticket, as prescribed by the Act, for each and every load. This ticket must show the gross and net weight, the amount of dockage, if any, price per bushel and total amount to be paid for each load. It also gives the owner or party making the delivery the right of free access to the scales, so that he can satisfy himself that his grain is being properly weighed and a correct statement given. In case of a dispute as to the grade or dockage, the owner can demand that a sample of his grain be drawn from the load at the time of delivery, and sealed up and mailed to the chief inspector at Winnipeg, who is required to grade it and assess the dockage on such sample. The inspector's decision is final and binding on each party.

Many farmers are in the habit of asking an elevator operator to make out only one ticket when they deliver several loads at the same time, and where grain is being delivered directly from the thresher, very often an arrangement is entered into between the owner of the grain and the elevator operator that a record shall be kept until the threshing is completed and all deliveries made, when one large ticket covering all the deliveries is made out. I want to warn you against this method. We find it invariably causes trouble and leads to many investigations as to whether the farmer had received a correct statement of the grain delivered. It is very easy for the operator of an elevator, where grain is being delivered in large quantities in the fall of the year, to make a mistake in keeping a proper record of the loads delivered in such a manner, and the farmer himself, while he may attempt to keep tally of his own loads, is usually so busily engaged looking after his threshing that he is often unable to swear positively to the actual number of loads delivered. If a farmer has any suspicion that the elevator operator may be going to take any advantage of him, this is the very way to give him opportunity to do so.

Graded Ticket.

A farmer may store his grain in a country elevator and receive a graded ticket for it. When this is done the elevator company must at some future time deliver to him, either on track in his car, or into a terminal elevator, grain of equal quality and net weight as the ticket shows to have been delivered. A farmer storing grain in this way has the right to demand that, in shipping this grain, the shipping bill shall be made out according to his direction. Once the grain is unloaded and the certificate of grade and weights issued, he may demand the delivery of his grain from the elevator company by handing over all tickets and paying the storage charges. If at the time of making delivery to the country elevator he is not satisfied with the grade given by the local operator, he can have a sample drawn in a way similar to that described when discussing cash grain. The decision of the chief inspector is then binding with both parties.

Special Bin Ticket.

If the elevator company has an empty bin that they are willing to place at the disposal of the shipper this grain may be stored in such a manner as to preserve its identity, in which case the elevator need