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## SPECIAL SESSION

of the

TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Begun and held at the Capitol at Bismarck January 10th, to January 17, 1928 inclusive.

# OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 

OF THE<br>HOUSE OF NORTH DAKOTA<br>FOR THE<br>SPECIAL SESSION OF THE<br>TWENTIETH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

| Name | ess |
| :---: | :---: |
| W W. Carr | Jamestown, N. D. ..................... Speaker |
| C. R. Verry | Minot, |
| W. H. Pray | Valley City, N. D. ....... Asst. Chief Cler |
| E. A. Ander | Steele, N D Sergeant-at-Arm |
| John P. Tucke | Devils Lake, N. D. ............Enrol. and En and Voucher Clerk |
| Verne Hans | Grand Forks, N. D. ......... Desk Reporter |
| K. G. Gronhovd | Nekoma, N. D. $\qquad$ Doorkeeper and Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms |
| en | Napoleon, N. D. ....... Gallery Doorkeeper |
| len Theu | Minot, N. D. ..................... Stenographer |
| Katharyn Goddard | Bismarck, N. D. ............... Stenographer |
| Margaret Sheehan | Bismarck, N. D. ............... Stenographer |
| E. D. Skinner | Sawyer, N. D. .........................Postmaster |
| W. F. Reko | Mandan, N. D. .................... Mailing Clerk |
| A. C. Nedrud | Minot, N. D. ............. Asst. Mailing Clerk |
| H. P. Asseltine | Bismarck, N. D. ........ Asst. Mailing Clerk |
| C. A. Rust | Bismarck, N. D. ....... Asst. Mailing Clerk |
| Peter Schantz | Bismarck, N. D. ........................ Janitor |
| Joyce Roberts | Tower City, N. D. ........................ Page |
| John Ulsrud | Bismarck, N. D. ............................. Page |
| Joe Goddard | Bismarck, N. D. ............................. Page |
| Mike Hals | Fort Yates, N. D.....Telephone Messenger |
| V. A. Corbett | Minot, N. D. .................. Proof Reade |

## BISMARCK CHAPLAINS

Rev. W. E. Vater
Methodist
Rev. Fred E. Klein German Baptist
Rev. F. H. Davenport ................................................. Episcopal
Rev. Paul S. Wright
Presbyterian

## HOUSE MEMBERS



| 27. Burleigh |  | J. M. Thompson .............Wilton |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Lynn Sperry ................ Bismarck |
|  |  | Gordon Cox ............... Bismarck |
| 28 | . Bottineau | W. A. Thatcher ........... Bottineau |
|  |  | C. O. Svingen .......... Bottineau |
|  |  | Chas. F. Streich.......... Maxbass |
|  |  | Fred J. Shurr ..............Lansford |
| 29 | Pt. of Ward | Einar Muus ................... Minot |
|  |  | J. H. Burns .................. Surrey |
|  |  | R. A. Johnson ...............Makoti |
|  |  | John Ehr ........................Minot |
| 30. | Morton | Charles Keidel ..............Mandan |
|  |  | E. R. Helbling ........St. Anthony |
|  |  | Joseph Renner ..........St. Anthony |
| 31. | Stark | John F. Zimmerman, Richardton |
|  |  | Herman Rabe ...........Dickinson |
|  |  | Walter Tester ...............Belfield |
| 32. | Eddy and Foster | Ernest F. Johnson....Grace City |
|  |  | W. W. Treffry......New Rockford |
| 33. | Wells | R. C. Montgomery........... Harvey |
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|  | Pt. of McHenry | J. E. Westford...............Upham |
|  | Sheridan ...... | H. G. Kapfer ............Anamoose |
|  | McIntosh and L | C. A. Miller ....................Gackle |
|  |  | J. A. Meidinger...............Ashley |
| 37. |  | M. W. Kelly................Napoleon |
|  | Pt. of Richland | M. H. Lynch .............Lidgerwood |
|  |  | John C. Polfuss...........Hankinson |
| 38.$39 .$ | Pt. of Barnes | Thomas Gudmestad...Litchville |
|  | Golden Valley and Slope.Ira J. Wilson .........New England |  |
|  |  | John Quam ....................Rhame |
|  |  | O. C. Martin ............... DeSart |
|  | Burke and Divide. | O. F. Anderson ..........Ambrose |
|  |  | Richard A. Owings.......Lignite |
|  |  | Albert VanBerkom, Powers Lake |
| 41. | Williams and M | Barney Iverson ............Schafer |
|  |  | R. J. Siverson............Wheelock |
|  |  | Ben Fedje ...............Williston |
|  |  | P. O. C. Johnson ....Watford City |
|  |  | R. O. Signalness ................ Berg |
|  | Pierce | J. T. Fettig ................... Orrin |
|  |  | D. L. Peters ............... Wolford |
|  | Ren | C. D. Dickerson ................Norma |
|  | Mountrail | R. E. Swendseid .......... Stanley |
|  |  | Herman F. Butt .......... Parshall |
|  | Pt. of McH | T. E. Sleight ...................Drake |
|  | M | Oscar S. Oberg..........W Washburn |
|  |  | J. A. Erickson...........Blackwater |
|  |  | Frank J. Lyon ................Dogden |
| 47. | Grant | Peter Keierleber ............Carson |
|  |  | William Kamrath ............... Leith |
|  | Mercer, Oliver and | C. N. Lee .......................... Dodge |
|  |  | Richard Bubel ....................Center |
|  |  | Peter Boeckel ................ Beulah |
| 49. Adams, Hettinger <br> and Sioux |  |  |
|  |  | Alfred O. Brown...........Bucyrus |
|  |  | L. O. Richardson ..........Bucyrus |
|  |  | J. H. McCay ................Selfridge |

## SENATE MEMBERS

|  | ME | ADDRESS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Pembina ........................Fred Van Camp | St. Thomas |
| 2. | Pt. of Ward ..................John E. Flecten | Niobe |
| 3. | Pt. of Walsh ..................Peder L. Hjelmst | Edmore |
| 4. | Pt. of Walsh .................P. J. Murphy | Grafton |
| 5. | Pt. of Grand Forks.........J. E. Eastgate | Larimore |
| 6. | Pt. of Grand Forks.......W. S. Whitman | Grand Forks |
| 7. | Pt. of Grand Forks..........Walter Schloss | Grand Forks |
| 8. | Traill ...........................C. Norman Bru | dale....Mayville |
| 9. | Pt. of Cass ....................H. J. Rusch |  |
| 10. | Pt. of Cass ...................John Van Aı | ed |
| 11. | Pt. of Cass ....................Peter McLachl | er |
| 12. | Pt. of Richland ..............Joseph G. Forbe | hpeton |
| 13. | Sargent .........................R. G. McCrory | Cogswell |
| 14. | Ransom ........................W. G. Crocker | Lisbon |
| 15. | Pt. of Barnes ................Frank E. Ployh | lley City |
| 16. | Steele and Griggs..........P. O. Sathre | Finley |
| 17. | Nelson ......................... L. O. Fredricks | Pekin |
| 18. | Cavalier ........................W. H. Porter | Calvin |
| 19. | Rolette .........................John W. Benso | Rolette |
| 20. | Benson ..........................C. W. Fine | Sheyenne |
| 21. | Ramsev ........................J. E. Stevens | Devils Lake |
| 22. | Towner ..........................S. J. Atkins | Cando |
| 23. | Stutsman .......................Alfred Steel | Jamestown |
| 24. | LaMoure .........................W. D. Lynch | LaMoure |
| 25. | Dickey .........................A. S. Marshall | Forbes |
| 26. | Emmons and Kidder.......E. H. Brant | ton |
| 27. | Burleigh ........................Obert A. Olson | Bismarek |
| 28. | Bottineau ......................Nels Magnuson | Souris |
| 29. | Pt. of Ward ...................Walter Bond | Minot |
| 30. | Morton …......................... E. Martin | Huff |
| 31. | Stark ............................ L. R. Baird . | Dickinson |
| 32 | Eddy and Foster ...........O. H. Olson | Rockford |
| $33 .$ | Wells ............................J. L. Hart | Chaseley |
| 34. | Pt. of MeHenry............... D. H. Hamilton | Eckman |
| 35. | Sheridan ......................... G. Ritchie | MeClusky |
| 36. | McIntosh and Logan........P. T. Kretschm | Venturia |
| 37. | Pt. of Richland ...............C. W. Carey | Lidgerwood |
| 38. | Pt. of Barnes ................C. J. Olson . | Valley City |
| 39. | Billings, Bowman, |  |
|  | Golden Valley and Slope..Gust Wog | Belfield |
| 40 | Burke and Divide ..........C. E. Erickson | Crosby |
| 41. | Williams and MeKenzie.C. L. Bakken | Tioga |
| 42. | Pierce ...........................O. T. Tofsrud | Rugby |
| 43. | Renville ............................... Patterson | Donnybrook |
| $44 .$ | Mountrail .....................R. W. Patton | Plaza |
| 45. | Pt. of McHenry ...........Ole Ettestad | Balfour |
| $46 .$ | McLean ........................A. A. Peck | Underwood |
| $47$ | Grant ..................................... ${ }^{\text {a }}$. Pathman | Carson |
| 48. | Mercer, Oliver and Dunn F. P. Conrath | Beulah |
|  | Adams, Hetting |  |
|  | Sioux .............................Chas. A. Seama |  |

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Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly

## FIRST DAY

> House of Representatives, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 10, 1928.

At the hour of 12 o'clock, meridian, the 10th day of January, 1928, being the day and hour designated by the proclamation of the Governor, A. G. Sorlie, for the calling of an extraordinary session of the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota. The Assembly was called to order by C. R. Verry, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The Session opened with prayer by the Rev. Vater of the Methodist church of Bismarek.

## PROCLAMATION

## SPECIAL SESSION

By virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Dakota, and in pursuance thereof:

I, A. G. Sorlie, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby call the Legislative Assembly to convene in extraordinary session at the Capitol in the city of Bismarck, at twelve o'clock noon, Tuesday, the tenth day of January, 1928, to consider and act upon the following subjects of legislative business, to-wit :

FIRST: The report of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on the Mill and Elevatór Association;

SECOND: The increasing seriousness of the problems of grain marketing;

THIRD: The Missouri River Diversion Project, in its relation to Federal flood control plans;

FOURTH: To enact such further legislation as may be deemed necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota to be hereunto affixed.

Dated at Bismarek, North Dakota, this 22nd day of November, 1927.

> BY THE GOVERNOR:

Attest:
ROBERT BYRNE, Secretary of State. (Seal)

> Department of State, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 10, 1928.

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, Twentieth Legislative Assembly, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Dear Sir:
I hereby certify that according to the records of my office, the following is a true and correct list of the names and addresses of those duly qualified as Members of the House of Representatives of the 'Twentieth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota to fill the unexpired terms of Hon. Jacob Bollinger, deceased, of the 30th and Hon. J. W. O'Neill, deceased, of the 43 rd Legislative Districts respectively:

District 30 - Charles Keidel, Mandan.
District 43-C. D. Dickerson, Norma.
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, this 10th day of January, 1928.
(Seal)

## ROBERT BYRNE,

 Secretary of State.Representative Carr moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Nuessle to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

The Chief Clerk appointed as such committee Representatives Watt and Levin, who escorted the Chief Justice to the platform.

Representatives-elect Charles Keidel and C. D. Dickerson were called to the rostrum and after a short talk by Chief Justice Nuessle on the meaning of an oath, the Justice administered the oath of office to the members-elect.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

Ayes, 112; absent and not voting, 1 .

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Boeckel | Jardine | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brewn, Adams. | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Carr | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Conway | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Cox | Lavik | Streich |
| Craig | Lee | Swett |
| Dickerson | Levin | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Ellingson | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Erickson, McLean | McCay | Traynor |
| Fedje | McDowall | Treffry |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Fettig | MeGinnis | Tweten |
| Flom | McManus | Twichell |
| Fowler | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Freeman | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Frojen | Miller | Watt |
| Gilchrist | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Gudmestad | Muus | Westford |
| Halcrow | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hanson | Olafson | Worner |
| Hauge | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Helbling | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Henrickson | Potors |  |
| Hildebrand | Plath |  |

Absent and not voting:

## Messrs.

Kamrath
There being 112 members present, the Chief Clerk declared a quorum present, and announced that the next order of business would be the election of a speaker to preside at this session.

Mr. Traynor of Ramsey county placed in nomination Representative John W. Carr of Stutsman county.

Representatives Rabe, Olafson and Ehr ,seconded the nomination.

Representative Streich moved that the nominations for Speaker be closed, which motion prevailed.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of John W. Carr, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 111, nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 1; passed, 1.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Plath |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Quam |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Rabe |
| Boeckel | Jardine | Renner |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Richardson |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Roberts |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Rulon |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Shurr |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Signalness |
| Burns | Kapfer | Siverson |
| Butt | Keidel | Sleight |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Sperry |
| Conway | Kelly | Standley |
| Cox | Larvick | Steedsman |
| Craig | Lavik | Swendseid |
| Dickerson | Lee | Streich |
| Ehr | Levin | Swett |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Svingen |
| Elken | Lofthus | Tester |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thatcher |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Fedje | McCay | Thompson,Ramscy |
| Ferris | McDowall | Traynor |
| Fettig | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Flom | McGinnis | Trubshaw |
| Fowler | McManus | Tweten |
| Freeman | Martin | Twichell |
| Frojen | Meidinger | Van Berkom |
| Gilchrist | Miller | Veitch |
| Gudmestad | Montgomery | Watt |
| Halcrow | Muus | Wedel |
| Hanson | Oberg | Westford |
| Hauge | Olafson | Wilson |
| Helbling | Opdahl | Worner |
| Henrickson | Owings | Yeater |
| Hildebrand | Peters | Zimmerman |
| Pbert |  |  |

Absent and not voting:
Messrs.
Kamrath
Passed:
Messrs.
Carr
The Chief Clerk declared Representative Carr duly elected.
Representative Lynch moved that the two lady members be appointed as a committee to escort Speaker-elect John W.

Carr, to the platform, which motion prevailed, and the Chief Clerk appointed Mrs. Craig and Miss McGinnis.

The Oath of Office was administered to Speaker-Elect John W. Carr, by Chief Justice Nuessle.

Upon assuming the Speaker's chair, Representative Ca.r made the following remarks:
"Realizing the fact that the members of the House are desirous of completing the preliminaries, I feel that I should refrain from making any remarks, but I do want to say that I appreciate the trust and confidence placed in me by the entire membership of the House.
"I want your entire co-operation during the session and will try and give every member an equal opportunity and a square deal."

The Speaker announced the next order of business would be the election of a Chief Clerk.

Mr. Kelly placed in nomination C. R. Verry of Minot, N. D.
Mr. Trubshaw moved that the nominations be closed, which motion prevailed.

HOUSE ROLL CALL
The question being on the election of C. R. Verry as Chief Clerk, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 112, nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 1.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Bell | Jardine | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Bubel | Johnston. | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Burns | Keidel | Sperry |
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| Carlson | Kerly | Steedsman |
| Conway | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Cox | Lavik | Streich |
| Craig | Lee | Swett |
| Dickerson | Levin | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Ellingson | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, | Kidder | Lyon |
| Erickson, | McLean | McCay |
| Fedje | McDowall | Traynor |
| Ferris | Mramsey |  |
| Fettig | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Flom | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Fowler | McManus | Twichell |
|  | Martin | Van Berkom |
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Messrs.
Freeman
Frojen
Gilchrist
Gudmestad
Halcrow
Hanson
Hauge
Helbling
Henrickson
Hildebrand
Hoffman

| Messrs. | Messrs. |
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| Meidinger | Veitch |
| Miller | Watt |
| Montgomery | Wedel |
| Muus | Westford |
| Oberg | Wilson |
| Olafson | Worner |
| Opdahl | Yeater |
| Owings | Zimmerman |
| Peters | Mr. Speaker |
| Plath |  |

Absent and not voting:
Messis.
Kamrath
So Mr . Verry was declared elected.
The Oath of Office was administered to C. R. Verry, Chief Clerk.

Johnson of Traill moved that Mr. E. A. Anderson of Kidder county be elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of E. A. Anderson as sergeant-at-arms, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 112 ; absent and not voting, 1.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Bell | Jardine | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Bubel | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Burns | Keidel | Sperry |
| Butt | Kierleber | Standley |
| Carlson | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Conway | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Cox | Lavik | Streich |
| Craig | Lee | Swett |
| Dickerson | Levin | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Ellingson | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lynch | Thompson, Burleigh |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Erickson, McLean | McCay | Traynor |
| Fedje | McDowall | Treffry |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Fettig | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Flom | McManus | Twichell |
| Fowler | Martin | Van Berkom |
|  |  |  |


| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Freeman | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Frojen | Miller | Watt |
| Gilchrist | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Gudmestad | Muus | Westford |
| Halcrow | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hanson | Olafson | Worner |
| Hauge | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Helbling | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Henrickson | Peters | Mr. Speaker |
| Hildebrand | Plath |  |
| Hoffman | Polfuss |  |

Absent and not voting:
Messrs.

## Kamrath

So Mr. Anderson was declared elected.
The Oath of Office was administered to E. A. Anderson.
Mr. Muus placed in nomination La Verne Hansen as desk reporter.

Mr. Ehr moved that the nominations be closed, which motion prevailed.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of La Verne Hansen as desk reporter, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 112; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 1 .

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Bell | Jardine | Richardson |
| Boekel | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnso, Ward | Signalness |
| Bubel | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Burns | Keidel | Sperry |
| Butt | Kierleber | Standley |
| Carlson | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Conway | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Cox | Lavik | Streich |
| Craig | Lee | Swett |
| Dickerson | Levin | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Ellingson | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Erickson, | McLean | McCay |
| Fedje | McDowall | Traynor |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Fettig | Trubshaw |  |
| Flom | McGinnis | Tweten |
|  | MeManus | Twichell |

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| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fowler | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Freeman | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Frojen | Miller | Watt |
| Gilchrist | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Gudmestad | Muus | Westford |
| Halcrow | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hanson | Olafson | Worner |
| Hauge | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Helbling | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Henrickson | Peters | Mr. Speaker |
| Hildebrand | Plath |  |
| Hoffman | Polfuss |  |

Absent and not voting:
Messrs.
Kamrath
So La Verne Hansen was declared elected.
The Oath of Office was administered to La Verne Hansen.
Mr. Trubshaw moved that Mr. W. H. Pray of Barnes county be elected assistant chief clerk.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of W. H. Pray, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 110 ; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 3.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Boekel | Jardine | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Conway | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, | McLean | Lyon |
| Fedje | McDowall | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGinnis | Twetenaw |
| Flom | McManus | Twichell |
| Fowler | Martin | Van Berkom |
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| Hanson | Olafson |
| Hauge | Opdahl |
| Helbling | Owings |
| Henrickson | Peters |
| Hildebrand | Plath |

Messrs.
Veitch
Watt
Wedel
Westford
Wilson
Worner
Yeater
Zimmerman
Mr. Speaker
Absent and not voting:
Messrs.
Kamrath
Messrs.
McCay

## Messrs. <br> Traynor

So Mr. Pray was declared elected.
The Oath of Office was administered to W. H. Pray.
J. A. Jardine moved that John P. Tucker of Ramsey county be nominated as enrolling and engrossing and voucher clerk.

Mr. Olafson moved that the nominations be closed, which motion prevailed.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of John P. Tucker as engrossing and enrolling clerk and voucher clerk, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 111; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 2.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Boeckel | Jardine | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Conway | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Strich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | McCay | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Fedje | McDowall | Traynor |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGinnis | Trubshaw |
| Flom | McManus | Tweten |


| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fowler | Martin | Twichell |
| Freeman | Meidinger | Van Berkom |
| Frojen | Miller | Veitch |
| Gilchrist | Montgomery | Watt |
| Gudmestad | Muus | Wedel |
| Halcrow | Oberg | Westford |
| Hanson | Olafson | Wilson |
| Hauge | Opdahl | Worner |
| Helbling | Owings | Yeater |
| Henrickson | Peters | Zimmerman |
| Hildebrand | Plath | Mr. Speaker |

Absent and not voting:

Messrs.
Kamrath

Messrs.
Lyon

So Mr. Tucker was declared elected.
The Oath of Office was administered to John P. Tucker.
Mr. MeGauvran moved that K. Gronhovd be elected doorkeeper and assistant sergeant-at-arms, and that O. L. Mennes be elected gallery doorkeeper.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of K. Gronhovd as doorkeeper and assistant sergeant-at-arms and O. L. Mennes as gallery doorkeeper, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 111; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 2.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Boekel | Jardine | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Conway | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson, Ramsey |
| Fedje | McDowall | Traynor |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGinnis | Trubshaw |
| Flom | MeManus | Tweten |
|  |  |  |

Messrs.
Fowler Freeman Frojen Gilchrist Gudmestad Halcrow
Hanson Hauge Helbling Henrickson Hildebrand

Messrs.
Martin
Meidinger
Miller
Montgomery
Mus
Oberg
Olafson
Opdahl
Owings
Peters
Plath

Messrs.
Twichell
Van Berkom
Veitch*
Watt
Wedel
Westford
Wilson
Worner
Yeater
Zimmerman
Mr. Speaker

Absent and not voting:

Messrs.
Kamrath

Messrs.
McCay

So Mr. Gronhovd and Mr. Mennes were declared duly elected.

Mr. Kelly moved that Helen Theurer, Katharyn Goddard and Margaret Sheehan be elected stenographers.

Mr. Burkhart moved that the nominations be closed, which motion prevailed.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of Helen Theurer, Katharyn Goddard and Margaret Sheehan as stenographers, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 111 ; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 2.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Boeckel | Johnson, Foster | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Jardine | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burs | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Conway | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson, Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Fedje | McDowall | Traynor |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Fettig | MeGinnis | Trubshaw |
|  |  |  |

Messrs.
Flom
Fowler
Freeman
Frojen
Gilchrist
Gudmestad
Halcrow
Hanson
Hauge
Helbling
Henrickson
Hildebrand

Messrs.
MeManus
Martin
Meidinger
Miller
Montgomery
Muns
Oberg
Olafson
Opdahl
Owings
Peters
Plath

Messrs.
Tweten
Twichell
Van Berkom
Veitch
Watt
Wedel
Westford
Wilson
Worner
Yeater
Zimmerman
Mr. Speaker

Absent and not voting:

Messrs.
Kamrath

Messrs.
McCay

So Helen Theurer, Katharyn Goddard and Margaret Sheehan were declared elected.

