

are quoting the following from the report of the inspector of grain in Minneapolis. The earnings and expenses for the boards of grain appeal for the crop year ending August 31, 1914, were as follows:

Minneapolis—	
Earnings	\$20,284.00
Expenses	11,118.63
Gain	9,165.37
Duluth—	
Earnings	9,090.00
Expenses	11,769.14
Loss	2,679.14

The cheapness of the present survey board does not seem to be a valid reason for its continuance. The opinion among grain-growers is that it costs more than it is worth, and we have ground to believe that the fee that is now paid for a survey is sufficient to defray the expenses of a board of appeal constituted so as to gain public confidence.

Board Will Investigate

At the conclusion of the case Dr. Magill stated that the whole matter would be very fully gone into. No change can be made without amendments to the Grain Act, and these amendments cannot be secured at this session of parliament, so that there will be all the present grain season through which to investigate and secure data.

Portable Elevators

The John Deere Plow Company appeared before the board with a request that the railways permit the use of portable elevators for loading cars either from wagons or granaries. The representatives of the railway companies were present, and stated that they allowed these elevators to be used by farmers or by a group of farmers, but when they were used by track buyers and commission houses it was a different matter, as the elevator companies who had erected houses at the various stations were entitled to some consideration. D. C. Coleman, for the Canadian Pacific Railway, filed a copy of the agreement under which the portable elevators were used.

Chairman Magill stated that there was nothing in the Grain Act about portable elevators, and that if the grain trade wished to use these elevators they should file with the commission an application for an amendment to the Grain Act, and such application should include a sketch of the proposed amendment to the act.

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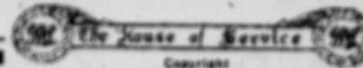
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