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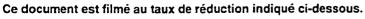
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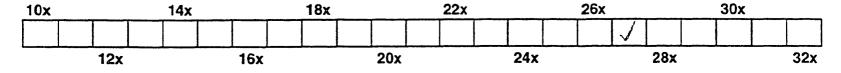
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An Act to regulate the Trade in Grain in Manitoba and the North-West Territories

First reading, March 29, 1899.

Mr. DOUGLAS.

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## An Act to regulate the Trade in Grain in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

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

 Every railway company now or hereafter engaged in the Railway
 transportation of grain in the Province of Manitoba and the company to North-West Territories shall, at every station on its lines of forshipment railway from which grain is now shipped, or other points on of grain, the said lines from which in future it may be shipped, either provide at its own expense adequate facilities to receive and
 ship such grain at such station, or grant to any person who demands it in writing the privilege to erect, maintain and use, Or grant on some portion of the company's land adjoining the railway privilege of main track, siding or spur at such station, an elevator, flat creeting warehouses, etc., warehouse or grain shute for the purpose of storing and on its lands.
 shipping grain by the said railway; but the said elevator, flat warehouse or grain shute shall not be used for any other purpose.

Where a flat warehouse now exists or an elevator of less As to flat capacity than a standard elevator (viz. : twenty-five thousand warehouses 20 bushels), such flat warehouse or elevator may be used for below stanshipping grain under the terms of this Act, and no discrimi-dard elevators.

3. The period and the terms of the holding of such privi-Period and lege so granted by the railway company shall be arranged terms of privilege.
25 between the parties; and such period and terms shall be substantially the same as those under which the standard elevators are held and operated.

4. Where such elevator, flat warehouse or grain shute is Side tracks to from necessity constructed on land not the property of the elevators not on company's 20 railway company, the company shall, in lieu of granting the land. privilege aforesaid, build and maintain a side track or spur to such elevator, flat warehouse or grain shute, not less than one hundred yards and not more than three hundred yards in

length; if such track or spur requires to be of greater length,
35 then the additional length shall be built and maintained by the person applying for the said privilege or the owner of such elevator, flat warehouse or grain shute so situated; and in either case any person keeping and operating such elevator, flat warehouse or grain shute shall not be compelled to pay
40 for the privilege of doing business in it any sum or compensa-

Proviso as to demorage.

tion to any other person: Provided always that in the event of the cars not being loaded within a reasonable time customary demurrage charges may be exacted from the shippers by the company.

- 5. The railway company shall permit the producer to ship Grain shipped 5 directly from grain directly from his vehicle into the car, either through a vehicles. grain shute over the company's platform, or over a portable platform erected by him at his own expense. When grain is shipped directly from vehicles, no charge shall be made by any elevator owner or other person for such privilege, except 10 when the grain shute is the possession of a private party, and such charge shall not exceed one-half of one cent per bushel.
- Grain shutes. Grain shutes shall not hold less than seven hundred bushels and not more than one thousand four hundred bushels; they shall protect the grain from the weather; and 15 they shall be constructed high enough to run the grain into the car without the aid of machinery.
- Company to 7. The company shall, on reasonable demand, supply cars supply cars. for the purpose of carrying the grain received and stored, in such elevators, flat warehouses and grain shutes, and grain to 20 be shipped directly from the producers' vehicles; and when If number is the company is unable, from any reasonable cause, to furnish not sufficient. cars according to the demand, such cars as are furnished shall be divided equally among the applicants until each has received one car, and after that the available cars shall be 25 distributed in proportion to the amount of business transacted by such applicants.

Tolls

S. The tolls or rates to be charged by the railway company or by any person who owns an elevator or flat warehouse on the station grounds of the company, or on the ground to which 30 the company has built a side track or spur, as provided for herein, shall not exceed the following sums for the services mentioned, viz. :--

(a.) For receiving, storing and shipping grain, one cent per bushel; 35

(b.) For cleaning it, in addition, if required by the shipper, one-halt cent per bushel;

(c.) For storing twenty days, if stored at the request of the shippers, one-half cent per bushel; and so for each additional thirty days thereafter. 40

Inspector to

be appointed.

Title.

Investigation of irregularities, etc.

**1.** With a view to an intelligent oversight and just control of the grain trade in the public interest, and to check some of the irregularities that exist in the matter of weight and dockages made by dealers in the said trade, a competent inspector, directly responsible to the Government, shall be 45 appointed.

2. He shall be called the General Inspector of the grain trade of the Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

3. He may investigate all irregularities in weights and 50 dockages, and call for and examine the grain accounts of each elevator company and individual grain dealer in the said province and territories; and may institute a comparison as to the amount paid for grain, the number of bushels bought and received under each particular standard grade, and the number of bushels under each such grade shipped out to Fort William,

5 Port Arthur, and other ports to which the grain may be sent, or sold to other parties within the said province and territories.

4. If in any case, after deducting one bushel as demurrage Science and for every carload of seven hundred bushels exported, or sold such of surplus

- 10 within the said province and territories, any considerable surplus is at any time discovered in the possession of the company or dealer at the point of purchase or elsewhere exceeding five hundred bushels, such surplus shall be seized and sold, and the amount thus recovered shall be paid to the Disposal of
- 15 Minister of Inland Revenue as funds to pay the salary of the proceeds. general inspector. The company or dealer with whom this surplus of grain is discovered shall be held guilty of an Penalty. indictable offence and liable to the penalties of T/e Criminal Code, 1892, for theft, and dealt with accordingly.
- 5. The general inspector shall overlook the work of the Annual report 20other inspectors of grain at present employed by the Government, and prepare an annual detailed report of the whole grain traffic, giving the number of bushels received into, and
- graded out from, terminal elevators under each particular 25 grain standard. This report shall be a sworn statement. The general inspector shall be sworn not to divulge the business of any company or individual grain dealer to any other company or dealer; and a full report of his work shall be annually published and submitted to the Government through the 30 Minister of Inland Revenue.

10. The provisions of this Act shall apply to every clevator Application or warehouse now situated on the station grounds or property of Act. of the railway companies mentioned in the first section hereof, or operated in connection with the lines of such companies, 35 and to which this Act applies.

11. Every railway company, elevator company, flat ware- Penalty for house owner and individual grain dealer operating in the ance with Act. Province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories, failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of this Act shall, on 40 summary conviction, be subject to a penalty of not less than three hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.

12. All prosecutions under this Act shall be in the name Prosecutions. of Her Majesty, under the direction of the Attorney General of Canada.

13. Nothing herein contained shall interfere with the duties Saving. 45 and obligations of the railway companies as common carriers at common law, or under the provisions of The Railway Act. 1888, c. 29.