Mr. Kelly moved that Joyce Roberts, John Ulsrud and Joe Goddard be nominated as pages.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of Joyce Roberts, John Ulsrud and Joe Goddard as pages, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 110 ; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 3 .
Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Jardine | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, Griggs | Renner |
| Boeckel | Iverson, McKenzie | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Conway | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson, Ramsey |
| Fedje | McDowall | Traynor |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGinnis | Trubshaw |
| Flom | McManus | Tweten |


| Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Fowler | Martin |
| Freeman | Meidinger |
| Frojen | Miller |
| Gilchrist | Montgomery |
| Gudmestad | Muus |
| Halcrow | Oberg |
| Hanson | Olafson |
| Hauge | Opdahl |
| Helbling | Owings |
| Henriekson | Peters |
| Hildebrand | Plath |

Absent and not voting:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kamrath | McCay | Twichell |

So Joyce Roberts, John Ulsrud and Joe Goddard were duly elected.

Mr. Cox moved that E. D. Skinner of Ward county be elected postmaster; W. F. Reko, chief mailing clerk; A. C. Nedrud, Ward county, assistant mailing clerk; H. P. Asseltine of Burleigh county, assistant mailing clerk, and C. A. Rust as assistant mailing clerk, and Peter Schantz as janitor.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of E. D. Skinner of Ward County, postmaster; W. F. Reko, chief mailing clerk; A. C. Nedrud, Ward County, assistant mailing clerk; H. P. Asseltine, Burleigh County, assistant mailing clerk; C. A. Rust, assistant mailing clerk and Peter Schantz, janitor, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 111; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 2.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Bell | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Boeckel | Jardine | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Bubel | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Butt | Keidel | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Standley |
| Conway | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lothus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burieigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
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Messrs.
Fedje
Ferris
Fettig
Flom
Fowler
Freeman
Frojen
Gilchrist
Gudmestad
Halcrow
Hanson
Hauge Helbling Henrickson Hildebrand

Messrs.
MeDowall
McGauvran
McGinnis
MeManus
Martin
Meidinger
Miller
Montgomery
Mus
Oberg
Olafson
Opdahl
Owings
Peters
Plath

Messrs.
Traynor
Treffry
Trubshaw
Tweten
Twichell
Van Berkom
Veitch
Watt
Wedel
Westford
Wilson
Worner
Yeater
Zimmerman
Mr. Speaker

Absent and not voting:
Messrs.
Messrs.
Kamrath
McCay
So the above named persons were duly elected.
The Oath of Office was administered to K. Gronhovd, O. L. Mennes, Helen Theurer, Margaret Sheehan, Joyce Roberts, John Ulsrud, Joe Goddard, E. D. Skinner, W. F. Reko, A. C. Nedrud C. A. Rust and Peter Schantz.

Mr. McGauvran moved that the committees appointed at the last Session be continued for this Session, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Traynor moved that the rules of last Session be the rules of this Special Session, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Jardine moved that a committee of three be appointed with a like committee of the Senate relative to the number of Journals that will be printed each day during this Session, which motion prevailed.

The speaker appointed as such committee, Johnson of Foster, Jardine and Westford.

## MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

House Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 10, 1928.

Mr. President: I have the honor to inform you that the House has appointed the following as a committee to confer with a like committee of the Senate relative to the number of Journals to be printed each day: Representatives Johnson of Foster, Jardine and Westford.

Very respectfully,
C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

Mr. Watt moved that we do now recess until 2 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

Pursuant to recess, Speaker John W. Carr called the House to order.

Mr. Twichell moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that we are ready to receive them in Joint Session and escort them to the House Chamber.

The Speaker appointed as such committee Twichell, Johnson of McKenzie and Hildebrand.

The Speaker at this time administered the oath of office to Katharyn Goddard and H. P. Asseltine.

> MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
> Senate Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 10, 1928.

Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to inform you that the Senate has appointed Senators Carey, McLachlin and Marshall to confer with the house committee in regard to the number of Journals to be printed each day.

Very respectfully, W. D. AUSTIN, Secretary.

## JOINT SESSION

The committee appointed to notify the Senate escorted the members of the Senate to the House Chamber, at which time Lieutenant Governor Maddock took the chair.

## SENATE ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and there were 45 present, 4 absent.
Those present:

Messrs.
Atkins
Baird
Bakken
Benson
Bond
Brant
Brunsdale
Carey
Conrath
Crocker
Eastgate
Erickson
Ettestad Fine
Fleckten

Messrs.
Forbes
Fredrickson
Hamilton Hart Hjelmstad Kretschmar. Lynch McCrory McLachlin Magnuson Marshall Olson, Barnes Olson, Burleigh
Olson, Eddy Pathman

Messrs.
Patten Patterson
Peck
Ployhar
Porter
Ritchie
Sathre
Seamands
Steel
Stevens
Tofsrud
Van Arnam
Van Camp
Whitman
Wog

Those absent:

| Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Martin | Rusch |
| Murphy | Schlosser |

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and there were ayes, 112 ; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 1.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Bell | Jardine | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, McKenzie | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Traill | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Ward | Signalness |
| Bubel | Johnston | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kamrath | Sleight |
| Burns | Kapfer | Sperry |
| Butt | Keidel | Standley |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Steedsman |
| Conway | Kelly | Swendseid |
| Cox | Larvick | Streich |
| Craig | Lavik | Swett |
| Dickerson | Levin | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Ellingson | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Erickson, McLean | MeCay | Traynor |
| Fedje | McDowall | Treffry |
| Ferris | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Fettig | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Flom | McManus | Twichell |
| Fowler | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Freeman | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Frojen | Miller | Watt |
| Gilchrist | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Gudmestad | Muus | Westford |
| Halcrow | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hanson | Olafson | Worner |
| Hauge | Opdahl | Yelbling |
| Henrickson | Owings | Peters |
| Hildebrand | Plath | Zimmerman |
| Hoffman | Polfuss |  |
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| Alr. Speaker |  |  |
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Absent and not voting:
Messrs.
Lee
Mr. Trubshaw moved that a Joint Committee be appointed to notify the Governor that we are ready to receive him and listen to his message, and escort the Governor to the House Chambers.

The President of the Senate appointed as such committee, Representative Trubshaw, Senator Patterson and Representative Ferris.

The committee reported, escorting the Governor to the rostrum, together with Secretary of State Robert Byrne.

The President of the Senate, Walter Maddock, introduced Governor A. G. Sorlie, who made the following remarks:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate and House, and Visitors:
This is a little bit extraordinary to have a special session, and I am not going to say much before the message is read. I want to say to you that in my opinion this is the most important session you have ever held in North Dakota. It is up to you to do something for the state. I hope all of you will devote your time while here to carry out what I have asked for in my message. We have two parties in this state, or rather two factions of one party, and what we want to find out is whether the factions are stronger than the state or whether the state is stronger than the factions. I have asked Mr. Byrne, Secretary of State, to read the message, as my throat is not in very good shape; and if I may have the privilege I wish to say a few words after the message is read.

Secretary of State Robert Byrne read the following message of the Governor:

## MESSAGGE OF A. G. SORLIE, GOVERNOR

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:
You have been called together in this special session in order that you may exercise the authority vested in you by the people through the Constitution of the State, for the purpose of protecting certain rights and properties of the people of North Dakota against deliberate, systematic and persistent raids made against them by selfish and unscrupulous politicians aided, apparently by outside predatory forces.

North Dakota is primarily an agricultural state, our principal product being hard spring wheat. For a number of years the people of this state have recognized the fact that if North Dakota is to survive as an agricultural state, our greatest industry must be made profitable, it must be given a chance at least equal to that of other enterprises and industries. There must be a readjustment of freight rates and more general solutions of marketing problems. As a step to force such readjustments, the voters of North Dakota adopted several constitutional amendments giving the state a right to engage in such enterprises as would likely promote agricultural interests and the interests of our people generally.

Out of this has grown the state owned terminal elevator and mill, the Bank of North Dakota, the State Bonding Law, Workmen's Compensation, Hail Insurance, and other measures.

More or less compulsory features in the acts creating these progressive institutions, with the exception of the State Mil! and Elevator Association act, insured their success against unfair competition; but at every legislative session since the enactment of these measures, you have seen trained and paid lobbyists exercising all the skill and means at their command in order to influence legislation. Only eternal vigilance on the part of friends of these progressive measures, the
steadfastness of progressive thought in the state, and, in some cases, executive veto have stood between these persistent raids, and the people's interest.

The State Mill and Elevator, operating entirely on a competitive basis and confronted with the problem of marketing special brands of wheat and flou: that long since had lost their special identities, have been still more exposed to repeated attempts at destruction. When we look back on all that has been said, written, and done during the five years since these state industries commenced operating, we can but wonder that the plotters and raiders have not completely succeeded in their attempts.

Two political factions have been at loggerheads on the issue of the State Mill and Elevator. The industrial program sponsored by the-Nonpartisan League, and sanctioned by a popular adoption of the necessary constitutional amendments, has from the first been a subject of bitter political controversy with resulting bias and prejudice in judgment.

Political conventions and campaign spellbinders have made
a political football of the State Mill and Elevator. Great daily newspapers have devoted space and influence to constant attacks on industrial enterprises owned by the people and built with the taxpayers' credit. A large majority of the weekly newspapers, moved by prejudiced influence and fooled by paid propagandists, have followed suit and lent their influence to the forces of destraction. This publicity, hurtful to these enterprises and damaging to the state as a whole, has been broadcast throughout the nation. It has at all times depressed business at home and beyond the state boundaries. It has come very close to wrecking the export market entirely.

Some of the adverse publicity has been brought about by the impossible audit situation. Besides the monthly reports issued by the mill and elevator auditor and the auditor employed by the Industrial Commission and paid by the mill department, there are three separate and complete semiannual audits. I am delivering to you copies of these audit reports, as well as the report of the Fact Finding Committee appointed by your senate. A perusal of these will readily prove to any fair minded man and woman that broadcasting of such conflicting and diverging reports can but serve one purpose, -that of destroying the effectiveness of the mill and elevator organization.

There should be no secrecy in public business, but I urgently recommend that you enact legislation that will give these public enterprises at least a measure of the same protection that private capital enjoys, and will at the same time give the people full protection against dishonesty and the perpetuation of incompetency in management. To make an auditors' battle a part of our economic - political issues is unsound and altogether ridiculous.

To illustrate the auditing situation that the Terminal Elevator and State Mill must face in its operation, one concrete example may be given.

A leading daily newspaper of the state, on March 18th, 1926, carried front page headlines to the effect that the State Mill and Elevator had shown a record breaking loss for the month of February, 1926. It stated :he loss to be $\$ 50,312.54$ for the month, on the authority of the Industrial Commission's auditor. The news not only gained wide publicity in this state, but was made a subject of publicity in other states. It could and did have no other effect than to injure the State Mill in the sale of its products. Again, on August 21st, 1926, leading newspapers of the state carried an Associated Press news item based on the semi-annual audits and repeating that the State Mill and Elevator had made this record loss of $\$ 50,312.54$ during the month of February, 1926. However, later, after the damaging effects of this publicity had been existent for some ten months, the report of the audit for the year 1926 by the auditor for the Industrial Commission, as published in the newspapers on January 21st, 1927, showed that in fact the loss of the State Mill and Elevator for the month of February, 1926, was not $\$ 50,312.54$, but only $\$ 925.69$, after deducting all charges for interest and depreciation. Even though a mere mistake was made in the February and July reports, which was later corrected, the State Mill and Elevator was made the subject of very damaging and detrimental news in its business operations.

For the construction of the State Mill and Terminal Elevator the state furnished, as you will recall, bonds in the sum of $\$ 3,000,000$, and for the operation of the plant additional bonds in the sum of $\$ 1,500,000$. The interest on these bonds has been paid regularly every year by the state. The interest charged on the construction bonds is $5^{1 / 2}$ per cent, and on the operating bonds $53 / 4$ per cent. The first installment on these bonds, $\$ 250,000$, becomes due July 1, 1928. The plant cost the state $\$ 3,052,024.40$. The excess over $\$ 3,000$,000 furnished by the bond issue, was paid by a loan made from the Bank of North Dakota, upon which the State Mill and Terminal Elevator has, out of its earnings, paid the interest. Although the State has paid the interest on the bonds mentioned each year, the Terminal Elevator and State Mill has had the interest upon such bonds charged to it each year, which amounted to $\$ 990,215.16$ on December 31, 1926.

The annual interest charge alone amounts to $\$ 268,249.94$. Accordingly, on December 31, 1927, the total amount of interest charged against the plant as shown by the auditors, is $\$ 1,258,465.10$. This means, on a production basis of 500,000 barrels of flour each year, an interest charge of about 50 cents per barrel for interest against every barrel of flour. In addition to this, the plant has been charged each year with depreciation at the rate of $\$ 78,867.48$. This means, on a production basis of 500,000 barrels of flour per year a depreciation charge of about 15 cents per barrel on every barrel of flour manufactured.

The total depreciation charged up to December 31, 1926 was $\$ 287,482.92$. Adding depreciation for the year 1927, the total depreciation charged up to December 31, 1927, amounts to $\$ 366,350.40$.

Although such depreciation has been charged by the auditors as if the plants were worth that much less, no deductions have been made in interest charges based upon the lesser value of the plant.

It is seen, therefore, that up to December 31, 1927 the plant has been charged by the auditors with a total for interest and depreciation amounting to $\$ 1,625,815.50$. This charge has been made against the plant and figures in the deficit charged by the auditors. You will note that it amounts to more than one-half of the entire cost of construction of the plant. I am wondering what plant, of similar character, location and size, whether state or privately owned, could be expected during the same period of operation to get its business going and pay more than half the cost of construction, over and above actual operating costs and expenses. I quote these figures so that you may have some idea of the large amount of interest and depreciation charges made against the plant.

During the past fall I have had the entire plant appraised by a firm of appraisers said to be experts, experienced and disinterested, The Lloyd-Thomas Company of Chicago, Illinois. This is a complete appraisal of the entire institution as to its value. These appraisers fix the net sound or depreciated value to be $\$ 2,210,482.29$, and the replacement value to be $\$ 2,427,791.17$, not including the donated land site, valued at $\$ 5,985.00$.

I wish to submit to you a statement of the actual gain or loss operations of the Terminal Elevator and State Mill from the day it commenced operations up to December 31, 1927, in accordance with available figures that I have at hand. The figures that I am about to give you do not include items for interest on bonds and depreciation charges, to which 1 have previously referred.
Up to January 1, 1925, the actual operating loss of the plant was \$ 35,488.62
In the year 1925 the plant made an oper- ating profit amounting to ..... $151,058.15$
In the year 1926 the operating loss of the plant amounted to ..... 91,328.59
In the year 1927, just ended, up to Decem- ber, 31 1927, the plant made an actual operating profit of ..... $160,206.57$
These figures mean that during the timeof my administration and up to Decem-ber 31, 1927, the operating profits ofthe plant amount to217,632.84
That during the operation of the plant, from the beginning up to December 31, 1927, the actual operating profits amount to ..... 182,144.22

These figures mean that the plant has that much more money or property in its possession than it had at the beginning, and that during my administration the plant has created an operating capital, or surplus, of more than $\$ 188,000$.

I am satisfied that now, with your cooperation and advice, a commencement may be made to pay out of the earnings of the plant something upon the bonds issued by the state and upon the excess debt created in the construction of the plant, over and above the amount of the construction bonds. I believe that $\$ 160,206.57$ can now be paid out of the earnings of the plant, without impairing the efficient working of the plant or needed working capital. I recommend that this legislative assembly confirm my suggestion. 'Section 9 of Chapter 153, Laws of 1919, and Section 5 of Chapter 291, Laws of 1923, seem to provide that the Industrial Commission shall, out of the earnings derived from the operation of the Mill and Elevator Association, pay to the State Treasurer such moneys as the Commission shall deem available to devote to the purpose of paying said bonds and interest (meaning the Mill and Elevator bonds), and further the law states that: "In making such payment the Commission shall file a statement with the State Treasurer specifying the purpose of such payment."

Since more than $\$ 50,000$ in excess of the amount of the construction bonds was spent in building the plant, I am of the opinion that the excess amount should first be paid and the balance out of the $\$ 160,206.57$ applied to payment upon the principal of the bonds maturing Julv 1, 1928. I have before me a check for $\$ 160,206.57$ issued by Mr. Spencer, the manager of the Terminal Elevator and State Mill, payable to the State Treasurer for the purpose of carrying out my suggestion. I request your concurrence in my recommendation.

At the last legislative assembly the Senate appointed a Fact Finding Committee to look into matters pertaining to the Terminal Elevator and Mill. This committee held various meetings during the course of the session and made various reports relative to the business of the plant during the year 1926, but made no reference to any other year. The report made to the Senate was adopted and published. Another report of the committee was also published, and the Senate voted to continue the committee for the purpose of having it report at the next session.
Last spring another report was made by this committee and communicated to me, and I was informed by the committee that the report was not for publication but was for constructive criticism. Upon the receipt of this report I made some investigation into the matters contained in the report and also made some administrative changes in the operation of the plant. Last August the committee made another report, after some investigation at Grand Forks, which was made public. This showed it to be the intent
of the committee to afford constructive criticism regarding the operation of the plant, and not any purpose of injuring the plant.

The two reports communicated to me, as well as the last report of the committee, which was published, have not as yet been considered or acted upon by the Senate or the Legislative Assembly.

These reports were published for no other purpose than to injure the plant in its operations, and, in addition, to afford a political background for criticizing my managers and my administration of the plant. The publication of these reports also became a basis for many charges to be made, either directly or indirectly stated, implying mismanagement of the plant, and even actual dishonesty. The publicity has, in a manner at least, affected not only the standing, honesty and integrity of persons in charge of operating the plant, but my administration as well.

The only courses open to me of responding to such publicity was either to become personally engaged in a newspaper controversy, or to bring subject matters before this Legislative Assembly which had created the Fact Finding Committee. I chose the latter course, and this Special Session has been called for the purpose of fully considering these reports.

In its report, the Fact Finding Committee touched upon three primary matters of criticism:
(1) Purchases of wheat from commission houses at high prices,
(2) Sale of flour into eastern territory, and (3) Feed Sales.

I have given attention to the investigation of these matters and am ready to submit to this honorable body reports of auditors and others covering each of the matters, as well as other matters affecting the operation of the plant.

The Terminal Elevator and State Mill is a large, modern institution that must handle our grain and the flour manufactured from our grain in competition with similar institutions, located in other states, handling the grain of our producers. Our institution is confronted with the same problems that similar institutions in other states find confronting them. This includes not only questions involving the ability to get the right kind of grain for milling, which is the big problem of others, but in addition, ours must solve the question of serving our producers by establishing a particular market for a particular high quality of grain that is produced in North Dakota, and also to secure for this grain in the markets of this country, the.recognition to which it is entitled as a superior quality of hard spring wheat from which the best grade of bread making flour is made.

An investigation covering purchases of grain, or sales of the products manufactured from such grain, must necessarily include considerations of the business methods customarily practiced by similar institutions in the markets of
our country, in order to understand what are usually considered efficient and businesslike methods for the successful operation of a large plant like the State Mill and Terminal Elevator in order to operate the plant at anywhere near its capacity.

When the operation of the Terminal Elevator and State Mill was commenced, a condition was faced where producers of our grain in this state were handling or marketing it through well established channels. This was through the means of local elevators, farmers elevators, or so-termed "line- elevators," commission houses in a foreign state that financed these elevators in handling grain, and other commission houses in other states that purchased grain from these elevators, or sold it for them on foreign markets, such as Minneapolis or Duluth.

Prior to the establishment of the Terminal elevator and mill at Grand Forks our products were sold by our farmers on the basis of grade of the grain. Our purchasers then knew little about the value of high protein in their grain. Today we know that the grain of our producers, used in manufacturing flour, is bought and sold almost exclusively on the basis of protein content. We know, also, that in successfully manufacturing flour from aur wheat it is not only necessary that wheat be purchased from various localities, in order to get the highest grade and best balanced wheat, but also that the wheat must be purchased with a view to the place of its origin, so that advantage may be taken in freight rates and transit values that apply in transporting the flour after it is manufactured.

If you will give your attention to the question of purchasing wheat by the State plant at Grand Forks from the beginning, you will find, I think, that when the plant was first started it was necessary for our plant to purchase practically all or most of its wheat from commission houses, or commission financing houses, outside the state, in order to secure sufficient wheat for its needs. This was necessary in many respects because these foreign commission houses, located in Minneapolis or Duluth, in a way controlled the handling, and disposition of the wheat produced in North Dakota. It is also true that at the beginning there was no established market at Grand Forks, and no established organization through which our wheat could le secured. There was no assurance that such wheat could be secured in quantities sufficient to fill contracts that were made, or might be made, for flour sales.

In operating this plant it was my purpose from the beginning, realizing these conditions, to establish a terminal market within the borders of our state and at Grand Forks so that grain could be bought from our own producers as far as possible. It was necessary, also, so that the plant might render valuable service to the producers in our state, to so organize the plant that wheat, in all instances, could not only be tested for our producers but be bought and sold at Grand Forks, and be stored in the elevator at Grand Forks,
on the basis of its protein content. Realizing these conditions, it was my purpose from the very beginning of my administration to establish a terminal market within the borders of our state and at Grand Forks. In this connection, it was also my purpose to accumulate a supply of grain, furnished by our own producers, at our own market in this state, which would be available for purposes of purchase by our State Mill, and which could be sold, or cleaned, or stored, or mixed at a terminal market established for our producers within the borders of our State.

It has required a great deal of work and time to attempt to build a terminal market within our state. At the beginning it was not so easy to stop a carload of grain sent out by a local elevator and consigned to a commission house in Minneapolis. It could only be done by communication with the commission house in Minneapolis, and by purchase from such commission house in Minneapolis or Duluth.
Upon investigation you will find, I believe, that gradually the state plant has pursued a policy of attempting to buy more and more of its grain directly from our producers, or from representatives of our producers located in this state. You will also find that there is now established a real terminal market within this state where the grain of our own producers may be bought and sold on a basis of its protein content, and that this terminal market handles from five to eight million bushels of grain each year. You will find also that through this terminal market there now exists an available supply of grain that is sent directly to our terminal and not first billed to terminals outside the state, or to commission houses outside this state.

It is only during the past year that local elevators within our state have commenced to do business wit our terminal in a sufficiently large volume to furnish practically all of the wheat needed by our State Mill, excepting such wheat as the Mill must necessarily purchase from Montana in order to get particularly high protein, or, on account of freight rates, to take advantage of freight rates.

I am prepared to submit to you a report from our present wheat buyer showing the amount of grain purchased this year from our producers, farmers' elevators and other elevators in this state, or outside the state.

In the matter of sales of flour made in eastern territory, I am prepared to furnish information that such sales were not only made at going market prices then prevailing in the east, but in many instances at a higher market price than then prevailed. In this respect I ask that you give consideration to eastern flour sales of former years as well as eastern sales made in 1926 and 1927.

In this connection I invite your attention to the fact that in the east, State Mill flour, manufactured exclusively from hard spring wheat, is now receiving the recognition which is its due for its superior worth, and because of this it com-
mands a particularly higher price as compared with patent flour made from mixed wheat.

It has taken much initial work and considerable money to establish the worth of State Mill flour made from North Dakota hard spring wheat.

