

This would mean that on the arrival of grain at Winnipeg, which is destined to the lake front, the railway must send advice to the consignee or his agent, of the arrival of these cars and must hold the cars until the owner can draw his sample. Under the present system, whereby the railways are compelled to permit the Government Inspector to draw a sample, there is an understanding as to where these cars will be placed on arrival. The Inspection Department, which is authorized to draw a sample from every car, has its staff promptly on hand, - samples are drawn and cars re-sealed without causing any delay to the traffic, but should the railways be compelled to forward to consignee or his agent, advice of the arrival of every car, and hold same for the purpose desired, it would result in the busy season, in absolutely congesting the Winnipeg yards of all the railways and would result in a serious delay to the movement of traffic.

In order that the Department may clearly understand this matter we beg to briefly explain the circumstances.

Last year the railways were called upon by a deputation from the Grain Growers' Association asking that their representative be allowed to take samples of grain from cars. It was pointed out to these gentlemen that the railways could not legally permit the drawing of a sample of grain from a car except by the consent of the owner of the grain, - that the owner was not necessarily the party who appeared from the waybill to be the shipper or yet the consignee, as this grain is usually consigned ^{ed} to "order". The only party the railway could recognize as the owner, was the holder of the bill of lading. The latter might change hands several times while the grain was in transit, and it was shown that the delay in producing this proof would seriously delay the cars. It was then stated to the railways by this deputation, that their reasons for desiring to take this sample, was that they doubted whether the Government Grain Inspector was actually taking samples from every car, and they desired to see that this was done. The railways - from their knowledge of the matter - were well aware that the Government Inspector did take a sample from every car, but to satisfy