

duced to the House of Commons at Ottawa concerning the grain trade of this country. After consideration of the provisions of the Bill, as introduced, the Board passed the following resolution :—

Winnipeg, May 6th, 1899.

Whereas the attention of the Winnipeg Board of Trade has been called to a certain Bill concerning the grain trade of this country, introduced by the Rev. Dr. Douglas, M.P.;

And whereas this Board has fully considered said Bill, and has come to the following conclusion, viz. :—

1. That it would be impossible to handle the grain of this country in our short marketing season before the close of navigation without a system of elevators.

2. That the policy adopted by the railroads of this country has resulted in providing the finest system of elevators in the world, with a total capacity of fifteen million bushels, erected at a cost of \$2,500,000, contributing largely to the support of the Schools and Municipal Institutions in the localities where erected, by way of taxes, and which insure convenience and safety to the producer.

3. That the producers are not bound in any way to sell to the elevator owners. Their interests are protected by their being able to ship direct on cars without the intervention of any elevator or warehouse.

4. That should the Bill now before Parliament become law, the proposed restrictions, along with grain chutes and flat warehouses might render the elevators unprofitable, and lead to their being closed down, so restricting the movement of grain that only a small proportion of a year's crop could be handled before the closing of navigation at Fort William.