Concerning the matter of feed sales I am prepared to furnish evidence showing that the feed sales as made, and as criticized, were made on the usual basis followed by other mills at the going market prices then prevailing. I am also prepared to furnish explanation of the feed sales made in 1926, and ask you to direct particular consideration to feed sales made in 1927 as well as other years.

Concerning purchases of wheat made in 1926 by the former wheat buyer, I am prepared to furnish an explanation of such purchases under contract conditions existing in 1926 relative to flour. I invite your attention at the same time to wheat purchases made in former years, as well as in the year 1927.

I make no criticism of the Fact Finding Committee. The members of this committee acted in good faith and for the purpose of honestly affording constructive criticism. Their means of investigation were necessarily limited, because they had little time and were furnished no expense moneys by the Legislative Assembly. They received most of their information from what might be termed "a one-sided source."

The Terminal Elevator and State Mill is a state institution of tremendous importance to the people of this state.

The most important problem facing our people as well as the people of the entire nation, is the present position of Agriculture in its relation to other industries. Congress has spoken through its enactment of the Hoch-Smith resolution, in which mention is made of the depressed condition of agriculture, and the need of the lowest possible freight rates to be applied in transporting farm products. The Interstate Commerce Commission is now conducting a general investigation of freight rates upon agricultural products. As Governor of this state I have taken part in this investigation. I have proposed to the Interstate Commerce Commission, and am seeking to secure lower freight rates for our farmers on their grain from their fields' of production to the markets and fields of consumption. I am also trying to secure transit privileges on this grain, just as the markets and other mills outside our state enjoy, so that on our North Dakota grain our markets and mills can compete with markets and mills outside the state, on a basis of equality. I am also seeking to secure for our grain privileges of being dried, cleaned, or stored in our state without paying a penalty for so doing.

We have already shown in this hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission that our people are shipping out of this state every year about five million bushels of dockage, upon which our producers have to pay the freight
to outside markets and upon which they receive no pay. The freight alone on this dockage amounts to more than $\$ 50,000$ annually, and its value as feed is about $\$ 500,000$ annually.
We ought to save freight charges; we ought to keep such dockage within our state for its feed value to our stock, hogs and dairy cows.

In this investigation I have asked for a break in freight rates within our state, and for proportional rates within our state for our grain, the same as Minneapolis and Duluth enjoy on the grain from this state. There is no reason why the people of our state should not have at least a chance, on the basis of equality, to handle our own products. I think we are entitled to lower and better freight rates. I think that the Commission, in the investigation now pending, will recognize that we are entitled to have them.

There is no reason why this great state should not build up within its borders industries capable of handling, marketing and manufacturing our own products. There is no reason why markets and industries outside our state should always continue to handle, and market and manufacture practically all of our products.

All of our citizens should stand united in the demand that our producers, our citizens, and our cities be given at least opportunities equal to those possessed by those without our state, to handle our own products.

Mr. William Watt, a member of this Assembly, presented a valuable illustration in this same investigation before the Interstate Commerce Commission, concerning conditions affecting the producers. I would like to have every member of the Legislative Assembly read Mr. Watt's testimony.

Again, as I have repeatedly stated, I emphasize that our grain stands in a class by itself, particularly our wheat of the regular spring variety. It is of particularly high quality and entitled to a higher price wherever it may be marketed.

It makes no difference whether it be our regular hard spring wheat, durum wheat, barley, oats, or flax, all are of high quality and worth more because of such quality.

It is our business and our concern in this state to see that our grain is so marketed and receives such treatment in transportation that it will receive its full worth for its quality. Our sister state of Montana also produces high quality grain from the eastern part of the state; but our active competitor in export is the Canadian grain from the three prairie provinces to the north of us. They produce high quality wheat. We are accustomed to believe that we are dependent upon the foreign prices for our surplus. The Canadian provinces have been giving serious attention to the marketing of their grain and to the freight rates on it for several years. They have built, or fostered the building, of large terminals at home. They have fought for and secured lower freight rates on their grain. For several years it has
cost producers in these Canadian provinces less to transport their grain to Buffalo to export it, or to the east coast, or the west coast, considerably less than the producer in North Dakota situated the same distance from the same market.

The Canadian government has not hesitated to aid the producer either in building terminals, or in securing lower freight rates. Just last September another reduction was made in freight rates on grain from these Canadian provinces. Can you understand why the Canadian producer has received more per bushel this fall for his wheat than the North Dakota producer?

An interesting exhibit was introduced by the North Dakota Railroad Commission in the investigation of freight rates mentioned. Mr. Larkin, chief elevator accountant, and Mr. Lund, federal grain inspector, last fall visited elevators buying grain in North Dakota right across the line from Canada. They took samples of grain from farmers' wagons then in the elevator, just hauled in. They had the samples graded by the elevator. They noted the price then being paid at such elevator for such grade of wheat; then they took the same sample over into Canada and there had it graded under the Canadian law, and found out the price then being paid at that elevator in Canada for such grade of wheat.

For instance, a sample of wheat on September 30, 1927, was taken from a farmer's wagon at the International Elevator at Antler, North Dakota. It was graded No. 1 Dark Northern Spring, and the price then being paid at such elevator was $\$ 1.09$. Then the same sample was taken across the line on the same day to the Patterson Elevator at Lyleton, Manitoba. The sample was graded No. 2, and the price being then paid for such grade of wheat was $\$ 1.19$, or ten cents more than the North Dakota price. More than thirty different samples were thus handled at different points along the border line in North Dakota and Canada. The average result of these tests showed that the Canadian Elevators were paying on an average of 4.2 cents per bushel more than North Dakota Elevators and that the average difference in freight rates was $21 / 2$ cents per bushel in favor of the Canadian farmers, and this, I understand, was before the lower Canadian freight rates had had a chance to become effective.

You are familiar with the efforts that Congress has made recently, and are still under way, to aid agriculture, such as the McNary-Haugen Bill and similar measures. You know about the Federal aid that has been given and is now being given towards building up Grain Water Terminals at Minneapolis and St. Paul and barge lines to handle and transport grain over the Mississippi river and lower rates that have been given by water routes to New Orleans and intermediate markets. The Federal Government has not hesitated either to give its aid or of its revenues. All of these things show the vital necessity of our giving attention to our marketing problems and to do it at once. No State is more vitally concerned, interested and affected than we are. It is now time for us to cooperate in a united manner, not only with Federal Agencies, but with all agencies that will aid our producers and the citizens of our State in our farm problems.

As a result of testimony we have given in cases before the Interstate Commerce Commission and before our own Railroad Commission, it has been shown that our State produces a large percentage of the grain produced in the United States. Our elevator capacity in the local elevators of the state is limited as well as storage capacity upon our farms. The result is that over $50 \%$ of our grain production must be carried at once by the railways as soon as threshing time occurs. As soon as threshing time comes, strings of cars are assembled by the railways so that shipping of wheat can start at once and the grain be carried to outside terminals, almost always with dirt and dockage in it, and this in order that the local elevators can keep on functioning and remain open for business. The consequence is that a tremendous quantity of grain goes in a short time to outside terminals, creating conditions of congestion not only on the railways but also at these outside terminals. This can serve to have no other effect than to tend to lower the price of the grain on account of such congestion. Not only that, but grain that the farmer stores in local elevators as well as grain that he sells, all is shipped out, the great majority of it, all thus increasing the actual load of actual wheat at outside terminals.

The Terminal Elevator of the state at Grand Forks and the market there has aided as it could in this movement. A fully equipped terminal and market there exists. Our producer or shipper can have his grain graded, tested for protein, dried, cleaned, or stored; he can offer it for sale there, of course, if it be unloaded there, the producer or shipper must pay a transit penalty or charge that he does not have to pay at Minneapolis or Duluth. This penalty we expect to have removed in the case now pending. Our producer or shipper, however, if he sells his grain at our Terminal is not penalized. If he does not sell it there and wants to ship it forward either to Minneapolis or Duluth, he may do so by diversion without extra charge. The territory that our Terminal may serve, of course, is limited. It reaches backwards west into the north half of the state for the major part. Yet this fall has witnessed a tremendous patronage given our Terminal. There was congestion not only at our Terminal, but also at Minneapolis and Duluth.

Our Terminal has handled as much as 1500 car loads of grain in one month. Its capacity, of course, is limited. At one time this fall there wete 500 to 600 carloads of grain on the railways back in North Dakota awaiting transportation to our Terminal. We have no trouble in taking care of the grain at the Terminal. We can unload 144 carloads per day, but our storage capacity is limited for private storage. To the capacity of our Federal warehouse which is about one million bushels, another million bushels is required for the mill. Farmers' elevators are now using to considerable extent the storage capacity at our Terminal; the amount available is altogether inadequate to take care of the demands, and this has happened even though the shipper is penalized for storing his grain at our Terminal because we absorb part of this penalty if such shipper stores his grain with us any given length of time. The point of all this is, that there is already a valuable terminal market for our producer at home
and near to the source of production. It not only serves the producer by giving to him an additional market at home, but it givés to him at home a knowledge of the grade and protein of his grain and gives to him a chance to market his grain at home or at other markets without additional cost or a chance to store the actual grain at home on the basis of its protein content. The terminal has already demonstrated its value to the producer. Railway handicaps in rates and privileges penalize its activities; lack of more storage capacity limit the extent of its operations. But the need and value of terminal facilities within the State has already been established. Already statements and promises have been made that if railway handicaps be removed on the handling of grain within our state, additional terminal elevators will be built by private capital within our state. Mr. Helm, President of the Russell-Miller Milling Company, stated in his testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the hearing that I have mentioned, that if certain railway handicaps which I have asked to be removed, be removed, that he would make a promise to open up again Flour Mills in the state that have been closed.

I have gone into this matter at some length for the purpose of showing the necessity of additional terminal storage in this state and the necessity of storing our grain at home instead of in other states and the propriety now of recommending to your earnest consideration the erection of a terminal elevator at Fargo that will serve and can serve the balance of our state not now served by the Terminal at Grand Forks.

Before the Interstate Commerce Commission it was shown that if there were facilities at Fargo to create a terminal market there, that the state was entitled to it. If we can provide facilities, a market could be established there and the rates on grain adjusted the same as they will be at Grand Forks.

The first question to be asked after this statement is: How much would this add to taxation on North Dakota farms? In a statement submitted by the State Tax Commissioner, it is shown that the average assessed net valuation of a quarter section farm in North Dakota is $\$ 2,382.00$. This statement shows also that the Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks cost four and one-half million dollars. This has cost the owner of a quarter section farm in this state for the six year period since the construction of the State Mill and Elevator, fiftytwo cents each year, or about one-half cent per bushel on a hundred bushel load. This covers the Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks. The project at Fargo would cost not to exceed one-fourth of the present Mill and Elevator. The people in the southern half of the state are entitled to just as good marketing facilities as the people in the northern half, and unquestionably, with such a market established at Fargo, the people in the grain business would themselves build storage with capacity ample to take care of everything coming in over the Northern Pacific Railroad.

With the new methods and machinery, such as the combines used in harvesting it has become necessary to have terminal marketing facilities closer to the producer. The grain harvest-
ed by this method is very often wet and damp and will not stand shipping for any distance nor storing for any length of time without being properly dried. The terminal facilities at Grand Forks and Fargo would be sufficient to take care of all such grain, and with the grain people building their own storage facilities, we would be in a position to market our grain in an orderly way. We have elevator capacity back in the state for about thirty-seven million bushels of grain, and the farmers have grain room for about fifty million bushels. With the added facilities at Grand Forks and Fargo, we could be assured of putting our grain on the market in an orderly way so that it could be absorbed by the millers, and so that the millers could be sure of getting our hard spring wheat, and also assure us of getting the premium on our wheat to which we are rightfully entitled.

We must bear in mind that it is only within very recent years that we in North Dakota have had anything to say about marketing our own grain. There are organizations and individuals outside our state who have most energetically opposed the so-called industrial program adopted by the people of North Dakota in recent years. The publicity campaign which has been carried on this year and in prior years, brings to mind another attempt by the farmers of the northwest to establish their own terminal marketing facilities, in order that they might obtain fair and reasonable prices for their products. I call your attention to the establishment of the Equity Co-operative Exchange at St. Paul a few years ago. In the matter of the investigation made by the Federal Trade Commission at Washington in 1923, upon complaint of the farmers of the northwest against the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis, I am presenting a brief statement of the findings of the Federal Trade Commission, as reported in Volume 7 of the Federal Trade Commission decisions.

The Trade Commission, in its investigation, found that the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis, between May, 1912, and May, 1917, with the plan and purpose of injuring and destroying the business of the Equity Co-operative Exchange and the St. Paul Grain Exchange, published in trade and daily newspapers, false and misleading statements concerning their financial responsibility and the methods used by the said Equity Co-operative Exchange, and their officers and members; in transacting business in grain. Among these trade and daily newspapers were the "Co-operative Manager and Farmer," the "National Grain Grower and Equity Farm News," the "Fargo Forum," and the "Fargo Daily Courier News." These publications and the Chamber of Commerce circulated and distributed to and among customers and prospective customer 3 of the members of the said exchange. They likewise distributed said articles in reprints, pamphlets and official corresopndence, and through traveling grain solicitors in the employ of the Chamber of Commerce. In these articles the Chamber of Commerce vigorously attacked the Equity Co-operative Exchange and the St. Paul Grain Exchange.

The Trade Commission found that all of the propaganda published against the Equity Co-operative Exchange was false, and published with the evident intent to destroy the
farmers' cooperative marketing agency. The Commission further found that in order to induce the daily papers of the city of Fargo to publish some of these articles, the Chamber of Commerce would place an order with such newspapers for 1,000 extra copies, on condition that the newspaper should print certain articles, and that in the event such articles were not printed, the order for extra copies would be canceled.

It was further found that the Chamber of Commerce in less than one year collected more than $\$ 57,000$ for what they termed "educational purposes," which money was used to send out information and articles against the Equity Co-operative Exchange and the St. Paul Grain Exchange.

The Federal Trade Commission further found that to eliminate competition of those engaged in cooperative methods of marketing grain in Minneapolis and surrounding territory, the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis combined and conspired to destroy the Equity Co-operative Exchange and to destroy the business of the St. Paul Grain Exchange. As a part of their plan to carry out this purpose, the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis persuaded Fred Schmidt, J. Emerson Greenfield, and Samuel Crumpton, holders of one share each of the capital stock of the said Equity Co-operative Exchange to bring in their own names as Plaintiffs against the president and secretary of said exchange, a proceeding by mandamus to obtain data from the books of the said Equity Co-operative Exchange upon which to base another subsequent action to have the said Equity Co-operative Exchange declared insolvent, adjudicated a bankrupt, to have a receiver appointed and its charter annulled. That, accordingly, commencing in 1914 three lawsuits were instituted by these plaintiffs, that the Chamber of Commerce induced these plaintiffs to bring these actions and that the Chamber of Commerce not only paid the expenses of the litigation but hired the attorneys to bring this action for and on behalf of these plaintiffs, that the Chamber of Commerce hired Judge Edward Engerud of the firm of Engerud, Holt \& Frame of Fargo to bring this action on behalf of these plaintiffs and that the Chamber of Commerce paid these attorneys for their work in bringing such action. The Federal Trade Commission further found that the Chamber of Commerce succeeded in having their own specially appointed auditing firm to audit the books of the said Equity Co-operative Exchange and the St. Paul Grain Exchange, that as-a result of such action in the District Court, the attorney general of the state of North Dakota, Henry J. Linde, was persuaded by the Chamber of Commerce to bring action to cancel and annul the charter of the said Equity Co-operative Exchange and that the said attorney general for the state of North Dakota engaged the said Judge Engerud to prosecute the said case on behalf of the state, when as a matter of fact, the said Engerud was at that time in the employ of the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis. The Federal Trade Commission found that all costs and disbursements of these suits, including the expenses of Edward Engerud, attorney for the Chamber of Commerce, plus the expenses attendant upon the examination of the said books were paid by the said Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis.

The Federal Trade Commission further found that the Chamber of Commerce hired people to go out among the banks and customers with which said Equity Co-operative Exchange did business to spread false information and to ask questions which would lead such banks and other supporters of the said Equity Co-operative Exchange to become worried and lose confidence in the management of the Equity Co-operative Exchange.

Knowing these things to have happened in the past, being the findings of a disinterested and unbiased commission, a part of the Federal Government, we cannot but wonder and ask whether or not there is any connection at this time between the persistent onslaught against the industrial program enacted by the people of North Dakota and the attempt by the people of North Dakota to establish their own terminal marketing facilities.

Would it not be well also to appoint a committee to investigate and find out from what source the money comes that is being supplied and has for the past three years been supplied to pay for all the propaganda and publicity used not only against our state industries, but, indirectly, against our state as well?

In connection with the report of the Fact Finding Committee, I ask that you call in all the men connected with the State Mill and Elevator and ascertain from them if there has been any dishonest dealing going on, as some of the newspapers have intimated. Mr. Webster, the grain buyer, and Mr. Spencer, the manager, have both been placed under suspicion, and I think that in fairness to them, and to me as general manager, this cloud of suspicion should be cleared away, or else have us proven guilty of some wrongdoing.

I have the report of the Fact Finding Committee to submit to you, and in connection therewith I am submitting the report of the audit made by Poole \& Schantz relative to the deals with Josephs \& Co. and Midland Grain Company.

Our marketing facilities in North Dakota are too vitally important to us to permit them to be used for a political football. We should at all times try to keep them on a basis where they will serve as markets for our products, and eliminate the politicians who so enjoy playing with them.

The State Mill and Elevator, as a marketing agency for our grain, is the best investment North Dakota has ever made, and if politicians would leave it alone it could be made to function a great deal better than it is functioning now. The Bank of North Dakota has not been used as a political football in the last three years, consequently that institution has made a direct profit of 16 per cent during the last year. The Mill and Elevator has shown a great deal larger profit than this, but it is indirect profit upon the premiums we have been getting on our wheat, and the saving on flour consumed in North Dakota.

Let me ask you why it is that potato growers in McKenzie County get three times more money for their potatoes than
growers in Cass County? The answer is that McKenzie County people have sold the people on the superior quality of their potatoes, and because they stand behind the quality of their product they are able to market them to advantage.

Why is it that North Dakota Rural Credit Bonds are today selling on a $41 / 2$ per cent basis at a premium, being eagerly sought by bond buyers, and rated as the best bonds on the American market, whereas in 1923 our bonds were begging for buyers at $51 / 2$ per cent? The reason is that we have created a market for our bonds among our own bankers in our own state, and as soon as the bond people found that we had a market for them, they became very keen to buy our bonds and have been offering premiums to get them and want to handle them.

The people of North Dakota were not the first to discover and put into practice municipal and state owned projects. Let me cite you a few instances. The city of Norfolk, Virginia, invested $\$ 5,000,000$ in a grain elevator and docks which have been in operation since 1921. This industry has paid an operating profit of $\$ 80,000$, but has paid nothing on interest on the investment and depreciation, and yet the city of Norfolk feels that it has made a good investment.

The city of Los Angeles invested about $\$ 24,000,000$ in municipal harbors. They have made a small operating profit, but have paid nothing on interest or depreciation. This city, too, feels that it has made a good investment.

Seattle, Washington, New Orleans, La., and many other cities too numerous to mention, have made similar investments for the express purpose of marketing their products. If such investments are good for these cities, why are they not good for our state?

I want to say to you bankers, merchants and professional people that you will become prosperous to the extent that you help to make the farmers of this state prosperous.

To give you an idea of what politics and politicians can do to the marketing of our wheat and flour I cite the following facts: In 1925 there was a "closed season" on politics and politicians during all twelve months of that year. The profits shown by the Mill and Elevator were as follows: $\$ 151,058.15$, operating profit.

1926 was an "open season" for politics and politicians. During the early spring of that year, at a political convention hold ir Devils Lake, a platform was adopted in which the politicians declared that our state industries should be scrapped and thrown into the Missouri River. The people of our state did not take this platform seriously, but because our wheat and flour are marketed all through the east, the people in the eastern section of the country did take it seriously, so the figures for 1926 on the State Mill and Elevator are as follows: $\$ 91,328.59$, operating loss.

1927 was supposed to be a "closed season" on politics, but in the month of August the politicians disregarded the
closed season and opened fire. It was too late to do much damage to our marketing, and the following statement shows the profits made by the State Mill and Elevator in 1927 - up to December 31st: $\$ 160,206.57$, operating profit.

I beg of you to become serious minded. Haven't we played the other fellow's game long enough - doesn't it appear to you that we should begin to look after our own interests in North Dakota - isn't it time that we are looking after our own affairs and managing our own business in a business way, and not a political? Politics has no place in North Dakota as far as the operation of our industries and institutions are concerned and you will find that the more you help the producer solve his problem, the more you will help solve the problem of all agriculture.

I want now to call your attention to the Missouri Diversion Project in connection with the Missouri River Flood control proposals. A resolution has recently been introduced by Senator Frazier in the U. S. Senate which reads as follows:
"Whereas whatever may be the ultimate decision of Congress as to the plans which will be adopted for flood control and utilization of the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and ramifications, it is evident that from the many plans that have been and will be advanced for consideration, much time will be consumed before any ultimate decision covering the entire subject can be arrived at; and
"Whereas in the Riker spillway project for control and utilization of the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and ramifications, or in any other practicable plan which may be formulated for that purpose, the control of the floods which annually proceed from the headwaters of the Missouri River is an essential factor; and
"Whereas in considering the value of this essential factor in flood control from this source to the Gulf, it becomes essential that Congress at this time ascertain from the Legislature of the State of North Dakota, which has been called in special session for January 10, 1928, if that State will provide the land and premises which would be necessary and used in connection therewith, excepting Indian lands and lands owned by the United States; and

[^0]practicable by similar control of floods in most of its lower tributaries would permit the Missouri River to be made navigable from the Missouri to the Montana line because of the lesser inclination of the uniform flow of these waters to form bars and cause snags in the river: Now, therefore, be it
"RESOLVED, That it shall be ascertained from the State of North Dakota if the State of North Dakota will provide the lands and premises, excepting public domain, lands belonging to the United States, and Indian lands, which will be utilized, covered, submerged, inundated, and necessary for the construction and maintenance of a dam about two hundred feet high on the Missouri River, in the State of North Dakota, at a point about eighty miles northwest of the city of Bismarck."

In general you have heard about the proposals to divert the Missouri river so as to lessen flood waters and better control and conserve the waters of the Missouri. I will not pretend to state with any definiteness the specific program, but in general it contemplates diverting waters from the Missouri river somewhere between Washburn and Sanish and taking them into Devils Lake and thence through a chain of lakes into the Sheyenne river and thence into the Red River of the North.

This program involves not only retaining flood waters, restoring lakes in our State and stabilizing the flow of the Missouri river, but it has within it the possibilities fully capable of realization that both the Missouri River and the Red River of the North may again become navigable streams capable of being used as arteries of commerce for the transportation of our native products.

