

## THE MANITOBA GRAIN ACT, 1902.

## Full Text of the Measure Passed at the Recent Session of Parliament.

Below we give the full text of the government measure, in amendment of the Manitoba Grain Act of 1891, as it passed Parliament at its late sitting: His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. In the Manitoba Grain Act, 1891, unless the context otherwise requires: (a) The expression, "operator," or the expression, "lessee," shall include any buyer of grain having allotted to him any storage or working space or bin or bins in any elevator or warehouse;

(b) The expression, "Commissioner," means the warehouse commissioner for the Inspection District of Manitoba; and

(c) The expression, "Minister of Internal Revenue," shall mean the "Minister of Trade and Commerce."

2. Sub-section 1 of section 31 of the said Act is amended by inserting between the words "shall" and "keep," in the second line thereof, the words "provide the first six standard grades of wheat established and described in The General Inspection Act, as amended by chapter 25 of the statutes of 1891, and, further, amended by chapter 24 of the statutes of 1891, and shall, as far as practicable, in the opinion of the commissioner."

3. Sub-section 1 of section 31 of the said Act is repealed and the following sub-section is substituted therefor:

"41. On a written application to the commissioner by any person residing within forty miles of his nearest shipping point, he may give permission to such person to erect, under the provisions of this Act, a flat warehouse, covered with material, with power to enlarge it should necessity require it, at such shipping point. Such flat warehouse shall be erected on the railway company's premises after getting location of a siding, and the railway company shall be compelled to give such location with siding on its premises, in some place of convenient access to be approved of by the commissioner, at a rental not greater than that charged to standard elevators. If, in the judgment of the Commissioner, more than one such warehouse is required at a station, one or more additional warehouses may be authorized by him, and in that case all the provisions of this section shall apply to the construction of such warehouses."

4. Sub-section 8 of the said section 31 is repealed.

5. Section 42 of the said Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

"42. On a written application to the commissioner by ten farmers resident within twenty miles of their nearest shipping point and on the approval of the application, the railway company shall, within the time hereinafter mentioned, erect and maintain at such point a loading platform, as hereinafter described, suitable for the purpose of loading grain from vehicles direct into the yard, at a siding, which the railway company shall provide on its premises in some place convenient of access to be approved by the commissioner, and shall maintain at least ten feet and of such dimensions and be constructed of such materials and in such manner as the commissioner designates, and in the case where there is not station yard at such siding as the commissioner may prescribe, except at crossing sidings reserved for crossing purposes only."

"Such loading platforms may be used free of charge for the loading of grain."

"43. The railway company shall construct such loading platform within thirty days after the application is made to such company by the commissioner, unless prevented by strikes or other unforeseen causes, and shall be held liable to pay a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars for each day's delay beyond that time. The period in which the commissioner may receive such applications shall be between the fifteenth of April and the fifteenth of October."

"55. Railway companies shall furnish cars to farmers, without undue delay, for the purpose of being loaded at such loading platform; and at any shipping point where there is no loading platform, cars shall be furnished by the railway company, without undue delay, for loading grain direct from vehicles."

6. Section 47 of the said Act is repealed, and the following is substituted therefor:

"47. From and after the first day of July, 1902, all moneys collected under the provisions of this Act, and all inspection fees upon grain inspected within the Manitoba district, as provided for under section 35 of the schedule to chapter 25 of the statutes of 1891 shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act or in the said chapter 25 or the schedule thereto, be paid through the chief grain inspector of the Manitoba district into, and shall form part of, the consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, and accounts thereof shall be kept by the said chief inspector in such manner and in such detail as is from time to time determined by the Minister of Trade and Commerce."

7. Section 27 of the said Act is repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:

"52. Any person, firm or corporation guilty of an infraction of, or failing to comply with, any provisions of this Act for which a penalty is not in this Act provided, or of any rule or regulation made pursuant to this Act, shall, on summary conviction, in addition to any other punishment prescribed by the law, be liable to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, and, in default of payment, to imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than one year."

"58. At each station where there is a railway agent and where grain is shipped under such agent, an order book for cars shall be kept for each shipping point under such agent, open to the public, in which applicants for cars shall make order. Applicants may make order according to their requirements; or, if ordered, shall be awarded to applicants according to the order in time in which such orders appear on the order book, without discrimination between elevator, the loading platform or otherwise; and any applicant who fails to load the said car or cars within twenty-four hours from the time such cars are furnished by the railway company, shall lose his right so far as such car or cars are not so loaded."

"59. When the railway company is unable, from any reasonable cause, to furnish cars at any shipping point, the order book for such cars, as they are furnished shall be apportioned to the applicants in the order of application as appearing in the said order book, and each applicant has received one of the requirements of each applicant."

## Return of the Anticostiens.

The last family of the Anticostiens who were brought to Manitoba a few years ago to become farmers left for the east again a few days ago to resume a seafaring life. The experiment of bringing these people to live on the prairie has been a failure. Their natural love for the sea proved too strong to be overcome and farming became distasteful to them. It will be remembered that these people were brought here from the island of Anticosti some years ago by the government, owing to their having been driven from their island home by Menier, the French chocolate king, who purchased the island for his private use.

As their circumstances were at the time of the most needy sort (famine suggested farm life for them), they were brought west only to find that the prairie possessed no charms for them and they have gradually returned as money could be found for passage until now the last family has gone. The colony originally numbered 200 people.

Explicit—"If any one asks for me, James, I shall be back in ten minutes," said Mr. Pondick. "Yes, sir," replied the office boy, "and how soon will you be back if no one asks for you?"—Judge.

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