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An Act to supervise and control the Warehousing, Inspecting and Weighting of Grain in Manitoba and the North-west Territories.

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HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:--

1. A Warehouse and Grain Commission, hereinafter called Warehouse 5 the Commission, shall be appointed, whose office shall be in Commission. the City of Winnipeg. It shall consist of five persons, namely: a railway expert, a barrister, and three experienced grain men; but none of them shall be a member of the Grain Exchange, or the Board of Trade, or in any way personally 10 engaged in the grain trade.

The members of the Commission shall be appointed by Appointment the Provincial Government of Manitoba and the Legislative of members. Assembly of the North-west Territories, and one member shall be appointed by the railway companies operating their 15 lines in the country. Two members of the Commission shall drop out every five years, but shall be eligible for re-election.

3. The Commission shall have the supervision and control Powers. of the work of inspection, weighing and warehousing of all grain passing through all elevators and warehouses, private 20 and public. It shall enact such regulations, supervising and controlling the work of all inspectors and weighmasters, and other persons publicly employed under them. Inspectors and weighmasters, with all their assistants, shall report directly to the Commission, and the Commission shall report directly, and 25 annually, to the Government of Ottawa, through the Minister of Inland Revenue. All matters of dispute arising in the routine and conduct of the trade shall be referred to the Commission for settlement, and its decisions shall be final, provided that nothing in its decision conflicts with any Act of the 30 Parliament of Canada.

4. The Commission may demand from all owners, or pro-Licensing prietors of internal or terminal elevators or warehouses, that warehouses they procure a license to transact business as warehousemen under existing laws governing the trade. When an applica-35 tion for such a license is made, the Commission shall issue it. setting forth the location and name of the warehouse, the individual name of each person, as owner, or member in the management thereof; and if it is owned or managed by a corporation, the name of the president, secretary and treasurer

of such corporation shall be stated; and the license shall give authority to carry on and conduct the business of the public warehouse, in accordance with existing laws. The license shall be revocable upon satisfactory proof of a particular violation of law; such proof to be taken in such manner as is directed by the Commission.

Licensee to give bonds.

5. The person receiving a license as berein provided shall file with the Commission a bond, with sufficient suretics, subject to the approval of the Commission, in a penal sum of not less than ten thousand dollars, nor more than fifty thousand 10 dollars, for the faithful performance of duty, and for full compliance with all the laws relating thereto. No more than one bond need be given by any person or company.

Charges for storing and handling grain.

6. The maximum charge for storage and handling of grain, including the cost of receiving and delivering, shall be: for 15 the first fifteen days or part thereof, one and one half cent per bushel, and tor each fifteen days, or parts thereof, one-half cent per bushel, and for continuous storage, between the fifteenth day of November and the fifteenth day of May following, not more than four cents per bushel; and any dock- 20 age for shrinkage shall be disallowed to any buyer or shipper. No railway company shall be allowed more than sixty pounds, per carload of seven hundred bushels, for loss in handling grain. It shall be unlawful for any warehouseman to mix different grades, or in any way tamper with grain while in his 25 possession or custody, with a view to securing any profit to himself, or any other person; but when stored in a separate bin, he may, at the request of the owner thereof, dry, clean, or otherwise improve, the condition or value of grain, provided

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it retains the same grade as when received by him.

Shrinkage.

Loss in handling.

Treatment of grain while stored.

Evamination of grain in elevators.

As to scales.

7. All persons owning or interested in property in any elevator or warehouse, and all duly authorized inspectors of such property, shall at all times, during business hours, be at liberty to examine such property, and all proper facilities shall be accorded to them to make such examination. All scales used 35 for the weighing of grain in such elevators and warehouses shall be subject to examination and test, by any authorized inspector, weighmaster, scaler of weights and measures or member of the Commission, at any time when required by any person owning or interested in property which has been or is to be 40 weighed on such scales. The expense of such test by an inspector of weights and measures shall be paid by the elevator owner or warehouse proprietor if the scales are found incorrect, but not otherwise. Any proprietor continuing to use scales found to be in an incorrect condition, without having them 45 legally pronounced correct and properly scaled, shall be proceeded against as hereinbefore provided.