Not only from a viewpoint of conservation and of flood control but as a matter of marketing transportation, the whole scheme is of tremendous importance to our state, affecting every part and portion of the entire state. It is no idle dream to view the Missouri river as a navigable stream transporting our grain southward in the line of trade like the barge line service now from Minneapolis and St. Paul and for the Red River of the North again to be navigable as once it was to transport the grain of our fields tributary for Terminals on our eastern border northward into the Hudson Bay, through the ocean waterway now being constructed by the Canadian Government from the Red River of the North and Lake Winnipeg via the Nelson river north. When we come to think that these potential waterways are so much more adequate than the Erie Canal and other similar governmental enterprises, we ought to have no hesitancy in devoting our serious consideration to the problem, and right now is the proper and appropriate time and not at some later date.

I do not desire to speak at further length upon this topic. I recommend your fullest cooperation with the Federal Gov-
ernment in the entire Missouri River project with particular devotion to rendering the Missouri river and the Red River of the North both available and able to be considered as arteries of commerce for our products with the considerations involved of our State becoming entitled to cheap water transportation and lesser freight rates in consequence.

I want to call your attention to the fact that in view of the National attention now being devoted to railroad rates on farm products and the present position of agriculture, I recommend the adoption of a Joint Resolution by the Legislature to the fact that the North Dakota Board of Railway Commissioners make investigation and prescribe intrastate the lowest possible rates for grain and grain products, consistent with a fair return to the carriers with a view to building up marketing facilities and terminals within our state and industrial operations on such grain to keep dockage, manufactured feed, and to foster milling industry within our State.

I want to recommend to this session that they provide a law by which cities can acquire ground on which to establish airports for commercial purposes as well as passenger purposes. We are entering into a new field of transportation and should have facilities to take care of such transportation.

For some time I have been working with the three raliroads that pass through our State with the idea of having them cooperate with us in marketing our State, and have finally come to an understanding with them that we put on a North Dakota train sometime during the middle summer and go into the sections that we would like to have people come from to live with us - this section being Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Southern Minnesota and South Dakota. They have agreed to put in $\$ 25,000$ apiece, or $\$ 75,000$ if the State will put in $\$ 25,000$, making $\$ 100,000$ for a North Dakota train, showing North Dakota products and the possibilities in North Dakota for new settlers. I want to sincerely recommend to you this kind of a project and want to ask you to make an appropriation out of the General Fund of $\$ 25,000$ to make up this $\$ 100,000$ investment for the purpose of increasing our population. We have room for a million more people here that we can make happy and contented and it will make us more happy and prosperous to have them with us.

I want to ask you Senators and Representatives at this Special Session to forget about political factions and about politics and devote your time sincerely to what I have recommended in my message, to the end, that something can be
done for our people. Our State is one of the important agricultural states and we should try to help solve our agricultural problems at home.

## Governor A. G. Sorlie gave the following address:

 Senators and Representatives:You have heard my message and printed copies will be delivered to your desks very soon; the janitors will deliver them. Now I'll tell you, you are here to do something, and I have tried to bring out in my message some of the things that are necessary. The message is quite long and I hope you will give earnest consideration to everything I have brought out. I believe that you will have attended the most important session ever held in North Dakota if you will give attention to my message and carry it out. Forget about your political factions and for once get out and let North Dakota stand out as the main thing in your mind. Every business man and farmer in North Dakota needs your help. We need your help-every one. You are in position to help them if you will give your time and attention to the marketing problems in North Dakota. I hope when you get my message you will consider these things.

I have spent thirty years in the marketing game in North Dakota and I don't know half of it yet. You may think something else but I don't believe anyone here has had any longer experience, and with thirty years experience I ought to know something that North Dakota needs for markets. Some people bring out arguments that North Dakota products are not better than other state's. I have been in a lot of games but I have been in the grain business for thirty years and I know that our grain is just a little bit better than any other state in the union. Canada has better hard wheat, but outside of Montana we have no competition in our wheat, none anywhere in our flax or rye or durum. We have something here if we can get out and sell it.

Senator Patterson moved that the Joint Assembly do now dissolve.

Mr. Thompson of Ramsey moved that a committee, consisting of 17 members, be appointed to confer with a Senate committee to consider the message of the Governor, which motion was seconded by Mr. Worner, which motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced that he would appoint this committee at a later date.

Mr. Twichell moves that the report of the Fact Finding Committee and the Audit Report of T .H. Poole and William H. Schantz, Public Accountants, as made to the Governor and Chief Clerk, be printed in the Journal.

## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO NUMBER OF JOURNALS TO BE PRINTED EACH DAY

Mr. Jardine moved that there be printed 5000 copies of the House Journal, containing the above named reports, and that other days there be only 3,500 printed, which motion prevailed.

## AUDIT REPORT

# OF NORTH DAKOTA MILL \& ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION WHEAT PURCHASES \& MILL FEED SALES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 

AUGUST 1, 1926,

## AND ENDING AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS

JULY 31, 1927.
Hon. A. G. Sorlie, Governor, Manager N. D. Mill \& Elevator Association, Bismarck, North Dakota.

## Sir:

Pursuant to your instructions, we have made an examination and investigation of the books and records of the Midland Grain Company, Minneapolis, Minn., relating to wheat purchases made by the North Dakota Mill \& Elevator Association, during the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1926, and ending on June 30, 1927.

We have also made an examination and investigation of the books and records of the I. S. Joseph Company, Minneapolis, Minn., relating to certain feed contracts entered into by and between the said I. S. Joseph Company and the North Dakota Mill \& Elevator Association, verifying these transactions from the books and records of the North Dakota Mill \& Elevator Association at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

We hereby respectfully submit a report of our findings and WE HEREBY CERTIFY that, in our opinion, this report correctly presents the true condition and situation with reference to the transactions covered by this report, subject to qualifications and comments contained therein.

T. H. POOLE, Certified Public Accountant.<br>WILLIAM M. SCHANTZ, Certified Public Accountant.

Bismarck, North Dakota,
November 14, 1927.

## SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

The scope of our engagement called for an examination and investigation of the books and records of certain private industries, relating to transactions entered into with the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association. Acting in accordance with specific instructions, each of the signers of this report made an investigation and examination of the books and records of the Midland Grain Company of Minneapolis, Minn., and the books and records of the I. S. Joseph Company, Minneapolis, Minn. We did not make an examination or audit of
the books and records of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association, other than to verify certain findings disclosed by the books and records of the above-named companies.

We had before us the Press Report of the "Fact-finding Committee" appointed by the North Dakota Senate. The original report of such Fact-finding Committee was not available for our inspection. We also had before us a copy of the original audit report of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association submitted by O. B. Lund, accountant for the North Dakota Board of Auditors.

All of the records, books and files of the Midland Grain Company and of the I. S. Joseph Company were at our disposal and no attempt was made by any of the officers of either company to conceal anything pertaining to the transactions under investigation. We received courteous treatment and willing assistance from all of the officers and employees of such companies during the course of examination of the records at Minneapolis.

Our report deals with transactions with the Midland Grain Company, a Minneapolis Grain Dealer, and with the I. S. Joseph Company, a Minneapolis Feed Dealer. The report is presented in two parts; the first part relating to and dealing with wheat purchases and the second part with mill feed sales.

Viewing the result of operations in retrospection, it is comparatively simple now to show "what should have been done" -In this report, however, we attempt to analyze certain transactions and to determine whether or not the proceedure taken at the time such transactions arose was founded on good business practice. We realize that the economic functions of the various branches of the grain and milling industries present many complications, generally little understood by the casual observer, and complete analyses of many transactions will disclose findings contrary to hastily formed conclusions.

We endeavor briefly to sketch the practices generally followed by millers and submit evidence to show whether or not not the management of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association made a radical departure from good and sound policies followed by industries engaged in a similar line of business.

## WHEAT PURCHASES-MIDLAND GRAIN COMPANY

Mr. O. B. Lund, accountant, in his report to the Members of the State Board of Auditors-page 3, paragraph 2-stated that the Midland Grain Company of Minneapolis received an average profit of $\$ 117.38$ per car of wheat sold to the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association. On an academic conclusion, he stated that the total profit inuring to the benefit of this company amounted to $\$ 37,326.84$ on 318 cars of wheat delivered. Our examination of the books and records of the Midland Grain Company disproves this conclusion and the certified report of Hendrickson \& Wilson, public accountants
of St. Paul, Minn., bears out our report, in which it is maintained that the alleged middlemen's profit of $\$ 37,326.84$ was arbitrarily determined and not founded on actual facts and conditions.

The books and records of the Midland Grain Company indicated that this corporation was organized under the Laws of the State of Minnesota on May 3, 1923. Its outstanding capital stock amounts to $\$ 25,100.00$, all of which was subscribed and paid for by the following named stockholders:

> I. S. Joseph, president.
> David S. Levin, vice-president and secretary.
> Morris Kantar, treasurer.

There is no record of any changes in stock ownership since the date of subscription therefor. The company maintains a general office at 504 Flour Exchange, Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. David S. Levin is the general manager.

The corporation was formed for the purpose of carrying on a general grain merchandising business, buying its grain from country elevators, independent elevators, line houses, or any others offering grain for sale and selling such grain to millers, mixers and exporters.

## THE GRAIN DEALER'S FUNCTION

Millers, mixers and exporters, when in need of certain grain for particular purposes, call on dealers and others having such grain for sale, or having knowledge of available supplies, and arranging through them for the purchase of their specific needs. It appears to be uneconomical for millers and mixers to maintain direct buying organizations, and our examination disclosed that millers, as a general rule, buy their wheat through grain dealers. The grain dealer fills a definite need in the economic scheme of the milling and grain industries by maintaining this contact between the producer and the manufacturer. To do this, he must have representatives and buyers in the producing territories in touch with market offerings, reviewing samples and generally relieving millers of the problem of getting the grain required for their particular purposes.

The business of a flour mill is to manufacture flour, and a flour mill is generally dependent for its net income on the profits arising from flour and feed contracts. Flour contracts are usually made with brokerage firms for a stated number of barrels of a specific quality. Deliveries of the manufactured products are often made several months after the date of the contracts; the selling price, however, is based on the prevailing cash or futures price of wheat as of date of contract. The mill is assured of its revenue as of date of contract if the mill has available the wheat necessary to manufacture the flour, This condition seldom, if ever, exists and the mill must go into the market for the purpose of buying wheat necessary to fill its flour contracts. It is not only necessary to secure a given number of bushels of wheat, but wheat must be had of a specific quality. It is not, and never
can be, feasible to engage a force of buyers to go out into the producing territories and promiscuously to accept the offerings of such sources without regard to the mill's specific requirements. On the contrary, conservative milling methods prove that it is sound policy to contract with reputable grain dealers for the delivery of specified qualities, kinds and grades of wheat needed to fill the flour contracts entered into. In this connection the "Fact Finding Committee" stated in its report:

> "It is our recommendation, however, that the mill purchase wheat on the basis of its actual milling value without any discrimination as to who the seller may be."

The management of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association apparently is being censured mostly for doing the very thing the Fact-Finding Committee endorsed in its report.

## THE MIDDLEMEN'S PROFITS

In the reports of the auditor for the State Board of Au-ditors-and in the report filed by the Fact Finding Committee considerable stress is laid on the payments of alleged excessive middlemen's profits, chiefly objecting to transactions with the Midland Grain Company. It is our contention that since the grain dealer assumes the risk incidental to furnishing of wheat necessary in the manufacture of flour, he is entitled to a reasonable profit on the deal. It must be borne in mind that the grain dealer is in business to buy and sell grain for profit, and so long as he receives a reasonable return on his investment, he is surely entitled to the same. This profit should be absorbed in the flour contract and the competent miller provides for the grain dealer's profit as a part of the cost of production of the flour he sells.

## RESULT OF OPERATIONS - THE MIDLAND GRAIN COMPANY

The question here arises as to whether or not the profits inuring to the benefit of the Midland Grain Company were reasonable and in line with those usually obtained in the milling industry. It is our opinion that such profits were not excessive. In support of this contention and for the purpose of disproving the arbitrary conclusions formed by the auditor for the State Board of Auditors, we submit, under Exhibit "A" of this report, a Trading and Profit and Loss Statement of the Midland Grain Company for the fiscal year beginning on August 1, 1926, and ending July 31, 1927. This statement reflects a net profit of $\$ 7,358.68$ from operations from all sources.

The analysis of the Trading and Profit and Loss Statement will disclosed that a gross profit of $\$ 21,835.36$ was realized from wheat trading, $\$ 5,379.21$ resulted from isolated transactions such as dealing in coarse grain and $\$ 472.30$ represented miscellaneous income. Of the $\$ 21,835.36$ gross trading profit realized from wheat trading, a large percentage thereof resulted from sources outside of dealings with the

North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association. Also included in this gross profit of $\$ 21,835.36$, is the speculative profit earned as a result of being "in step with the grain market." As a grain dealer, the Midland Grain Company's chief concern lies in the daily condition of its "Cash Grain Account" determining whether or not the management is in step with the market. Under Exhibit "B" of this report, we submit a copy of the company's Cash Grain Account, clearly proving that the company was always in step with the market during the period under review, therefore, no loss in market speculation resulted; on the contrary, a considerable profit was realized.

In view of the fact that the Midland Grain Company handled in excess of 550,000 bushels of grain during the period under review and since the company's gross profit from wheat trading was definitely determined to be $\$ 21,835.36$, hence it follows that an average of less than four cents (4c) per bushel gross profit was realized on the grain handled and not over eight cents ( 8 c ) as alleged in the report compiled by the auditor for the State Board of Auditors. For total wheat purchases see Exhibit "B" - Cash Grain Account.)

The operating costs for the period under review, consisting of administrative and office salaries, office rent, advertising, travel expenses, telephone and telegraph expense, and other ordinary and necessary business expenses amounted to $\$ 20,238.19$. This amount represents the, cost to the Midland Grain Company of doing business. It is an outlay of expense on behalf of the millers and was taken out of the four cents per bushel margin allowed. After deducting the operating costs from the gross profit, the Midland Grain Company realized less than one and one-half cents per bushel net profit on the grain sold to the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association and, in our opinion, this is not at all excessive.

In arriving at the foregoing computations, we did not haphazardly examine just some of the records of the Midland Grain Company, but made a thorough analysis of the profit, and loss account and of the subsidiary records governing all of the operations during the period under review. The results shown are not based on arbitrary conclusions but reflect our findings after making a detailed examination.

## EXHIBIT "A"

## TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

Midland Grain Company - Minneapolis, Minn.
For Period from July 31, 1926, to August 1, 1927 Sales and Income:
Terminal Purchase Sales ................. \$ 15,394.08
Williston Branch Wheat Sales ....... 11,095.63
Great Falls Branch Wheat Sales .... 451.51
$\$ 26,941.22$
Less Loss on Protection Sales 5,105.86

| Other Trading Income: <br> Coarse Grain Sales $\qquad$ s | 3,806.54 | 5,105.86 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Consignment Sales | 384.27 |  |
| Shipping Sales ...... | 537.15 |  |
| Sundry Income: |  |  |
| Commissions Earned ..................... \$ | 276.44 |  |
| Bad Debts Collected | 172.52 |  |
| Adjustments on Claims | 23.34 | 472.30 |
| Total Gross Income from Operations |  | 27,686.87 |

## OPERATING COSTS AND DEDUCTIONS

*Administrative Salaries
Office Salaries
Interest and Discount
Advertising Expense
Telephone and Telegraph
Rent and Light
Bonds, Licenses and Insurance
Traveling Expense $\qquad$ \$ $5,200.00$

5,394.72

Stamps and Stationery 1,135.11 289.95

3,309.47
979.80
631.36

1,358.71
Sampling and Testing 739.86

Bad Debts Charged Off 207.78

Donations and Contributions............ 65.83
Misc. Office and General Expense 950.49
Total Operating Costs $\qquad$ $\$ 20,328.19$
Net Profit from Operations for Fiscal
Year
\$ 7,358.68
Note: *Under Administrative Salaries the following amounts were paid:
I. S. Joseph $\qquad$ \$ $1,400.00$
M. L. Kantar ......................... $1,400.00$
D. S. Levin …........................ $2,400.00$ \$ $5,200.00$

Mr. Levin devotes his entire time to the business.
EXHIBIT "B"
CASH WHEAT RECORD - MIDLAND GRAIN CO.

| Date | Bought | Sold | Long | Short | Top Close |  | Prem. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  |  | Sept. |  |
| 7-31 | 9000 | 7600 | 1400 |  |  |  |  |
| 8-1 |  | 6650 |  | 5250 | 1.68 | 1.49 | . 19 |
| 8-10 | 6700 |  | 1450 |  | 1.68 | 1.52 | . 16 |
| 8-12 | 2880 | 7560 |  | 3230 | 1.61 | 1.47 | . 14 |
| 8-16 | 3000 | 35000 |  | 35230 | 1.56 | 1.45 | . 11 |
| 8-18 | 2860 |  |  | 32370 | 1.58 | 1.45 | . 13 |
| 8-20 |  | 1450 |  | 33820 | 1.63 | 1.47 | . 16 |
| $8-22$ |  | 23000 |  | 56820 | 1.59 | 1.45 | . 14 |
| 8-24 | 21150 | 2680 |  | 38350 | 1.57 | 1.43 | . 14 |
| 8-26 | 1400 |  |  | 36950 | 1.57 | 1.42 | . 15 |
| 8-27 | 10710 | 1740 |  | 27980 | 1.57 | 1.40 | . 17 |
| 8-28 | 8530 | 36000 |  | 55450 | 1.53 | 1.39 | . 14 |
| 8-29 | 2890 |  |  | 52560 | 1.53 | 1.39 | . 14 |


| Date | Bought | Sold | Short | Top Close | Fut. Prem. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  | Sept |  |
| 8-30 | 2790 | 1340 | 51110 | 1.52 | 1.39 | .13 |
| 8-31 | 21910 | 35000 | 64200 | 1.51 | 1.38 | . 13 |
| 9-1 | 14560 |  | 49640 | 1.53 | 1.39 | . 14 |
| 9-2 | 13980 |  | 35660 | 1.52 | 1.38 | . 14 |
| 9-3 | 1330 |  | 34330 | 1.50 | 1.38 | . 12 |
| 9-4 | 3210 | 35000 | 66120 | 1.48 | 1.36 | . 12 |
| 9-6 | 5150 |  | 60970 | 1.48 | 1.36 | . 12 |
| 9-7 | 9720 |  | 51250 | 1.48 | 1.36 | . 12 |
| 9 9-8 | 3850 |  | 47400 | 1.49 | 1.36 | . 13 |
| 9-9 | 2760 |  | 44640 | 1.49 | 1.36 | . 13 |
| 9-10 | 8130 | 7280 | 36510 | 1.50 | 1.38 | . 12 |
| 9-11 | 15650 |  | 28140 | 1.50 | 1.38 | . 12 |
| 9-13 | 4610 |  | 23730 | 1.49 | 1.37 | . 12 |
| 9-14 | 7030 |  | 16500 | 1.53 | 1.41 | . 12 |
| 9-15 | 11480 | 1250 | 6270 | 1.52 | 1.39 | . 13 |
| 9-16 | 2740 |  | 3530 | 1.54 | 1.41 | . 13 |
| 9-17 | 1580 |  | 1950 | 1.52 | 1.39 | . 13 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Dec. |  |
| 9-20 | 4420 |  | 2470 | 1.52 | 1.41 | . 11 |
| 9-21 |  | 1260 | 1210 | 1.54 | 1.43 | . 11 |
| 9-22 | 1040 |  | 2250 | 1.55 | 1.43 | . 12 |
| 9-23 | 1130 | 4530 | 1150 | 1.56 | 1.43 | . 13 |
| 9-24 |  | 5610 | 6760 | 1.55 | 1.42 | . 13 |
| 9-25 |  | 26625 | 33385 | 1.53 | 1.41 | . 12 |
| 9-27 | 2770 | 14530 | 38385 | 1.53 | 1.41 | . 12 |
| 9-28 |  |  | 44235 | 1.54 | 1.42 | . 12 |
| 9-29 | 5620 |  | 38615 | 1.56 | 1.44 | . 12 |
| 9-30 |  | 4330 | 42945 | 1.56 | 1.44 | . 13 |
| 10-1 | 2860 |  | 40085 | 1.58 | 1.44 | . 13 |
| 10-2 | 1430 5790 | 1420 | 40075 34285 | 1.57 | 1.43 | . 13 |
| 10-4 | 5790 4250 | 1500 | 31535 | 1.55 | 1.42 | . 13 |
| 10-6 | 4470 |  | 27065 | 1.54 | 1.41 | . 13 |
| 10-7 | 1470 |  | 25595 | 1.55 | 1.42 | . 13 |
| 10-8 | 1420 |  | 24175 | 1.54 | 1.41 | . 13 |
| 10-10 | 1370 |  | 22805 | 1.56 | 1.43 | . 13 |
| 10-11 | 5700 | 1020 | 18125 | 1.56 | 1.44 | . 12 |
| 10-12 | 9750 |  | 8375 | 1.53 | 1.41 | . 12 |
| 10-13 | 2510 | 71000 | 76865 | 1.54 | 1.43 | . 11 |
| 10-14 | 14140 | 970 | 63695 | 1.54 | 1.43 | . 11 |
| 10-15 | 19510 |  | 44185 | 1.54 | 1.43 | . 09 |
| 10-16 | 2930 |  | 41255 | 1.53 | 1.44 | . 09 |
| 10-17 | 1470 |  | 39785 | 1.53 | 1.45 | . 08 |
| 10-18 | 11380 7290 |  | 28405 | 1.54 | 1.45 | . 09 |
| $10-19$ $10-20$ | 7290 4610 |  | 16505 | 1.54 | 1.44 | . 10 |
| 10-25 | 2780 |  | 13725 | 1.54 | 1.45 | . 09 |
| 10-26 | 1450 |  | 12275 | 1.53 | 1.45 | . 08 |
| 10-27 | 5780 | 2900 | 9395 | 1.53 | 1.45 | . 08 |
| 10-28 | 1480 |  | 7915 | 1.52 | 1.45 | . 07 |
| 10-29 | 1100 |  | 6815 | 1.52 | 1.45 | . 07 |
| 11-1 | 4050 |  | 2765 | 1.50 | 1.43 | . 07 |
| 11-3 | 4610 |  | 1845 | 1.50 | 1.43 | . 07 |
| 11-4 | 4350 |  | 6195 | 1.51 | 1.44 | . 07 |
| 11-5 | 4150 |  | 10345 | 1.51 | 1.44 | . 07 |


