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Way-bill – instructions and other information are taken by the local station agent from the bill of lading and copied into a “waybill”. This document which goes forward with the car and is handed on from train to train as the car goes forward.

Commodity rate – railway rate charged for grain which is much cheaper than standard freight rates for merchandise.

Special charges in addition to shipping rates include: 4 principal items

Bulkheads – partition built to separate two different grades or kinds of grain.

Stop overs – when a car is stopped in transit, its contents unloaded and reloaded.

Diversions – change in destination in transit before the car reaches its original destination.

Demurrage – if unreasonable time is consumed in the loading or unloading of a car.

No-bill – if car and its way-bill become separated

Standards board – group of men appointed by the Grain Commission under the Canada Grain Act, which meets once a year in Winnipeg, to fix commercial grades for the new crop.

Grain is rejected under 3 classifications:

Smut, seeds or other grain, mixed with heat.

Dockage – a mixture of weed seeds and other foreign matter if the seed sown was not clean or if other seeds crept into the fields during tillage or growth

Spot grain – in store and ready for immediate shipment for consumption, and always commands highest commercial value (the cash price quoted on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Track price – grain loaded in a car at a country elevator will only command the price obtainable for grain in store at Fort William at the time *when* the car can be expected to arrive there for unloading. This, less commission for selling, constitutes track price

Country elevators are classified into 2 divisions:

1. Line elevators operated in groups by large companies 2. Independent elevators operated locally as individual units.

Terminal elevator – public terminal elevator which does purely a wharehousing business for the public and is situated at a point located on a railroad designated as a “terminal point” by the Governor-in-Council of the Dominion of Canada.

Warehouse receipts – 4 documents represent one car; bill of lading, inspection certificate issued in Winnipeg, elevator outturn and official weight certificate issued in Fort William.