Weighmasters.

S. The Commission shall appoint in all cities where there is Government inspection of grain a weigh master and such assistants as are necessary. The weighmaster and assistants, at the 50 places aforesaid, shall supervise and have exclusive control of the weighing of grain and other property subject to inspection, and the inspection of scales and the cost and certificate of such

weighmaster and such assistants in the discharge of their aforesaid duties, shall be conclusive upon all parties interested therein.

9. At all elevators and warehouses where the Government Mode of 5 weighmaster or his assistant is not present, the owner, or pro-prietor, or agent of a company, shall weigh the grain offered in there is no the following manner:-

First. The grain shall be weighed in the vision of the interested party. He shall ascertain the gross weight of

the quantity offered.

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Second. He shall then clean it (if requested) on the same floor and in the presence of the interested party. separated the seeds and dirt, the same shall be weighed and the weight shall be deducted from the gross weight, and a certificate given to the interested party setting forth the gross weight and the net weight after deducting the weight of seeds and dirt, which shall also appear on the face of the certificate. The cleanings thus deducted shall be the property of the grain producer, and may be taken away should he so desire.

10. The Commission shall fix the fees to be paid for the Fees for weighing of grain and other property, which fees shall be paid weighing. by the owner of the elevator or warehouseman, and may be added to the charges for storage.

11. The Government weighmaster or any of his assistants Qualification shall not be a member of any board of trade or association of of weigh-They shall give bonds to the Commission in like character. the sum of five thousand dollars, conditional upon the faithful Bonds. discharge of their duties, and shall receive such compensation 30 as the Commission determines.

12. The rules and regulations to govern the grain weighing Regulations as service at elevators, warehouses and mills shall be prepared to weighing and adopted by the Commission, and changed from time to time as the interests of the trade seem to demand.

13. In case any person, warehouse or railway corporation, Interference or any of their agents or employees, prevent the chief weigh- with master, or any of his assistants, from having access to their weighmasters. scales in the regular performance of their duties in supervising and weighing of grain or other property in accordance with this

40 Act, they shall forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars for each Penalty. offence, to be recovered in an action of debt in any court of competent jurisdiction, such penalty or forfeiture to be paid to the treasurer of the Commission for the benefit of the grain supervising fund, and shall also be required to pay all costs of.

45 prosecution.

Any duly authorized inspector or deputy inspector of Misconduct grain, or any duly authorized weighmaster or deputy weigh-by inspector or weighmaster. master of grain, who is guilty of any neglect of duty, or who knowingly or carelessly inspects, grades or weighs any grain 50 improperly, or accepts money or other consideration, directly or indirectly, for any neglect of duty, or any improper per-

Penalty.

formance of duty as inspector or weighmaster of grain in the performance of his duty as such inspector or weighmaster, shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or to be imprisoned for a period of not more than one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Removal of offending officer.

15. Upon complaint, in writing, of any person to the Commission, supported by reasonable and satisfactory proof, that the chief inspector or chief weighmaster, or any of their deputies or assistants, has violated any of the rule prescribed for his 10 government, or has been guilty of any improper official Act, or has been found inefficient or incompetent for the duties of his position, the Commission shall immediately remove from office the person so complained of.

Registration of elevators receipts.

16. The Commission shall institute a system of registration 15 and warehouse of all elevators and warehouse receipts as a public guarantee that all such receipts actually represent grain in store, after it has been duly inspected and weighed by the authorized officials. The registration shall cover all shipments of grain out of the said elevators and warehouses. 20

R.S.C., c. 99.

1888, c. 29.

17. Nothing in this Act shall be held to conflict with The General Inspection Act, or to interfere with the duties and obligations of railway companies as common carriers at common law and under the provisions of The Railway Act.