| Date | Bought | Sold | Long | Short | Top Close | Fut. | Prem. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11-6 | 3060 | 71000 |  | 57595 | 1.50 | 1.43 | . 07 |
| 10-9 | 8180 |  |  | 49415 | 1.51 | 1.44 | . 07 |
| 11-10 | 2800 |  |  | 46615 | 1.49 | 1.42 | . 07 |
| 11-12 |  | 3120 |  | 49735 | 1.46 | 1.40 | . 06 |
| 11-13 | 2950 | 1500 |  | 48285 | 1.45 | 1.39 | . 06 |
| 11-14 | 3000 |  |  | 45285 | 1.45 | 1.39 | . 06 |
| 11-16 | 9920 |  |  | 35365 | 1.44 | 1.38 | . 06 |
| 11-17 | 7680 |  |  | 27685 | 1.43 | 1.37 | . 06 |
| 11-18 | 8540 | 1060 |  | 20205 | 1.44 | 1.38 | . 06 |
| 11-19 | 6620 | 72000 |  | 85585 | 1.42 | 1.36 | . 06 |
| 11-20 | 5770 |  |  | 79815 | 1.42 | 1.36 | . 06 |
| 11-22 | 14430 |  |  | 65385 | 1.43 | 1.37 | . 06 |
| 11-23 | 4370 |  |  | 61015 | 1.42 | 1.36 | . 06 |
| 11-24 | 5840 | 1460 |  | 56635 | 1.43 | 1.37 | . 06 |
| 11-26 |  | 1470 |  | 58105 | 1.45 | 1.38 | . 07 |
| 11-27 | 2750 |  |  | 55355 | 1.44 | 1.38 | . 06 |
| 11-29 | 4230 | 1480 |  | 52605 | 1.44 | 1.37 | . 07 |
| 11-30 | 5810 |  |  | 46795 | 1.44 | 1.37 | . 07 |
| 12-1 | 6000 |  |  | 40795 | 1.47 | 1.39 | . 08 |
| 12-3 | 4230 |  |  | 36565 | 1.50 | 1.42 | . 08 |
| 12-4 | 4380 |  |  | 32185 | 1.49 | 1.41 | . 08 |
| 12-6 | 2920 | 1460 |  | 30725 | 1.48 | 1.40 | . 08 |
| 12-7 | 1450 |  |  | 29275 | 1.48 | 1.40 | . 08 |
| 12-8 |  | 2890. |  | 32165 | 1.46 | 1.38 | . 08 |
| 12-9 | 8500 | 1560 |  | 25225 | 1.45 | 1.38 | . 07 |
| 12-13 |  | 1440 |  | 26665 | 1.46 | 1.39 | . 07 |
| 12-14 | 1430 |  |  | 25235 | 1.45 | 1.38 | . 07 |
| 12-15 | 1490 | 1550 |  | 25295 | 1.46 | 1.39 | . 07 |
| 12-16 | 4320 |  |  | 20975 | 1.46 | 1.39 | . 07 |
| 12-17 | 1460 | 2920 |  | 22435 | 1.47 | 1.41 | May. 06 |
| 12-20 | 2870 |  |  | 19565 | 1.47 | 1.41 | . 06 |
| 12-21 | 8670 |  |  | 10895 | 1.49 | 1.43 | . 06 |
| 12-22 | 7160 |  |  | 3735 | 1.48 | 1.42 | . 06 |
| 12-24 | 2500 |  |  | 1235 | 1.48 | 1.42 | . 06 |
| 12-27 | 1410 |  | 175 |  | 1.49 | 1.43 | . 06 |
| 12-29 | 1440 | 990 | 625 |  | 1.46 | 1.40 | . 06 |
| 12-30 | 1450 | 1420 | 655 |  | 1.47 | 1.41 | . 06 |
| 1-14 |  | 1040 |  | 385 | 1.49 | 1.40 | . 09 |
| 1-15 | 1530 |  | 1145 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 1-18 | 1420 |  | 2565 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 1-19 | 1490 |  | 4055 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 1-27 | 1440 |  | 5495 |  | 1.51 | 1.42 | . 09 |
| 1-29 | 1040 | 1420 | 5115 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 1-31 | 1480 |  | 6595 |  | 1.49 | 1.40 | . 09 |
| 2-2 |  | 1490 | 5105 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 2-7 |  | 1440 | 4665 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 2-8 |  | 2480 | 2185 |  | 1.50 | 1.41 | . 09 |
| 2-14 | 2840 |  | 5025 |  | 1.48 | 1.39 | . 09 |
| 2-15 |  | 1450 | 3575 |  | 1.49 | 1.39 | . 10 |
| 2-16 | 2960 |  | 6535 |  | 1.49 | 1.39 | 10 |
| 2-19 |  | 4365 | 2175 |  | 1.51 | 1.40 | . 11 |
| 3-22 | 1000 | 1000 | 2175 |  | 1.38 | 1.29 | . 09 |
| 3-24 | 1330 |  | 3505 |  | 1.40 | 1.30 | . 10 |
| 3-26 | 1470 |  | 4975 |  | 1.44 | 1.33 | . 11 |


| Date | Bought | Sold | Long | Short | Close | Fut. P | Prem. |
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| 4-5 |  | 2800 | 2175 |  | 1.43 | 1.32 | 11 |
| 4-7 | 1420 |  | 3595 |  | 1.44 | 1.33 | . 11 |
| 4-11 | 1450 |  | 5045 |  | 1.42 | 1.31 | . 11 |
| 4-13 | 1440 |  | 6485 |  | 1.43 | 1.32 | . 11 |
| 4-14 | 2890 |  | 9375 |  | 1.43 | 1.32 | . 11 |
| 4-15 | 1440 | 2890 | 7925 |  | 1.42 | 1.32 | . 10 |
| 4-18 | 1480 |  | 9405 |  | 1.45 | 1.33 | . 12 |
| 4-20 |  | 1420 | 7985 |  | 1.45 | 1.33 | . 12 |
| 4-23 |  | 2890 | 5095 |  | 1.45 | 1.33 | . 12 |
| 4-27 |  | 1440 | 3655 |  | 1.47 | 1.33 | . 14 |
| 4-28 | 1370 |  | 5025 |  | 1.47 | 1.33 | . 14 |
| 4-30 | 2790 |  | 7815 |  | 1.47 | 1.33 | . 14 |
| 5-2 | 1480 | 2960 | 6335 |  | 1.49 | 1.35 | . 14 |
| 5-7 | 1370 | 2740 | 4965 |  | 1.53 | 1.39 | . 14 |
| 5-13 |  | 1440 | 3525 |  | 1.54 | 1.39 | . 15 |
| 5-17 | 1300 |  | 4825 |  | 1.55 | 1.39 | . 16 |
| 5-20 |  | 1350 | 3475 |  | 1.58 | 1.42 | . 16 |
| 6-1 | 1390 |  | 4865 |  | 1.67 | 1.50July | ly .17 |
| 6-9 | 4360 |  | 9225 |  | 1.62 | 1.45 | . 17 |
| 6-11 | 1070 |  | 10295 |  | 1.64 | 1.44 | . 20 |
| 6-14 | 1440 | 1390 | 10345 |  | 1.64 | 1.44 | . 20 |
| 6-18 |  | 1470 | 8875 |  | 1.64 | 1.44 | . 20 |
| 6-20 | 1530 |  | 10405 |  | 1.64 | 1.44 | . 20 |
| 6-21 |  | 1480 | 8925 | - | 1.65 | 1.44 | .21 |
| 6-25 |  | 1070 | 7855 |  | 1.60 | 1.39 | . 21 |

(Auditor's Note: In the compilation of the foregoing exhibit, fractional parts of cents have been omitted. Cash grain and futures prices were verified from daily market reports and were found correct.)

## MILL FEED SALES

On page No. 8, of his report to the State Board of Auditors, Mr . Lund expressed the following:
"During the months of July and September, 1926, sales contracts were entered into by the State Mill to deliver to I. S. Joseph Co., of Minneapolis, eleven thousand three hundred tons of mill feed at $\$ 21.00$ per ton f . o, b. Minneapolis $\qquad$
"The local conditions existing at the dates of these feed sales was that the State of North Dakota was going into the fall and winter of 1926 and 1927 with one of the shortest feed crops in history.
"In the face of this condition the mill owned by the State, contracted to deliver their mill feed products for the next six months to eastern markets at $\$ 21.00$ per ton in such large quantities that they were unable to make delivery on all of the sales made and were obliged to cancel a part of these contracts at a cost of $\$ 7.00$ per ton. A cash payment of $\$ 10,654.00$ was made to I. S. Joseph Co. of Minneapolis for cancellation of 1,522 tons of feed on this basis, which was a direct cash loss to the State Mill that can be accurately set up. . . . . ."

Contained in the report submitted by the Fact-Finding Committee is the following statement:
"These feed sales to the I. S. Joseph Company, in the approximate amount of 12,000 tons, are made mostly at 50 cents per ton less for pure bran than the Minneapolis quotations on the same date, and $\$ 1$ per ton cheaper for standard middlings as compared to Minneapolis. . . . . ."

With the foregoing statements before us, we proceeded with the examination of the books and records of the I. S. Joseph Company, verifying our findings from the records of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

## I. S. JOSEPH COMPANY

The records of the above-named company indicated that the corporation was organized during November, 1916, taking over the business of I. S. Joseph Company, organized during May, 1912. The company deals in mill products and holds the patronage of the Russell-Miller Milling Company, the Washburn-Crosby Company, the Pillsbury Company, and other national milling concerns. The corporation has capital stock of 100 shares, represented by original subscriptions, outstanding as follows:
I. S. Joseph, president and manager, 90 shares.
B. Silverman, vice-president, 3 shares.
M. Kantar, secretary, 7 shares.

## THE FEED DEALER'S FUNCTION

In the milling industry the proper disposing of the feed byproducts plays an important part. When a miller undertakes a flour contract he considers cost of wheat plus cost of manufacture versus selling price of flour and selling price of feed. The miller can ascertain with a fair degree of accuracy the price of material and manufacturing costs. The selling price of the flour is set forth in the flour contract. There remains, however, the feed to be disposed of. Few flour brokers are in the market for feed and the practice of millers is to dispose of the feed at the same time the flour is sold. The mill sells the feed, resulting from the flour contract, for delivery as produced. The cost of the feed is already fixed in the price of the wheat purchased to fill the flour contract. All of the elements of costs of the flour and feed are considered at the time the contract is made and the market fluctuations, as of date of delivery, have no bearing whatever on the price of flour or feed when delivered. The mill can no more afford to speculate on the price of feed than it can on the price of flour, therefore, if it enters into a flour contract it must also enter into a contract for the disposing of the feed which is the by-product of the flour contract. The natural outlet for the mill feed is the feed dealer and it is through . such dealer that the bulk of the feed produced by mills is handled.

## RECORD OF MILL FEED SALES

Under Exhibit "C" of this report is shown a statement of feed sales made by the. North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association, during July and September, 1926, to I. S. Joseph at $\$ 21.00$ per ton f. o. b. Minneapolis, Duluth or Superior. The statement is taken from the records of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association.

Under Exhibit "D" of this report is shown a statement of feed purchases made by the I. S. Joseph Company from several national milling concerns. These purchases were made during the months of July, August, and September, 1926. It will be seen that 7,175 tons of feed were contracted for during July, August and September at an average price of $\$ 21.10$ per ton on the Minneapolis market. Attention is called to the fact that these contracts generally provided for "immediate" or thirty day delivery. The information was obtained from the records of the I. S. Joseph Company and verified from duly signed confirmations of the selling companies.

Under Exhibit "E" of this report is shown a statement reflecting cancellation of contracts with I. S. Joseph Company by the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association. We also show the average price per ton received by the State Mill for feed sold during the months of February, March and April, 1927, all of such feed sold during such months being available for delivery against unfilled contracts. Basing our computations on the average selling price of feed during the months of February, March and April, 1927, we show that the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association received $\$ 13,939.92$ in excess of the contract price of $\$ 21.00$ per ton on the 1,522 tons of feed cancelled and that by defaulting on the contracts the State Mill realized $\$ 3,285.92$ in excess of the penalty of $\$ 10,654.00$ paid to the I. S. Joseph Company.

Under Exhibits " $F$ ", " $G$ " and "H", we show feed sales made by the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association during the months of February, March and April, 1927, respectively, showing total sales, number of tons sold and average selling price per ton.

Under Exhibit "I" is shown a record of all of the feed sales made by the State Mill during the period from December, 1926, to June, 1927, inclusive. These exhibits were prepared from the records of the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association.

After a careful study of the exhibits above referred to the following facts are evident:
(a) The per ton price received by the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association on feed sales made to the I. S.

Joseph Company was $\$ 21.00$ per ton. During the same months the mill made these sales, the I. S. Joseph Company purchased in excess of 7,000 tons of feed from national milling concerns at an average price of $\$ 21.10$ per ton and, it will be noted, the delivery dates on these purchases were more favorable to the Joseph Company than were the dates shown in the State Mill contracts.
(b) The mill manufactured sufficient feed to fill all of its feed contracts. Default, where made, was not due to not having available the feed necessary to fill the contracts but was due to the selling of feed to other consumers AT A HIGHER PRICE and deliberately failing to fill the contracts.
(c) That the mill, by defaulting in the delivery of 1,522 tons of feed, realized a clear profit of $\$ 3,285.92$ in excess of the penalty of $\$ 10,654.00$ paid to the I. S. Joseph Company.
(d) That the statement made by the auditor for the State Board of Auditors that the mill contracted to deliver its mill feed products for a period of six months at $\$ 21.00$ per ton is not in accordance with the records, in fact, the statement is without any foundation.

The foregoing facts disprove the allegation made by the auditor for the State Board of Auditors that the cash payment of $\$ 10,654.00$ made to the I. S. Joseph Company for cancellation of 1,522 tons of feed was a direct cash loss to the State Mill that can be accurately set up. As pointed out the State Mill received $\$ 13,939.92$ in excess of the $\$ 21.00$ per ton on the feed sold and, by paying the penalty of $\$ 10,654.00$, a clear profit of $\$ 3,285.92$ was realized on the cancelled contracts.

The auditor for the State Board of Auditors infers that there was a decided lack of business prudence because the mill management failed to speculate on the feed manufactured; his principal objection being based on the July and September feed contracts. The storing of feed against an anticipated upward market trend would have been nothing other than speculation and, in our opinion, not to be condoned. At the time the contracts were made the feed situation in North Dakota was not a stringent one and it would have required somewhat of a super-intelligence to predict, six months in advance, the decidedly unusual rise in feed prices during the fall and winter of 1926 and 1927. That sort of intelligence could perhaps show a lack of business acumen on the part of other millers that failed to fill their feed contracts and were obliged to pay penalties similar to those paid by the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association. To illustrate this point we submit a copy of Invoice Number 23569, Russell-Miller Milling Company:

RUSSELL-MILLER MILLING CO. of North Dakota
MERCHANT MILLERS

Minneapolis, Minn.
Sold to I S. JOSEPH CO INC Invoice
MPLS MINN
Number 23569
Date Shipped DEC 131926
Car Number
Salesman Terms A/C
Consigned to Draft Drawn Thru
Order of Amount 132000
Destination Date of Sale
Notify F. O. B.
Route
Bought of you 12-13-26 220 Tons Bran@27.00 5940.00
Sold to You 9-2-26 220 Tons Bran@21.00 4620.00
CHECK ATTACHED $1320.00^{-}$
CANCELS BOOKING OF SEPT 21926
220 TONS BRAN
PAID
DEC $14{ }^{\prime} 26$
The Russell-Miller Milling Company cancelled out on December 13,1926 , and paid a penalty of $\$ 6.00$ per ton as of that date. In addition to the cancellation indicated by the above invoice, the Russell-Miller Milling Company cancelled out, on November 29, 1926, 250 tons of Occident Bran at $\$ 25.00$ per ton, paying $\$ 4.00$ per ton penalty or $\$ 1,000.00$. Also cancelled on the same date 500 tons of mixed feed at $\$ 24.50$ per ton, paying a penalty of $\$ 750.00$ on such contract. This company has mills located in various parts of the State of North Dakota and is in excellent position to keep in touch with feed conditions. Other illustrative transactions could be given, however, it appears that the ones indicated above should establish that there was nothing irregular in the business transactions between the State Mill and the I. S. Joseph Company.

In his report on the examination of the books of the I. S. Joseph Company, the auditor for the State Board of Auditors made the following rather inconsistent statement:
"Considerable stress has been placed upon the fact that the I. S. Joseph Company has been very lenient with the State

Mill in permitting the State Mill to fill some of its contracts long after they had matured, or at the convenience of the Mill. This action on the part of the I. S. Joseph Co. was due to the fact that State Mill Contracts Nos. 10, 158 and 10, 159, respectively, calling for 500 tons of pure bran and 500 tons of standard middlings, provided that no cancellation penalty should be imposed on these two contracts, and they might be filled at the convenience of the State Mill. . . . "

By referring to Exhibit "C" of this report or to page 104 of Mr. Lund's report, it will be noted that the contracts referred to were filled and no penalty accrued thereon, and the facts prove the foregoing argument to be very lame. The I. S. Joseph Company had a full and legal right to collect a penalty of $\$ 1.00$ per ton on the 1,522 tons cancelled in addition to the $\$ 7.00$ per ton rise in the market. According to the terms of all of the contracts, with the exception of contracts 10,158 and 10,159 which were filled, specifically on contracts calling for delivery of 10,300 tons of feed, there was nothing to preclude the I. S. Joseph Company from collecting $\$ 1.00$ per ton in the event delivery was not made on the date called for in the contract. The fact that contracts for 1,000 tons of feed did not contain a penalty clause in case of default, surely would not afford relief on contracts for 10,300 tons, such contracts specifically setting forth a penalty of $\$ 1.00$ per ton in the event default is made thereon. The records of the State Mill show that the mill was generally in arrears in the filling of its feed contracts and if the Joseph Company did not avail itself of its legal rights it was entirely due to its fair dealings and not due to the absurd alibi contained in Mr. Lund's report.

## EXHIBIT "C"

FEED SALES-I. S. JOSEPH COMPANY
Contracts July 6, 1926, to Sept. 20, 1926


## EXHIBIT＂C＂－Continued

| 9946 | July 13 | 500 | Std Mdds | Oct． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9947 | July 13 | 500 | Pure Bran | Nov． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 9948 | July 13 | 500 | Std Mdds | Nov． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 9950 | July 13 | 500 | Std Mdds | Dec． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 9949 | July 13 | 500 | Pure Bran | Dec． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 10155 | Sept 20 | 700 | Std Mdds | Sept． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 10156 | Sept 20 | 500 | Pure Bran | Sept． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 10160 | Sept 20 | 700 | Std Mdds | Oct． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 10161 | Sept 20 | 500 | Pure Bran | Oct． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 10162 | Sept 20 | 700 | Std Mdds | Nov． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| 10163 | Sept 20 | 500 | Pure Bran | Nov． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| ＊10158 | Sept 20 | 500 | Pure Bran | Dec． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |
| ＊10159 | Sept 20 | 500 | Std Mdds | Dec． | 21.00 | Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis |

## Total Tons Sold <br> 11300

Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis Duluth，Superior or Minneapolis
＊All contracts with exception of Nos． 10158 and 10159 provide for a penalty of $\$ 1.00$ per ton for delay in shipment or cancellation of contract．

## EXHIBIT "D"

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF MILL FEED PURCHASES

By I. S. Joseph Company, Minneapolis, showing prices contracted for with other millers during period from July 6, to Sept. 20, 1926.


## EXHIBIT "D"-Continued

| Sept. | 2 | Pillsbury Flour Mills |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sept. | 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |
| Sept. | 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |
| Sept. | 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |
| Sept. 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |  |
| Sept. 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |  |
| Sept. 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |  |
| Sept. 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |  |
| Sept. 2 | Russell Miller Milling Co., |  |
| Sept. 11 | Pillsbury Flour Mills |  |
| Sept. 20 | Pillsbury Flour Mills |  |
| Oct. 22 | Pillsbury Flour Mills |  |
| Oct. 25 | Washburn Crosby Co., |  |
| Oct. 26 | Washburn Crosby Co.,. |  |

Total Tons Sold


## EXHIBIT＂E＂ <br> MILL AND FEED SALES STATEMENT

Showing actual benefit received by the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association，from cancellation of contract during February and May， 1927

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| 9499 | July 9 | Bran | 89 | May 3 | \＄29．81 | \＄8．81 |  | 784.09 | \＄ 161.09 |
| 9947 | July 13 | Bran | 500 | Feb． 28 | $30.30{ }^{\text { }}$ | 9.30 |  | 4，650．00 | 1，150．00 |
| 9948 | July 13 | Midds | 9 | Feb． 28 | 29.81 | 8.81 |  | 79.29 | 16．29 |
| 9949 | July 13 | Bran | 137 | May 3 | 29.81 | 8.81 |  | 1，206．97 | 247.97 |
| 9950 | July 13 | Midds | 100 | May 3 | 29.93 | 8.93 |  | 893.00 | 193.00 |
| 10160 | Sept 20 | Midds | 169 | May 3 | 29.93 | 8.93 |  | 1，509．17 | 326.17 |

EXHIBIT "E"-Continued

| 10161 | Sept 20 | Bran |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10163 . | Sept 20 | Bran |


| 500 | Feb. 28 | 30.30 | 9.30 | $4,650.00$ | $1,150.00$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 18 | Feb. 28 | 30.30 | 9.30 | 167.40 | 41.40 |
| $\overline{1522}$ |  |  |  | $\$ 13,939.92$ | $\$ 3,285.92$ |

Note: Average price per ton Bran and Midds on cancellations of Feb'y 28, 1927, based on average price of feed sold dưring February, 1927.

Average price per ton of Bran and Midds on cancellations of May 3, 1927, based on average price of feed sold during March and April, 1927.
The contract price was $\$ 21.00$ per ton on all contracts cancelled and the total penalty paid on cancelled contracts for 1522 tons of feed amounted to $\$ 10,654.00$ or $\$ 7.00$ per ton. The feed available to fill the above contracts sold for $\$ 13,939.92$ or $\$ 3,285.92$ over the penalty paid.

## EXHIBIT " F "

## FEED SALES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1927

Made by N. D. Mill and Elevator Ass'n showing tonnage sold and average price received per ton.


## EXHIBIT "F"-Continued



FEED SALES FOR MONTH OF MARCH， 1927
Made by N．D．Mill and Elevator Ass＇n showing tonnage sold and average price received per ton．

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| March | E．A．Schmuder，Sanish，N．D | 20 | \＄33．70 | \＄ | 674.00 | 20 | \＄33．95 | \＄ | 679.00 |
| March 1 | Co－op．Shipping Ass＇n．，Columbus，Wis． | 80 | 28.50 |  | 2，280．00 | 240 | 33.00 |  | 7，920．00 |
| March 1 | Goodridge Far．Co．，Goodridge，Minn．．．．．． | 80 | 31.00 |  | 2，480．00 |  |  |  |  |
| March 3 | Farmers Elev．Co．，Hanley Falls，Minn．．．． | 60 | 29.50 |  | 1，770．00 | 20 | 29.00 |  | 580.00 |
| March 3 | Green Isle，Minn． | 100 | 29.50 |  | 2，950．00 |  |  |  |  |
| March 7 | F．W．Schroeder，DePere，Wis． | 100 | 31.00 |  | $3,100.00$ | 50 | 31.25 |  | 1，562．50 |
| March 7 | Equity Exchange，Lemmon，S．D．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 60 | 30.00 |  | 1，800．00 | 160 | 31.00 |  | 4，960．00 |
| March 8 | Jenny Elev．Co．，Oakes，N．D． | 40 | 31.50 |  | 1，260．00 | 105 | 32.00 |  | 3，360．00 |
| March 14 | Eagle Valley Co－op．，Clarissa，Minn．．．．．．．． | 120 | 28.00 |  | 3，360．00 | 180 | 30.00 |  | $5,400.00$ |
| March 15 | Harmony Feed \＆Fuel，Harmony，Minn．．．．． | 20 | 30.50 |  | 710.00 | 20 | 31.00 |  | 620.00 |
| March 16 | Warroad Co－op．，Warroad，Minn．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 130 | 31.00 |  | 4，030．00 | 155 | 31.00 |  | 4，805．00 |
| March 17 | N．Y．Mills Fars．Elev．，N．Y．Mills，Minn． | 60 | 30.00 |  | 1，800．00 | 60 | 30.25 |  | 1，815．00 |
| March 17 | A．D．M．Co．，Spring Green，Minn． |  | 28.50 |  |  | 140 100 | 30.50 33.00 |  | $4,270.00$ $3,300.00$ |
| March 18 | Grain \＆Fuel Co．，Detroit，Minn．．．．．．．．．．．． | 120 | 29.00 |  | 3，480．00 | 186 | 29.00 |  | 5，394．00 |

## EXHIBIT "G"-Continued



FEED SALES FOR MONTH OF APRIL， 1927
Made by the Mill and Elevator Ass＇n showing tonnage sold and average price received per ton．

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| April 1 | White Grain Co．，Duluth，Minn． | 100 | \＄28．00 | \＄ | 2，800．00 | 300 | \＄27．00 | \＄ | 8，100．00 |
| April 6 | Whitelaw Coop．Exchange，Whitelaw，Wisc． |  |  |  |  | 300 | 30.50 |  | 9，150．00 |
| April 7 | A．H．Lee，Walhalla，N．Dak．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 40 | 29.50 |  | 1，180．00 |  |  |  |  |
| April 7 | New London，Wh＇s＇e，Virginia，Minn．． |  |  |  |  | 310 | 29.50 |  | 9，145．00 |
| April 8 | Farmers Union，Mission Hill，S．Dak．．．．．．．．．．． | 60 | 29.50 |  | 1，770．00 | 100 | 29.00 |  | 2，900．00 |
| April 9 | Detroit Grain and Fuel，Detroit，Minn．．．．．．．． | 140 | 29.00 |  | 4，060．00 | 60 | 29.00 |  | 1，740．00 |
| April 11 | Goldberg，Moorhead，Minn．．．．．．．． | 160 | 27.50 |  | 4，400．00 | 120 | 27.50 |  | 3，300．00 |
| April 13 | Cloquet Coop．Exchange，Cloquet，Minn．．．． | 350 | 29.00 |  | 10，150．00 |  |  |  |  |
| April 13 | Patrons Merc．，Blackearth，Wisc．．．．．．． | 203 | 30.00 |  | 6，090．00 |  |  |  |  |
| April 13 | Merchants Whse．Co．，Hibbing，Minn． | 60 | 29.50 |  | 1，770．00 | 240 | 29.50 |  | 7，080．00 |
| April 18 | N．Y．Mills Elevator Co．，N．Y．Mills，Minn． | 20 | 29.50 |  | 590.00 | 240 | 29.50 |  | 7，080．00 |
| April 15 | Goldberg，Moorhead，Minn． | 80 | 27.50 |  | 2，200．00 | 80 | 27.50 |  | 2，200．00 |
| April 18 | Goldberg，Moorhead，Minn． | 65 | 27.50 |  | 1，787．50 | 65 | 27.50 |  | 1，787．50 |
| April 21 | Larson Engh，Osnabrock，N．Dak． | 20 | 30.00 |  | 600.00 | 5 | 30.50 |  | 152.50 |
| April 21 | Brocket Merc．，Brocket，N．Dak． | 10 | 30.00 |  | 300.00 | 30 | 30.50 |  | 915.00 |

## EXHIBIT "H"-Continued

| April 21 | Detroit Grain and Fuel, Detroit, Minn. ........ 100 | 28.50 | 2,850.00 | 100 | 28.50 | 2,850.00 |
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| April 22 | H. Vehle, Twin Valley, Minn. ..................... 100 | 30.00 | 3,000.00 | 80 | 30.00 | 2,400.00 |
| April 22 | Farmers Elevator Co., Vining, Minn. ........... 80 | 31.00 | 2,480.00 | 150 | 31.00 | 4,650.00 |
| April 23 | Holman Coop. Co., Midway, Wisc. .............. 100 | 30.00 | 3,000.00 | 145 | 30.50 | $4,422.50$ |
| April 25 | Sundberg Roller Feed Mill, Kirkhover, Minn. 5 | 29.50 | 1,475.00 |  |  |  |
| April 25 | F. Goldberg Feed, Fargo, N. Dak. .............. 120 | 27.50 | 3,300.00 | 120 | 27.50 | 3,300.00 |
| April 25 | Spring Grove Merc., Spring Grove, Minn. 80 | 30.50 | 2,440.00 | 60 | 30.50 | 1,830.00 |
| April 25 | Goldberg Feed Co., Fargo, N. Dak. ............ 100 | 28.00 | 2,800.00 | 100 | 28.00 | 2,800.00 |
| April 26 | Halstad Merc., Halstad, Minn. .................. 100 | 29.50 | 2,950.00 | 20 | 29.50 | 590.00 |
| April 26 | Quinlin \& Co., Pelican Rapids, Min |  |  | 60 | 29.50 | 1,770.00 |
| April 27 | B. T. San Smoak, Claire City, S. Dak......... 20 | 28.00 | 560.00 | 60 | 29.50 | 1,770.00 |
| April 27 | Kiger \& Co., Alexandria, Minn. ................... 140 | 29.00 | 4,060.00 | 140 | 29.00 | 4,060.00 |
| April 29 | Wm. Durrim, Northome, Minn. .................. 80 | 31.50 | 2,520.00 | 120 | 31.50 | 3,780.00 |
| April 29 | Farmers Elevator Co., Leonard, N. Dak. |  |  | 60 | 31.00 | 1,860.00 |
| April, 19 | Sales .......................................................... 2383 |  | \$ 69,132.50 | 3065 |  | \$ 89,632.50 |
| March, 19 | 27 Sales ....................................................... 2498 |  | 74,893.00 | 2625 |  | 80,713.50 |
| Total Sale | s for March and April, 1927 ........................ 4831 |  | \$144,025.50 | 5690 |  | \$170,346.00 |
| Average | Price Received Per Ton ............................. $\$ 29.81$ |  |  |  |  | \$ 29.93 |

## EXHIBIT "I"

## FEED SALES, DECEMBER, 1926 TO JUNE, 1927

| Date Billed | Name and Address | Date Sold | Quantity | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  |
| 12-1 | Equity Elevator, Hillsboro, N. D. |  | $40 \mathrm{M}$ |  |
| 12-1 | Farmers Coop. Corp., Wasson, Minn. | $9-4-26$ $7-15-26$ | $\begin{array}{r} 60 \\ 160 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25.50 \\ & 23.50 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | $140{ }^{140}$ M | 24.00 |
|  |  |  | 20 FM | 29.50 |
| 12-1 | Askoo Coop. Ass'n, Askoo, Minn. | 11-11 | 240 B | 24.00 |
|  |  |  | 80 M | 25.00 |
| 12-1 | Campbellsport Coop. Ass'n. Campbellsport, Wis. | 10-4 | $20 \mathrm{FM}$ | 32.50 |
| 12-1 | Martillas, W. H., Virginia, Minn. | 10-22 | 200 B | 24.80 |
|  |  |  | 200 M | 25.80 |
| 12-1 | Middle River Coop., Middle River, Minn. | 10-7 | 80 M | 26.00 |
| 12-2 | Warroad Coop. Corp., Warroad, Minn. | 11-30 | 354 B | 28.00 28.00 |
| 12-2 | Alfred W. Elver, Middleton, Wis. |  | 266 M | 29.00 |
| 12-2 | Alfred W. Elver, Middleton, Wis. | 9-13 |  | ${ }_{26.00}^{25.25}$ |
| 12-3 | N. E. Coop. Store, Greenbay, Wis. | 8-31 | 240 B | 24.50 |
| 12-3 | Sauk Farm, B., Sauk City, Wis. | 9-13 | $100{ }_{500}$ | 25.00 |
|  |  | 9-24 | 00 B | 25.25 |

## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)

| 12-3 | Aug. Peterson, Glenflora, Wis. | 10-6 | 340 | B | 25.60 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12-3 | Lemmon Equity Exc., Lemmon, S. D. | 10-20 | 240 | M | 26.50 28.00 |
|  |  | 10-20 | 60 | FM | 34.00 |
| 12-3 | Spring Grove S. \& Grain Co., Spring Grove, Minn. | 9-23 | 160 | B | 28.50 29.00 |
| 12-3 | Mellen Prod. Co., Mellen, Wis. | 8-29 | 40 105 | M | 29.00 25.00 |
| 12-3 |  |  | 100 | M | 25.50 |
|  | Quinland \& S., Pelican Rapids | 12-1 | 20 | $\stackrel{\mathrm{B}}{\mathrm{M}}$ | 28.00 28.50 |
| 12-4 | Oscar Carlson, Litchville, N. D. | 7-21 | 20 | B | 28.50 |
|  |  |  | 20 | M | 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 20 | MF | 29.00 |
| 12-4 | Frederick, G.; Frederick Coop. M. Co. | 12-2 | 40 | B | 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 310 | M | 30.00 |
| 12-4 | F. Goldberg Co., Fargo, N. D. | 7-12 | 100 | M | 21.00 |
| 12-4 | Becker Coop. Co., Becker, Minn. |  | 100 | B | 21.00 |
|  | Becker Coop. Co., Becker, Minn. ................................................ |  | 200 | $\stackrel{\text { M }}{\text { M }}$ | 24.00 25.00 |
|  |  |  | 200 | M | 23.00 |
| 12-6 | Merchants, W. H., So. Hibbing | 9-8 | 400 | M | 25.00 |
| 12-6 | Farmers Coop. Ass'n, Moose Lake, Minn. | 8-26 | 180 | B | 24.50 |
|  | , |  | 80 | M | 25.50 |
|  |  |  | 40 | FM | 30.00 |
| 12-7 | Clear Lake Elev. Co., Clear Lake, Minn. ................................ | 10-5 | 100 | ${ }_{\text {B }}^{\text {B }}$ | 24.00 300 |
|  |  |  | 2 | B | 36.50 |

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## EXHIBIT " I "-(Continued)

| Date Billed | Name and Address | Date Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1926 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12-13 | Leith Equity Exc., Leith, N. D. | 7-7 | 100 | B | 33.00 |
| 12-14 |  |  | 100 | M | 33.50 |
|  | Kathryn Frs. Elev. Co., Kathryn, N. D. | 10-14 | 80 | $\stackrel{\text { B }}{\mathrm{MF}}$ | 28.50 28.75 |
|  |  |  | 140 | M | 29.00 |
| 12-14 | Harmony Feed \& F. Co., Harmony, Minn. | 9-16 | 106 | MF | 30.25 |
| 12-14 | Moska South WH, Valley City ................. |  | 120 | MF | Spot Stock |
|  |  |  | 100 80 | M |  |
| 12-15 | Detroit Grain \& F. Co,, Detroit, Minn. | 9-22 | 250 | B | 23.00 |
| 12-15 | Larson Engh, Wales, N. D. | 11-3 | 150 | M | 24.00 |
|  | Dahlke Giesse \& Walker, Watoma, Wis.Farmers Equity Elev., Powers Lake |  | 10 | B | 28.50 29.00 |
| 12-16 |  | 10-7 | 500 | B | 24.75 |
| 12-16 |  | 7-15 | 20 | B | 32.00 |
| 12-17 | Farmers Equity Elev., Powers Lake <br> New London WH, Virginia |  | 250 | M ${ }^{\text {M }}$ | 32.50 25.00 |
| 12-17 |  |  | 110 | BM | 24.00 |
|  | Wm. Levitzon, Pine River | 8-27 \& 9-25 | 115 | M | 25.50 |
|  |  |  | 80 | M | 31.50 |
| 12-17 | Kiger C. Moore, Alexandria |  | 320 |  | 22.00 |
|  |  |  | 40 | FM | 28.50 |
|  |  |  | 40 | M | 25.00 |

## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)

| 12-17 | NGN Farmers Elev., New York Mills |  | 160 | M | 29.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 140 | B | 28.50 |
| 12-17 | Farmers Coop. Prod. Co., Marshfield | 9-15 | 240 | B | 24.50 |
|  |  |  | 160 20 | M | 24.50 23.00 |
|  | Fuller Elev. Co., Aberdeen | 7-19 \& 10-22 | 20 300 | B | 23.00 24.00 |
|  |  |  | 20 | FM | 30.00 |
| 12-20 | Barnevold Coop., Barnevold, Wis. | $9-26$ \& 12-11 | 300 | B | 31.00 |
|  |  |  | 100 | M | 31.00 |
| 12-20 | Langlade Frs. Coop., Antigo, Wis. | 9-14 | 400 | B | 24.75 |
| 12-21 | Frs. Grain \& Grdg. Co., Westby, Mont. | 10-20 | 100 | M | 31.50 |
| 12-20 | Wis. Frs. Ser. Buro, Madison, Wis. | 9-13 \& 9-24 | 100 | B | 25.75 |
|  |  |  | 20 | M | 25.75 |
| 12-21 |  |  | 80 | M | 25.75 |
| 12-21 | Frs. Coop. Corp., Grusseon, Minn. | 10-27 | 140 | ${ }_{\text {M }} \mathrm{M}$ | 24.00 24.00 |
|  |  |  | 100 | M | 24.00 |
| 12-22 | New London WH, Virginia, Minn. | 8-12 \& 9-26 | 170 | M | 25.00 |
|  |  |  | 40 | B | 24.00 |
|  |  |  | 20 | FM | 32.00 |
| 12-22 | J. Mallett, Pollock, S. D. | 8-14 | 200 | M | 27.50 |
| 12-23 | Marionette Flour \& F., Marionette, Wis. | 9-1 | 200 | M | 25.25 |
|  |  |  | 200 | B | 24.25 |
| 12-23 | Goodhur Elev. Co., Goodhur, Minn. | 12-8 | 400 | B | 30.00 |
| 12-23 | Itasca Co. Farm Bureau, Grand Rapids Mich. | 8-18 | 200 | B | 25.00 |
|  |  |  | 200 | M | 26.00 |

## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)



## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)

1- 8 Jos. A. Forster, Akeley, Minn.

$\qquad$
1- $8-27$ ..... 1. $7-27$
1-11 Eagle Bend Prod. Co., Eagle Bend, Minn. ..... 11-19-27
1-11 Kathryn Far. Elev., Kathryn, N. D. ..... 1- 4-27
1-12 Becker Coop. Ass'n, Becker, Minn. ..... 11-26-26
1-12 Far. Coop., Milaca, Minn. ..... 11-24-26
1-13 Warroad Coop., Warroad, Minn. ..... 1- 3-27
1-13 O. C. Temple, Bemidji, Minn.

$\qquad$ ..... 1- 4-27
1-14 Marion Equity Elev., Marion, N. Dak. ..... 1- 4-27
1-15 Merchants Whse. Co., So. Hibbing, Minn. ..... 1- 6-27
1-17 Speltz Grain, Albert Lea, Minn. ..... 11-9-26
1-17 Henry Vehle, Twin Valley, Minn. ..... 1-10-27

| 200 | Bran | 27.50 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 100 | Std. | 29.00 |
| 40 | Bran. | 29.00 |
| 40 | Std. | 29.50 |
| 40 | FM | 32.00 |
| 320 | Std. | 26.00 |
| 60 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 60 | Mix | 30.50 |
| 140 | Std. | 30.50 |
| 140 | Bran | 26.50 |
| 100 | Std. | 24.50 |
| 60 | FM | 28.50 |
| 110 | Bran | 26.50 |
| 200 | Std. | 26.50 |
| 200 | Bran | 29.00 |
| 160 | Std. | 29.50 |
| 200 | Mix | 28.50 |
| 100 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 60 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 140 | Std. | 30.50 |
| 20 | FM | 32.50 |
| 68 | Bran | 28.50 |
| 200 | Std. | 29.00 |
| 60 | FM | 34.00 |
| 300 | Bran | 26.00 |
| 200 | Bran | 29.50 |
| 100 | Std. | 29.00 |

EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)

| Date <br> Billed | Name and Address |
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EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)
1-26 Bagley Coop., Bagley, Minn.

$\qquad$ ..... 1-11-27
1-27 S. Van Rockel, Perkins, Iowa

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1-17-27
1-27 S. T. Rickansrud, Fosston, Minn. ..... 1-10-27
1-27 Lemmon Equity Ex., Lemmon, So. Dak.

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1-20-27
1-30 Eagle Bend Prod., Eagle Bend, Minn. ..... 11-19-27
1-30 Fars. Coop. Grain, Gonvick, Minn. ..... 1-30-27
2-1 Talboys-Schubmehl Co., Aurora, Minn. ..... 1-12-27
2- 1 Detroit Grain \& Fuel, Detroit, Minn. ..... 1-26-27
2- 2 Coop. Grain Co., Cogswell, N. Dak. ..... 1-21-27
2- 5 Ulrich Merc. Co., Van Hook, N. D. ..... 2- 4-27
2- 5 Summit Merc., Blackduck, Minn. ..... 1-21-27
2- 7 Farmers Elev., Bisbee, N. Dak. ..... 1-27-27
2- 8 Western Lbr. \& Grain, Shields, N. D. ..... 1- 3-27

| 80 | Bran | 29.00 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 125 | Std. | 29.50 |
| 40 | FM. | 33.00 |
| 80 | Std. | 28.75 |
| 120 | Mix | 29.00 |
| 70 | Std. | 28.50 |
| 140 | Bran. | 29.00 |
| 80 | FM | 37.00 |
| 40 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 240 | Std. | 31.00 |
| 203 | Bran | 25.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 30.50 |
| 100 | Std. | 30.00 |
| 35 | Bran | 28.30 |
| 165 | Std. | 29.50 |
| 200 | Bran | 28.50 |
| 200 | Std. | 32.50 |
| 80 | Bran | 32.00 |
| 124 | Std. | 33.00 |
| 50 | Bran | 33.00 |
| 75 | Std. | 30.00 |
| 60 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 100 | Std. | 31.00 |
| 80 | Bran | 31.00 |
| 40 | Std. | 33.50 |
| 60 | Bran | 33.50 |
| 60 | Std. |  |


| Date Billed | Name and Address | Date Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
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| $\begin{gathered} 1927 \\ 2-8 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  | 31.00 |
|  | Medford Coop. Merc., Medford, Wis. | 1-26-27 | 40 FM |  |  |
|  |  |  | 40 160 | Std. | 26.00 |
| 2-9 | Farm. Imp. Co., Eureka, So. Dak. | 2- 3-27 | 160 Bran | Bran | 25.50 32.00 |
|  |  |  | 100 | Std. | 31.50 25.50 |
| 2-10 | Fars. Gr. \& Trading, Grove City, Minn. | 12-27-26 | 100 | Bran | 25.50 |
| 2-10 |  | 1-14-27 | 100 | Std. | 25.50 |
| 2-10 | Merchants Whse., So. Hibbing, Minn. |  | 150 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 2-10 | Merchants Whse., Chisholm, Minn. | 1-29-27 | 100 Bran |  | 29.00 |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 30.00 \\ & 30.00 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2-11 | F. W. Wichern, McIntosh, Minn. | 2-7-27 | 35 Std. |  | 30.00 |
| 2-11 | J. G. Crites, Lisbon, N. Dak. |  | 100 Bran |  | 30.00 35.50 |
|  |  | $\therefore 2-7-27$ | 60 FM |  | 35.5031.00 |
| 2-15 | Far. Coop. Ass'n, Holland, Minn. | 1- 7-27 | 20. FM |  |  |
|  |  |  | 80 Std. |  | 33.50 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 100 | Mix. | $\begin{aligned} & 29.00 \\ & 28.75 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | 100 | Bran | 28.50 |
| 2-15 | Anderson Brs., Bock, Minn. | 2-3-27 | 20 | FM | 33.50 |
|  |  |  | 160 | Std. | 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Bran | 28.50 |

## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)

| 2-15 | Fars. Elev., Vining, Minn. | 2- 8-27 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2-17 | Ole Olness, Ryder, N. Dak. | 2-15-27 |
| 2-17 | Fars. Elev., Garfield, Minn. | 12-2-26 |
| 2-17 | Fars. Coop. Pro. Ass'n, Clearbrook | 2-14-27 |
| 2-17 | Fars. Union Pro., Irene, So. Dak. | 2- 4-27 |
| 2-18 | Willow City Far. Elev., Willow City, N. D. | 2-17-27 |
| 2-19 | Northern Far. Pro, Baudette, Minn. | 2-14-27 |
| 2-19 | Eagle Valley Coop., Clarissa, Minn. | 2-18-27 |
| 2-21 | Merchants Whse., Hibbing, Minn. | 2-16-27 |
| 2-21 | Lancaster Merc., Lancaster, Minn. | 2-18-27 |
| 2-12 | Patrons Merc., Black Earth, Wis. | 2- 2-27 |
| 2-21 | Winger Fars. Elev., Winger, Minn. | 2-18-27 |
| 2-24 | A. H. Lee, Walhalla, N. Dak. | 2-23-27 |


| 120 | Std. | 30.00 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 140 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 120 | Std. | 33.00 |
| 120 | Bran | 33.00 |
| 40 | FM | 32.00 |
| 100 | Std. | 28.00 |
| 170 | Bran | 27.00 |
| 80 | Std. | 31.00 |
| 120 | Bran | 31.00 |
| 80 | FM | 33.50 |
| 80 | Std. | 29.00 |
| 40 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 60 | Bran | 31.00 |
| 100 | Std. | 31.00 |
| 145 | Bran. | 31.00 |
| 60 | Std. | 28.00 |
| 62 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 300 | Std. | 29.00 |
| 40 | Std. | 31.50 |
| 60 | Bran | 31.50 |
| 204 | Bran | 31.50 |
| 100 | Bran | 31.00 |
| 100 | Std. | 31.00 |
| 20 | Std | $\$ 30.00$ |
| 40 | Bran | 30.00 |

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| Date <br> Billed | Name and Address | Date Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
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| $\begin{gathered} 1927 \\ 2-24 \end{gathered}$ | Merrimac Farm Bureau, Merrimac ,Wisc. | 1-18-27 | 130 | Bran | 28.5029.0029.5032.0030.0030.00 |
|  |  |  | 20 | FM |  |
|  |  |  | 30 140 | M ${ }_{\text {FM }}$ |  |
| 2-24 | J. A. Forster, Akeley, Minn. | 2-24-27 | 90 | Bran |  |
|  |  |  | 115 | Std |  |
| 2-24 | N. Y. Mills, Frs. Elev., N. Y. Mills, Minn. | 1-26-27 | 80 | Mix | 30.00 |
|  |  |  | 140 80 | Std Bran | 30.00 30.00 |
| 2-25 | Fars. Advancement Ass'n, Brillion, Wis. | 12-30-27 | 60 | Std | 24.10 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Mix | 24.10 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Bran | 24.10 |
| 2-25 | Detroit Gr. \& Fuel, Detroit, Minn. | 2-23-27 | 200 | Std | 29.00 |
| 2-25 | Sebeka Coop., Sebeka, Minn | 3-3-27 | 100 | Bran | 29.00 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 155 | Std | 29.50 |
| 2-26 | Brownsdale Cr. Assn., Brownsdale, Minn.. | 2-3-27 | 40 | Std | 31.50 |
|  |  |  | 80 | FM | 35.00 |
| 2-28 |  |  | 180 | Bran | 31.00 |
| 2-28 | C. Spreckles, Hankinson, N. D. | 2-15-27 | 40 | Std | 32.50 |
| 2-28 | Olson Bros., Ironwood, Mich. | 10-15-26 | 100 | Bran | 25.90 |
|  |  |  | 250 | Std | 25.90 |

EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)


|  |  |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 100 | Bran | 31.25 |
| 80 | M | 31.25 |
| 100 | M | 23.50 |
| 200 | Bran | 25.00 |
| 20 | Bran | 33.70 |
| 20 | M | 33.95 |
| 400 | FM | 33.50 |
| 60 | Bran | 29.50 |
| 20 | M | 29.00 |
| 40 | FM | 35.50 |
| 40 | FM | 35.50 |
| 105 | M | 32.00 |
| 40 | Bran | 31.50 |
| 100 | Bran | 31.00 |
| 120 | MF | 31.00 |
| 50 | M | 31.25 |
| 60 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 160 | M | 31.00 |
| 80 | FM | 37.00 |
| 80 | Bran | 28.50 |
| 240 | M | 33.00 |
| 130 | M | 31.00 |
| 80 | FM | 33.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 110 | M | 30.00 |
| 40 | FM | 29.00 |
| 160 | M | 24.00 |


| Date <br> Billed | Name and Address | Date <br> Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1927 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 240 | Bran | 23.50 |
| 3-22 | Grain \& Fuel Co., Detroit, Minn. | 3-18-27 | 120 | Bran | 29.00 |
| 3-23 | White Grain Co., Duluth, Minn. | 3-18-27 | 100 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 3-26 | Whitelaw Coop. Exch., Whitelaw | 3-26-27 | 200 | Mran | 29.00 31.00 |
| 3-26 | Parshall Frs. Coop. Elev. Parshall, N. D. | 3-24-27 | 30 | Bran | 33.50 |
| 3-26 | Spg. Grve Stock Grain, Spg. Grve, Minn. ............................... | 3-25-27 | 60 | ${ }_{\text {Mran }}$ | 33.50 32.00 |
|  |  |  | 60 | FM | 35.00 |
|  |  |  | 84 | M | 32.00 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3-28 \\ & 3-30 \end{aligned}$ | Goodridge Frs. Co., Goodridge, Minn. Cameron \& K., Robinson, N. D. | 3-1-27 | 80 | Bran | 31.00 |
|  |  | 3-23-27 | 100 | Bran | 31.50 |
| 3-30 | Farmers Exch., Benson, Minn. | 3-30-27 | 60 | Bran | 29.00 |
| 3-30 | Bagley Coop. Co., Bagley, Minn. |  | 50 | FM | 33.00 |
|  |  | 2-23-27 | 60 | Bran | 30.00 |
|  |  |  | 150 | M ${ }^{\text {FM }}$ | 30.00 |
| $3-31$$4-1$ | Anton Bodahl, Maxbass, N. D. | 3-28-27 | 50 | Bran | 31.50 |
|  |  |  | 110 | M | 31.50 |
|  | Eagle Valley Coop., Clarissa, Minn. | 3-14-27 | 180 | Std. | 30.00 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Bran | 28.00 |



| 40 | Std. | 30.50 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 60 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 60 | M | 30.25 |
| 140 | Std. | 30.50 |
| 50 | FM | 35.00 |
| 20 | Std. | 31.00 |
| 160 | FM | 34.50 |
| 20 | Mix. | 30.50 |
| 40 | Std. | 33.50 |
| 20 | FM | 34.50 |
| 300 | Std. | 30.50 |
| 40 | Bran | 29.50 |
| 85 | Std. | 30.00 |
| 158 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 29.50 |
| 230 | Std. | 30.50 |
| 140 | Std. | 28.50 |
| 60 | Mix. | 28.50 |
| 150 | Bran | 28.50 |
| 240 | Rran | 29.25 |
| 100 | Std. | 29.75 |
| 40 | Bran | 29.25 |
| 60 | Std. | 29.75 |
| 50 | Bran | 27.50 |
| 300 | FM | 31.50 |
| 100 | Std. | 30.50 |
| 135 | Bran | 29.50 |

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| Date Billed | Name and Address | Date Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 1927 \\ 4-15 \end{gathered}$ | Green Isle, Minn. | 3-3-27 | 100 | Bran | 29.50 |
|  | Green Isle, Minn. | 3-3-27 | 400 | FM | 34.00 |
| 4-15 | Detroit Gr. \& Fuel Co., Detroit, Minn. | 4- 9-27 | 140 | Bran | 29.00 |
| 4-26 | Farmers Union, Mission Hill, S. D. | 4-8-27 | 50 140 | Std. | 29.00 33.50 |
|  |  |  | 100 | Std. | 29.00 |
| 4-27 | Sundberg Roller Feed Mill, Kirkhover, Minn. | 4-25-27 | . 60 | Bran Bran | 29.50 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 135 | FM | 33.50 |
| 4-27 | F. Goldberg Feed, Fargo, N. Dak. | 4-25-27 | 120 | Std. | 27.50 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Bran | 27.50 |
| 4-27 | Halstad Merc., Halstad, Minn. | 4-26-27 | 10 10 | Bran FM | 29.50 33.50 |
|  |  |  | 20 | Std. | 29.50 |
| 4-29 | Wm. Durrim, Northome, Minn. | 4-29-27 | 60 | FM | 35.00 |
|  | Wm. Durne, Nonthome, Minn. |  | 80 | Bran | 31.50 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Std. | 31.50 |
| 4-28 | Merchants Whse., So. Hibbing, Minn. | 4-18-27 | 60 | Bran | 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 20 | FM | 33.00 29.50 |
| 5. | Farmers Elev. Co., Lenard, N. | 4-29-27 | 240 60 | Std. <br> M | 29.50 31.00 |
|  | Farmers Elev. Co., Lenard, N. | 4-20-27 |  | FM | 34.00 |

## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continucd)

5- 3 Gardner Bros., Sioux Falls ................................................................. 7-18-27
5- 3 Spring Grove Mr., Spring Grove, Minn. ........................................... 4 -25-27
5- 4 H. Vehle, Twin Valley ...................................................................... 4-22-27

5- 4 Goldberg Feed Co., Fargo, N. Dak. .................................................... 4-25-27
5- 5 Goldberg Feed Co., Fargo, N. Dak. ................................................... 4- 5-27
5- 5 Northern Farm Prod., Baudette, Minn. ........................................... 5- 2-27
5-5 Equity Milling Co., Wadena, Minn. ................................................... 12-16-27
5- 5 Quinilin \& Co., Pelican Rapids ........................................................... 4 46-27
4-15 Robert Hanson, Elliott, N. Dak ....................................................... 1 12-27
4-16 Kathryn Fars. Elev., Kathryn, N. Dak. ........................................... 1-19-27

4-16 White Grain Co., Duluth, Minn. .......................................................... 4- 1-27
4-16 Goldberg, Moorhead, Minn. ................................................................ 4-11-27

| 40 | FM | 30.00 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 244 | Bran | 24.50 |
| 80 | Bran | 30.50 |
| 60 | M | 30.50 |
| 60 | FM | 35.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 80 | M | 30.00 |
| 20 | FM | 34.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 100 | M | 28.00 |
| 110 | M | 28.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 50 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 80 | M | 30.00 |
| 160 | Bran | 23.00 |
| 160 | M | 23.00 |
| 60 | M | 29.50 |
| 40 | Bran | 29.50 |
| 60 | Bran | 34.50 |
| 60 | Std. | 30.00 |
| 160 | Std. | 30.00 |
| 40 | Mix. | 30.00 |
| 40 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 300 | Std. | 27.00 |
| 100 | Bran | 28.00 |
| 120 | Std. | 27.50 |
| 160 | Bran | 27.50 |


| Date <br> Billed <br> 1927 | Name and Address | Date Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1927 Price |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4-18 | Warroad Coop., Warroad, Minn. | 4-16-27 | 100 | FM |  |
|  |  | 3-16-27 | 155 | Std. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4-20 \\ & 4-20 \\ & 4-20 \\ & 4-20 \end{aligned}$ | New London Whse., Virginia, Minn. |  | 130 | Bran |  |
|  | Clouquet Coop., Cloquet, Minn. ..... | 4-7-27 | 310 | Std. | 29.50 |
|  | O. C. Temple, Bemidji, Minn. | 4-13-27 | 350 | Bran | 29.00 |
|  | Goldberg, Moorhead, Minn. ... | 4-16-27 | 205 | MF | 29.50 |
| 4-20 | Osborne Merc., Baker, N. Dak. |  | 65 | Std. | 27.50 27.50 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4-21 \\ & 4-22 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3-24-27 | 10 | Std. | 32.50 |
|  | Patrons Merc., Blackstone, Wis. | 4-13-27 | 20 | Bran | 32.00 |
|  | Larson Engh, Osnabrock, N. D. | 4-21-27 | 5 | Std. | 30.00 30.50 |
| 4-22 | Brocket Merc., Brocket | 4-21-27 | 20 | Bran | 30.00 |
| 4-22 | Goldberg, Moorhead, Minn |  | 30 | Std. | 30.00 30.50 |
|  |  | 4-15-27 | 80 | Bran | 27.50 |
| 4-25 | Sauk Farm Bureau, Sauk City, Wis. | 12-13-26 | 80 | Std. | 27.50 |
|  |  |  | 40 | Std. | 26.00 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 4-25 \\ & 4-26 \end{aligned}$ | Schwartz Bros., New Rockford, N. D |  | 240 | Bran | 26.00 |
|  | Detroit Gr. \& Fuel, Detroit, Minn. ... | 2-18-27-27 | 20 100 |  | 31.00 |
|  |  |  | 100 | Bran | 28.50 28.50 |

## EXHIBIT "I"-(Continued)



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| Date Billed | Name and Address | Date <br> Sold | Quantity |  | Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 1927 \\ 5-12 \end{gathered}$ | C. Roe Gr. Co., Crookston, Minn. | 5-5-27 | 120 M |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 28.00 |
|  |  |  | 60 | Bran | 29.00 |
| 5-13 | Kiger \& M., Alexandria, Minn. |  | 20 | FM | 33.00 |
|  |  | 4-27-27 | 140 | Bran | 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 40 | FM | 29.00 33.00 |
| 5-13 | Coop. Elev. Co., Maple Plain | 2-21-27 | 80 | FM | 33.40 34.40 |
| 5-14 |  |  | 175 | Bran | 29.90 |
| 5-14 | Far. Union Prod. Co., Irene, So. Dak. | 2- 4-27 | 65 | Bran | 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 65 | M | 29.50 |
| 5-16 | Frs. Coop. Ass'n, Grasston |  | 120 | FM | 33.50 |
| 5-16 | Frs. Coop. Ass'n, Grasston | 2- 2-27 | 100 | ${ }^{\text {Bran }}$ | 24.00 |
|  |  |  | 140 20 | MF | 24.00 |
| 5-16 | New London Whse., Virginia, Minn. | 5-3-27 | 300 | M | 29.50 |
| 5-17 | Schwartz Bros., New Rockford .... | 5-10-27 | 200 | M | 29.50 30.50 |
| 5-17 | Goldberg Feed, Moorhead, Minn. ...... | 5-16-27 | 40 | Bran | 39.50 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 50 | M | 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 50 | FM | 32.50 |
| 5-17 | Merchants Whse., Chisholm | 5-17-27 | 240 | M | 29.50 |
| 5-18 | Eagle Valley Coop., Clarissa, Minn. | 5-17-27 | 60 | ${ }_{\text {Bran }}^{\text {Bran }}$ | 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 40 | M | 29.50 |


| 5-18 | Pidgeon Gr. Co., White Hill, Wis, | 5-17-27 | 340 20 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{M} \\ & \mathrm{FM} \end{aligned}$ | 25.00 31.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5-19 | White Grain Co., Duluth, Minn. | 5-19-27 | 300 | M | 30.00 |
|  |  |  | 200 | B | 29.50 |
| 5-20 | Frs. Coop. Prod. Co., Clearbrook, Minn. | 5-6-27 | 160 | M | 30.00 |
|  |  |  | 40 | Bran | 31.00 |
|  |  |  | 20 | FM | 35.00 |
| 5-20 | Itasca, Co. Farm Bureau, Grand Rapids | 5-20-27 | 80 | Bran | 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 120 | Bran | 28.50 |
|  |  |  | 40 | Bran <br> M | 29.00 28.50 |
| 5-20 | Merchants Whse,. So. Hibbing | 5-20-27 | 200 | Bran | 29.50 |
|  |  |  | 100 | M | 30.00 |
| 5-21 | Wausau Frs. Prod. Co., Wausau, Wis. | 4-29-27 | 60 | FM | 33.50 |
|  |  |  | 90 | MF | 31.00 |
| 5-21 | Goldberg Feed, Fargo, N. Dak. | 5-17-27 | 120 | M | 29.00 |
|  |  |  | 40 | Bran | 28.50 |
| 5-23 | W. H. Koch, Owatonna, Minn. | 2-14-27 | 300 | FM | 32.70 |
|  |  |  | 60 | Bran | 29.50 |
| 5-24 | Farmers Exch., Benson, Minn. | 4-8-27 | 310 | MF | 21.00 |
| 5-25 | J. G. Crites, Lisbon, N. Dak. | 5-24-27 | 120 | FM | 36.00 |
|  |  |  | 80 | M | 31.00 |
| 5-25 | Holman Coop. Co., Midway, Wis. | 4-23-27 | '100 | Bran | 30.00 |
|  |  |  | 145 | MF | 30.50 |
| 5-25 | Parshall Frs. Elev. Co., Parshall, N. D. | 5-23-27 | 20 | Bran | 30.50 |
|  |  |  | 20 | M | 30.50 |



Hon. A. G. Sorlie, Governor, Bismarck, N. D.

Dear Sir:
Pursuant to the call of the Chairman of the Senate Fact Finding Committee appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in the 20th Legislative Assembly, the committee met at Grand Forks, North Dakota on Monday, April 18th and Tuesday, April 19th, 1927, for a conference with the Governor, Mr. O. L. Spencer, Manager of the State Mill \& Elevator Association, Mr. H. M. Webster, the wheat buyer, and Hon. H. A. Bronson, Counsel for the Mill \& Elevator Association. The committee was represented by Sen. L .O. Fredrickson, Sen. Walter H. Schlosser, and assisted by C. U. Somers of the Equity Cooperative Exchange.

Supplementing the committee's confidential report made to the Governor during the closing days of the legislative session, we submit the following findings as facts which cause the operating losses to the Mill \& Elevator Association.

- The cost of wheat milled, as compared to average prices of wheat purchased in any other large market, is too high to permit the Mill to reasonably compete with other large mills on a cost milled basis.

2. The policy of selling flour in large quantities for less than the cost of the bare materials and transportation to sale destination, without any manufacturing cost added, is indefensible.
3. Utter lack of co-ordination between the buying and sales departments.

These statements will be enlarged upon later in this report.
The supplement to the 1913 compiled laws of North Dakota, section $368-\mathrm{c}-6$ of chapter 5, provide in part: Article A.- IT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE THE PURPOSE AND INTENTION OF THIS ACT, TO MAKE AND CONSTITUTE THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE ABSOLUTE AND SOLE MANAGER AND DIRECTOR OF THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS OF THE SAID MILL \& ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION, AS FAR AS RELATES TO THE MANAGEMENT, OPERATION AND CONDUCT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE MILL AND ELEVATOR AT GRAND FORKS, WITH ALL THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF BOTH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE GENERAL MANAGING OFFICER OF A BUSI--NESS CORPORATION, AND THIS ACT SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THAT PURPOSE."

In view of the above section we feel that immediate steps should be taken by the Governor to correct the matters referred to.

It should be borne in mind that our findings are made from figures submitted by the auditors, and not from the records
of the institution, Mr. K. C. Nelson and Mr. O. B. Lund, the auditors, have willingly and promptly supplied the committee with all figures at their disposal.

The report of F. F. Burchard \& Co., addressed to the Governor February 21st, 1927, makes the following observation which is interesting as well as significant, "The outstanding increase in cost is represented in the cost of wheat milled account. Exhibit "A" shows that wheat milled cost $\$ 3,890,585.51$ in 1925 as against flour and feed sales of $\$ 4,942,816.79$, and $\$ 4,359,589.38$ in 1926 as against flour and feed sales of $\$ 5,195,024.77$. It can readily be observed that wheat costs during 1926 are considerably out of line with such costs in 1925 . Inasmuch as sales of flour and feed in 1926 were more in 1926 than in the previous year, wheat costs should be more to be sure, but the proportion of increase is far too great." The difference is later illustrated by the Governor's auditor showing the cost of wheat milled was 78 per cent of the flour and feed sales in 1925, as against a cost of 84 per cent in 1926, or a comparative increase in wheat cost of six per cent.

In submitting the comparative figures, cost of wheat at the mill is based on Minneapolis. The average prices for the calendar year 1926 of No. 1 Dark Northern at Minneapolis by months, and for the first half, the second half and the full year, are as follows:

|  | High | Low | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 1.701/2 | 1.511/4 | $1.607 / 8$ |
| February | 1.781/2 | $1.641 / 2$ | $1.711 / 2$ |
| March | 1.701/2 | $1.511 / 4$ | 1.607/8 |
| April | 1.691/8 | 1.60 | 1.645 |
| May | 1.65 | 1.573/4 | 1.61 \%/8 |
| June | $1.671 / 4$ | 1.591/4 | $1.631 / 4$ |
| July | 1.771/4 | $1.671 / 4$ | $1.721 / 4$ |
| August | 1.651/2 | 1.50 | $1.57 \%$ |
| September | 1,511/4 | $1.391 / 4$ | 1.451/4 |
| October | $1.521 / 4$ | 1.43 | 1.47\% |
| November | 1.44\%/4 | 1.40 | 1.423/4 |
| December | $1.461 / 2$ | $1.421 / 2$ | 1.441/2 |
| Average first 6 months ......... | 1.701/8 | 1.573/8 | $1.633 / 4$ |
| Average second 6 months ........ | 1.65\%/8 | 1.47 | 1.51\%/4 |
| Average for year | $1.6311 / 4$ | 1.521/4 | $1.573 / 4$ |

The average purchase cost of wheat milled to the Grand Forks Mill for the first 6 months was $\$ 1.661 / 4$; for the second 6 months, $\$ 1.677 / 8$; for the year, $\$ 1.673 / 8$.

It will be noted that the average cost for all wheat at Grand Forks for the period January 1st to June 30th, 1926, was $21 / 2$ cents per bushel higher than the average No. 1 Dark Northern price at Minneapolis; that the period July 1st to December 31st, 1926, was $161 / 8$ cents higher than the average No. 1 Dark Northern Minneapolis price, and that for the entire year the average cost of all wheat milled at Grand Forks was $95 / 8$ cents higher than the average No. 1 Dark Northern price at Minneapolis.

While the comparison of cost of wheat milled with Minneapolis prices is for all grades at Grand Forks, only the No. 1 Dark Northern grade is taken at Minneapolis. It should be noted that among the purchases at Grand Forks are large quantities of No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, some Sample Grade, and some Red Spring. These off grades, obviously, purchased at prices lower than the No. 1 Dark grade, should materially decrease the cost of wheat milled at Grand Forks below the average No. 1 Dark price at Minneapolis.

Another manner of expressing the same thing would be to say that in the first half of 1926 all Grand Forks wheat cost $11 / 2$ per cent more than the No. 1 Dark Northern at Minneapolis; that in the second half of 1926 the cost was 10 6-10 per cent higher than No. 1 Dark Nothern at Minneapolis, and for the calendar year the cost of all wheat was 6 1-10 per cent higher than No. 1 Dark Northern at Minneapolis.

It might be argued that it is the policy of the State Mill \& Elevator Association to pay more for grain at Grand Forks than is paid in Minneapolis in order to build up a real farmers market. This would be feasible if a large percentage of the purchases were made from North Dakota farmers, but out of the total of $2,603,790$ bushels of wheat purchased by the Mill and Elevator Association, only 105,073 bushels were purchased from individual farmers. This means nearly 96 per cent purchased from commission companies as against about 4 per cent from farmers. If the policy contemplated the opposite ratio, it would be most commendable.

It is most interesting to analyze the distribution of prices paid to individuals as compared to prices paid to dealers. The following tables by months are illustrative and clearly indicate that preference was at all times given to one firm, the Midland Grain Co.

The fact that individual shippers received materially less at Grand Forks than the value of their wheat at Minneapolis probably accounts for the small number of individual shipments. This policy would naturally destroy the confidence of North Dakota farmers in the integrity of the State Mill.

AVERAGE PURCHASES OF WHEAT FOR AUGUST, 1926

From Whom Bought
 1 Do
Country Elevators 1 Do
Individuals

Protein Av.
13.62 Paid Av. 11.74 11.81 12.08
$1.59 \quad 5 / 8$ 1.47 $1.45 \mathrm{I} / 4$ $1.423 / 4$

Mpls. Av.
$1.52 \quad 1 / 8$
$1.441 / 8$
$1.441 / 8$ 1.47 1/8

AVERAGE PURCHASES OF WHEAT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1926

## From Whom Bought

| Midland Grain Co. | Grade |
| :---: | :---: |
| Benson-Quinn | 1 Do |
| Country Elevators |  |
| Individuals | Do |

Protein Av.
14.13 Av. Paid Av. $\quad 1.583 / 4 \quad$ Mpls. Av. $\begin{array}{llll}12.78 & 1.58 & 3 / 4 & 1.51 \quad 1 / 4\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}11.90 & 1.49 & 1 / 2 & 1.46 & 3 / 4\end{array}$ 12.90

AVERAGE PURCHASES OF WHEAT FOR OCTOBER,

| From Whom Bought | Grade | Protein Av. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Midland Grain Co. | 1 Do | Protein Av. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Paid Av. } \\ & 1.58 ~ \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Mpls. Av. |
| Benson-Quinn | 1 Do | 11.99 | $1.49 \mathrm{l} / 4$ | $1.46{ }^{\text {3/4 }}$ |
| Country Elevators | 1 Do | 12.50 | $1.50 \quad 7 / 8$ | 1.48 |
| Individuals | 1 Do | 12.94 | 1.47 1/4 | 1.49 |

## AVERAGE PURCHASES OF WHEAT FOR NOVEMBER, 1926

From Whom Bought
Midland Grain Co.

## Benson-Quinn

Country Elevators
Grade

Individuals $\qquad$

Protein Av.

| Paid Av. | Mpls. Av. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 14.28 | $1.545 / 8$ | $1.453 / 4$ |
| 12.43 | $1.451 / 8$ | 1.42 |
| 12.45 | $1.475 / 8$ | 1.42 |
| 11.60 | $1.461 / 2$ | 1.41 |

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% of Mpls. Av.
    104 9/10%
    101 9/10%
    100 7/10%
            97 %
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\% of Mpls. Av
104 9/10\%
$1018 / 10 \%$
101 4/10\%
$978 / 10 \%$
\% of Mpls. Av
$1082 / 10 \%$
102 2/10\%
101 9/10\%
98 8/10\%
102 2/10\%
103 9/10\%
$1039 / 10 \%$

We find contracts for the purchase of large quantities of wheat from the Midland Grain Co. were entered into by the Mill at prices relatively 4 cents per bushel higher, according to the contracts, than the price paid to any other elevator or commission company for the same grade and protein content on the same date, and that these prices were nearly always far in excess of the highest priced car of the same grade sold on the Minneapolis market on the same day, and it should be borne in mind that over a half million bushels, or approximately 27 per cent of the entire amount milled, was purchased from the Midland Grain Co., in some instances costing the Mill $71 / 2$ cents per bushel above the highest priced car of any kind of wheat sold on the Minneapolis market on the same date.

It is not disputed that the Midland Co. were favored in that the highest premiums were paid to them. It is argued that the Midland Co. had agreed to defer shipment on this grain to some future date and that this was the reason for the increased premium, but the contracts do not so indicate. Some half million bushels were purchased from the Midland, and in this entire quantity we find no record that any of the shipments were actually delayed. On the contrary, continual purchases were being made from the Midland, as well as other companies, before the preceeding contracts had been fulfilled, and in some instances even partially fulfilled.

At the same time that these contracts were being entered into the sales department was selling flour at less than the cost of wheat and transportation because of anticipated lower premiums.

As far as we can determine, the practice of paying premiums above the highest market price, to Minneapolis commission companies is not good public policy and is unnecessary in connection with the State Mill. The contention that the payment of high premiums to the Midland and other companies is beneficial to growers seems to lack force, for the reason that the Midland purchased a large portion of grain sold to the Mill from line elevator companies. The Midland Company made profits as high as $93 / 8$ cents per bushel on wheat bought from line companies and sold to the Mill. The average profit to the Midland on wheat bought from line companies and sold to the Mill is approximately $41 / 2$ cents per bushel.

The wheat inventories at the Mill as of March 28, 1927, including the wheat hypothecated with the Bank of North Dakota, amount to approximately 675,000 bushels, and the warehouses of the Mill department are loaded with flour and feed of a value in excess of a quarter million dollars. At the rate at which flour was manufactured through the month of March, 1927, there was enough wheat and flour on hand to last the Mill for approximately five months. In spite of the large inventories, we are informed that the wheat buying department was, at the date of the meeting, contemplating large additional purchases of wheat, even though the making of profitable flour contracts at that time was difficult if not impossible.

An analysis of the distribution of purchases for the first half and last half of 1926 is as follows:

|  | 1-1-26 to 6-30-26 <br> Per Cent | 6-30-26 to 12-31-26 <br> Per Cent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Commission Companies | 53 8-10\% | $782-10 \%$ |

Your attention is directed to the schedule of "Average" prices of No. 1 Dark Northern at Minneapolis. The average general price for No. 1 Dark Northern for the six months ending June 30th was $\$ 1.631 / 4$. The average cost of all wheat milled at Grand Forks during this same period was $\$ 1.661 / 4$. The prices during these six months, while possibly a little high, are consistent. During the second six months the average Minneapolis price of No. 1 Dark Northern was $\$ 1.513 / 4$. However, the average cost of all wheat milled at Grand Forks this period was $\$ 1.67 \%$, or $15 / 8$ cents per bushel more than the average cost for the first six months, and in spite of a decrease in the Minneapolis price for the last six months of 12 cents per bushel.

Why the cost of wheat milled during the last six months should show an increase is rather hard to understand. Inasmuch as, the flour was sold for less money during the second period it is obvious that the bulk of the flour contracts could not have been made at the peak of the market. During the last half of the year 1926, there was an option loss reported of $\$ 142,341.42$ This indicates, of course, that flour contracts were entered into and these contracts were protected by purchases of futures. Just what volume of future trading was done we do not know, as there is no data available. But there is one thing peculiar about this option loss, and that is that it does not seem to reflect itself in the average purchases of the wheat. To sustain a loss of $\$ 142,341.42$, approximately 700,000 bushels of futures would have to be carried from the peak of the December option to the lowest point during the last six months of the year.

We find that the apparent policy is for the wheat purchasing department to buy wheat without consulting the mill management, and if lossẹs accrue because too much grain is purchased at too high a price, the loss must be absorbed by the Mill department by the sale of flour at less than the cost of the materials.

We recommend that a change be made in the policy under which wheat is purchased and believe this can only be brought about by a change in the personnel of the wheat buying department.

Your committee made a survey of the elevator department and its equipment. We find that the elevator department is
equipped with modern cleaners and driers which apparently have been used but very little. We are informed that some of the cleaners 5 years old have not handled to exceed 20 carloads. We believe that a policy of merchandising could be established which would be of decided advantage to North Dakota growers. This could be brought about by cleaning, processing, mixing and merchandising wheat to mills between Grand Forks and the Minnesota terminals, as well as to many eastern interior mills.

The building of a terminal market at Grand Forks where our growers would have an outlet, particularly for off grade grains, was one of the primary, if not the most important, reasons for the establishment of a terminal elevator and mill within our state. The physical and financial facilities for a great terminal market have been provided and should be used in such manner as to be beneficial not alone to the Mill \& Elevator Association, but to those farmers who have so loyally and ardently supported the movement responsible for this Mill, and who have made untold sacrifices in the movement which made this great institution possible.

A casual survey of those who sell direct to the Mill clearly indicates that if benefits are derived they are not going to farmers, but to preferred private corporations, mostly from foreign states.

Regarding the sales and sale policy in general, what is true of wheat purchases with respect to indirect benefits to the citizens of North Dakota seems to be true in flour sales. It is true that, generally speaking, flour sold in North Dakota and the neighboring territory is sold at a profit of approximately 50 c a barrel, whereas flour sold to the eastern seaboard nets a loss of $\$ 1.00$ or more per barrel.

A list of quotations for North Dakota territory, based on price of Dakota Pride Flour, f. o. b. Mill, as compared with contract prices for the same brand and grade of flour delivered to Eastern Seaboard, indicates that the Eastern market was favored as against North Dakota in many instances over $\$ 1.50$ per barrel.

In June, 1926, a single contract of 7000 barrels was entered into at a price of $\$ 7.40$ delivered, while the cost of the material alone was $\$ 7.77$. , This material cost does not include manufacturing cost, overhead, interest or depreciation. The loss, therefore, on materials alone is 37 c per barrel. An explanation of this sale by Mr. Spencer is that the Mill, at that time, had on hand approximately 383,000 bushels of wheat bought at a high premium and that the sale was made because of anticipated drops in premiums from which losses might accrue.

Another contract was entered into for the same given reason, on August 21, 1926. This sale was 10,000 barrels at a loss of 18c per barrel based on the bare materials, while the loss, including manufacturing costs, is $\$ 1.38$ per barrel.

As stated before, the reason given for these sales is the large inventory of high priced wheat and the sales depart-
ment were endeavoring to minimize anticipated losses by making flour sales. Even in the face of these losses, additional purchases were made in this period of over 300,000 bushels, or considerably more than the total sales.

One firm, the Seaboard Flour Corporation, purchased approximately 40 per cent of the entire output of flour during the year 1926, and in no single contract reported by Mr. Lund was there an operating profit shown to the Mill, after allowing $\$ 1.00$ per barrel operating cost. Some contracts show as high as 57 c per barrel gross loss on materials and delivery cost alone. Practically all of this flour is packed and sold under the private brand of the Seaboard Flour Corporation; naturally, therefore, state flour is not being advertised, nor is the brand owned by the State Mill being built up.

Otto Briske, the head of the Seaboard Flour Corporation, is formerly a Minneapolis man and a former associate of I. S. Joseph, president of the preferred Midland Grain Co.

Reports of sales to Dundas Bros., Philadelphia, Jules Junkers, Inc., Philadelphia, Jos. Binenstock, Philadelphia, the Seaboard Flour Corporation, Boston, show an invariable operating loss to the Mill; in other words, in no single instance is a profitable eastern sale reported.

The contrary is true with respect to sales in the natural territory, in North Dakota and Minnesota. These sales, almost invariably show a profit, except certain sales made to the Goldberg Feed Co. of Moorhead, Minn., which leads us to wonder if Henry Ford is right.

In analyzing the feed sales we find that approximately half of all the feed manufactured during the calendar year 1926, was sold to the I. S. Joseph Co. of Minneapolis. I. S. Joseph, incidentally, is president of the Midland Grain Co. These feed sales to the I. S. Joseph Co. in the approximate amount of 12,000 tons, are made mostly at 50 c per ton less for pure bran than the Minneapolis quotations on the same date, and $\$ 1.00$ per ton cheaper for Standard Middlings, as compared to Minneapolis. We are informed that a large quantity of these feed contracts are unfilled at the time of our meeting and that penalties as high as $\$ 7.00$ a ton have accrued on the unfilled contracts. We note also that these large feed contracts to the Joseph Company are invariably made at week ends, mostly on Friday and Monday. The prices of feed sold to the Joseph Company are relatively lower in all instances than those charged to customers in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

An examination of the reports submitted to the Board of Audits discloses discrepancies in wheat statements which are unaccounted for. We call your attention to the following:

> WHEAT PURCHASED AND MILLED
> PERIOD JAN. 1, 1926 to JUNE 30,1926

[^1]Ground to four, Jan. 1-26 to $6-30-26 \quad 869,110.00$
Inventory, net bushels ..... 487,561.35
1,356,671.35
Shortage, net bushels
$\qquad$9,961.50PERIOD JULY 1, 1926 TO DEC. 31, 1926
Inventory, June 30-26, net bushels ..... 487,561.35
Purchases, June 30-26 to Dec. 31-26 ..... 1,932,997.50
Total ..... $2,420,559.25$
Ground to flour July 1-26 to Dec.
31-26 1,737,027.00Inventory, Dec. 31-26, net bushels.... $731,036.29 \quad 2,468,063.29$
Long, net bushels
SUMMARY
Wheat net short, 1st period ..... 9,961.50Wheat net long, 2nd period47,504.04
Wheat net sold ..... $9,560.35$
Difference in figures submitted:
Auditor's purchases ..... 2,603,790.20Mill records .................................2,602,468.45 1,321.35Total net overage for year48,424.24

After crediting a shrinkage of 13,124 bushels in the first six months and 17,115 bushels in the second six months of the calendar year, there remains a net overage of wheat for the year amounting to $48,424.24$ bushels of a value of approximatley $\$ 72,000.00$.

It would be quite reasonable in handling over $2,600,000$ bushels of wheat, to have an overage or shortage of this amount, but in view of the fact that this is an overage it should materially reflect itself in the balance sheet.

In submitting statements to the Board of Audits, interest, depreciation and operating expense are divided on a monthly or semi-annual basis. Consideration should be given to the fact that one-third of the flour is manufactured in the first half of the year and two-thirds manufactured in the last half of the year; hence, overhead and interest should be figured proportionately.

The cause of the losses is readily apparent by an examination of the gross income and the operating costs for the first half and the last half of the year.

The following table shows the cost of wheat, the amount of wheat used per barrel, the material cost per barrel average, and the selling price per barrel average, and the gross profit:

## average cost of wheat milled and average SALE PRICE OF FLOUR

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost of Wheat | Wheat | Cost per Bbbl. | Selling Price | Wheat Profit |
| 1st $6 \mathrm{mo} . . . . . .1 .661 / 4$ | 4.37 | 7.68 | 8.66 7/8 | . 98 5/8 |
| 2nd $6 \mathrm{mo} . . . .1 .67 ~ 7 / 8$ | 4.34 | 7.65 | 7.98 1/8 | . $331 / 8$ |

The comparative operating costs are as follows:

## COMPARATIVE OPERATING COSTS

|  | Jan. 1st, 1926 June 30, 1926 | June 30, 192 <br> Dec. 31, 192 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Expense | . 505 | . 363 |
| Selling Expense .... | . 32 | . 232 |
| General Expense | . 147 | . 087 |
|  | . 972 | . 682 |

This discloses that without considering interest or depreciation and with the outlet for the first six months period only one-third of the total for the year, there was a profit over and above material and operating costs of $13 / 10 \mathrm{c}$ per barrel. During the last half of the year when the abnormally high prices were paid for wheat, and when flour was sold for less than material cost, there was a loss of $351 / 10$ cents per barrel after taking into consideration the operating costs.

CO-ORDINATION. It appears to the committee that there is an utter lack of co-ordination between the buying and selling departments at the Mill. We believe that this should be corrected by placing one man in sole charge as the Governor's personal representative, making all departments responsible to this one man and he in turn responsible to the Governor. As stated earlier in this report, the buying department makes purchases without consulting the manufacturing or sales end. It is obvious that this method is detrimental to the State's interest.

Your committee has given much careful thought and consideration and study to this report. We believe that corrections of the matters referred to in this report will enable the Mill \& Elevator Association to take its proper place as a great beneficial institution to the producers in our state.

It is within your power, Mr. Governor, as the Chief Executive and managing officer of this institution, to make it a market such as it was originally intended to be by its sponsors. Our state is properly referred to as the bread basket of America. No one will gainsay that from the standpoint of production of new wealth, taken from the soil each year by our people, that North Dakota stands without a peer in this Union.

The primary purpose in the erection of the State Mill \& Elevator was the establishment of an open market for the benefit of the man behind the plow. You can, by efficient management, make this institution not only a financial success, but a boon to the harrassed farmers of our state.

The co-operation and advice of this committee is at your disposal. We would take pride in assisting you to make this institution the success its sponsors hoped it would be.

We sincerely hope and trust that this report will be given
careful consideration and that proper action will be taken without delay.

Yours very truly,
SENATE FACT FINDING COMMITTEE.
D. H. Hamilton, Walter H. Schlosser, L. O. Fredrickson.
C. W. Somers,

Special Assistant.

## FIRST REPORT MADE TO GOVERNOR SORLIE <br> March 2, 1927.

To The Governor:
In analyzing the situation with respect to wheat purchases it must be borne in mind that all data is not available to this committee. Our conclusions are based unon information furnished from the audits of O. B. Lund, a detailed statement of wheat purchases by K. C. Nelson, and some contracts of purchase and confirmations of purchase with various grain companies and individuals.

We will first cover wheat purchases made on Aug. 30, 1926, from four different grain companies. On the above date $25,80,000$ pound capacity cars of Dark Northern were purchased from the Midland Grain company of Minneapolis. (See confirmation No. 1005.) This purchase comprised about 35,000 bushels and was specified as No. 1 Dark Northern, 12 protein, and bought at a premium of 14 cents over the Minneapolis September wheat option, with an additional premium of two cents for each additional one per cent of protein up to 15 per cent, and additional premium of one cent for each pound over 58 and under 60. Obviously on this basis No. 1 Dark Northern 14 percent protein would be 18 cents over September.

On the same date 10 cars or approximately 14,000 bushels of No. 1 Dark Northern 14 protein were purchased from Mc-Caull-Dinsmore of Minneapolis (see contract of purchase No. 1037) at 14 cents over September, and 25,000 bushels of No. 1 Dark Northern 14 protein at 14 cents over September, from the Cargill Elevator Company, of Minneapolis (see contract of purchase 1035). Also 25,000 bushels of No. 1 Dark Northern 14 percent protein at 14 cents over September from McCabe Brothers of Minneapolis, (see contract 1039). It is our opinion from the best information available to us that the latter three contracts are about at the market while it is obvious that the first is made at four cents per bushel above the market.

On August 16, 1926, five 80,000 capacity cars were purchased from Patten \& Kjose of Great Falls, Mont., at 13 cents over September for 13 protein with 1 cent premium or discount for each additional percent protein. On the same date the Midland Grain Company of Minneapolis sold 25 cars of No. 1 Dark Northern 12 protein at 13 cents over Minne-
apolis September option with an additional premium of two cents for each one percent of protein above 12. The cost of this wheat on equal basis was two cents per bushel over the purchase made from Patten \& Kjose. (See contracts No. 916 and 197.)

On Sept. 7, 1926, 15,000 bushels of 1 Dark Northern 12 percent protein was purchased from the Farmers Elevator company of Noonan, N. D., at 11 cents over the September option, (see contract 1094) and on the following day 1580,000 capacity cars of 1 Dark Northern 12 protein were purchased from the Levant Elevator company of Grand Forks at 12 cents over the September option. Any number of comparisons similar to the above are available in an analysis of wheat purchases. It is significant that where a comparison can be made of like grade and protein on any even date, invariably the figures indicate that wheat purchased from the Midland Grain company of Minneapolis cost the state mill and elevator association more than wheat purchased from other grain companies; while it appears that almost invariably when individual farmers, farmers co-operative or independent elevators consigned to the state mill they would receive less than was paid to commission companies on the same date, and apparently less than the market. To illustrate further we will set forth a few contracts of purchase made on even dates as tersely as possible:

| Date Bought from | Grade |  | Protein | Cost | Diff. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aug. 16-Midland Grain company, 1391 bu. | 1 | H | 12.28 | $1.601 / 2$ |  |
| Aug. 16-Patten \& Kjose, 1556 bu. ......... | 1 | H | 13.16 | 1.581/2 | . $023 / 8$ |
| Aug. 16-Patten \& Kjose, 1 car | 1 | H | 12.64 | 1.57\% | .027/8 |
| Aug. 16-Patten \& Kjose, 1 car | 1 | DN | 14.00 | 1.591/8 | . $013 / 8$ |
| Aug. 16-Patten \& Kjose, 1 car | 1 | DN | 12.80 | 1.587/8 | . $015 / 8$ |
| Aug. 25-Midland Grain company, 1437 bu. | 1 | D | 13.44 | $1.601 / 2$ |  |
| Aug. 25-Benson-Quinn company, 1 car | 1 | D | 13.52 | $1.561 / 2$ | . 04 |
| Aug. 30-Midland Grain company, 1450 bu. | 1 | H | 12.48 | 1.56\% $/ 8$ |  |
| Aug. 30-McCabe Brothers, 1 car | 1 | H | 12.48 | $1.531 / 2$ |  |
| Aug. $30-\mathrm{McCabe}$ Brothers, 1 car | 1 | H | 12.68 | $1.531 / 2$ |  |
| Note-On Sept. 2, two cars from Lorraine bought from thy Benson-Quinn company are right in line with the above mentioned purchase from McCabe Brothers. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 30-Midland Grain company, 1 car | 1 | DN | 13.18 | $1.56 \% / 8$ |  |
| Aug. 30-Malvor Everson, 1 car | 1 | H | 13.64 | 1.53\% | . $021 / 2$ |
| Aug. 31-Charles Ryan, 1 car | 1 | D | 11.36 | 1.38 |  |
| Aug. 31-Quinn-Shepardson, 1 car | 1 | N | 10.40 | 1.493/4 | .113/4 |
| Aug. 31-Quinn-Shepardson, 1 car | 1 | N | 11.96 | $1.503 / 4$ | . $123 / 4$ |
| Sept. 7-Midland Grain Company, 1407 bu. | 3 | DN | 15.90 | $1.54 \% / 4$ |  |
| Sept. 6-A. C. Erb, 1421 bu. | 3 | DN | 17.12 | 1.491/2 | . $051 / 4$ |
| Sept. 30-Midland Grain company, 1447 bu. | 1 | DN | 14.88 | 1.587/8 |  |
| Sept. 30-McCabe Brothers, 1393 bu. | 1 | DN | 14.80 | 1.531/2 | . $05 \%$ |
| Sept. 30-Midland Grain company, 1450 bu. | 1 | DN | 13.56 | $1.56 \%$ |  |


| Date Bought from | Grade | Protein | Cost | Diff. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 30-McCabe Brothers, 1411 bu. | 1 DN | 14.92 | 1.54 | . $023 / 8$ |
| We will illustrate further by showing a few contracts in which price December wheat. | s are ba | on th | Minneapolis | for |
| Aug. 30-Midland Grain company, 25 cars | 1 DN | 12.00 | 14 c ov | Dec. |
| Aug. 30-Levant Grain company, 20 cars | 1 DN | 12.50 | 12 c ov | Dec. |
| Note-On the above date, Benson-Quinn sold two cars of like grade tor sold one car of the same grade and protein at 6 c over. (See | and prote <br> contract | at 7 c over 013.) | while the | eleva- |
| Sopt. 1-Levant Grain company, 1 car | 1 DN | 12.32 | 10 c ov | Dec. |
| Sept. 1-Individual, 1 car | 1 DN | 12.28 | 8 c ov | Dec. |
| Sept. 1-Individual, 1 car | 1 DN | 12.32 | 8 c ove | Dec. |
| Sept. 1-Midland Grain company, 25 cars | 1 DN | 12.00 | 14 c ov | Dec. |
| Sept. 1-Noonan Farmers Elevator company, 20 cars | 1 DN | 13.00 | 13 c ov | Dec. |

The report of F. F. Burchard and company, addressed to the governor, dated Feb. 21, 1927, makes the following observation which is interesting as well as significant.


#### Abstract

"The outstanding increase in cost is represented in the cost of wheat milled account. Exhibit A shows that wheat milled cost $\$ 3,890,585,51$ in 1925 as against flour and feed sales of $\$ 4,942,816.79$ and $\$ 4,359,589.38$ in 1926 as against flour and feed sales of $\$ 5,195,024.77$ It can readily be observed that wheat costs during 1926 are considerably out of line with such costs in 1925. Inasmuch as sales of flour and feed in 1926 were more in 1926 than in the previous year wheat costs should be more to be sure, but the proportion of increase is far too great."


The difference is later illustrated by the governor's auditor showing that the cost of wheat milled was 78 percent of the flour and feed sales in 1925 as against a cost of 84 percent in 1926, or a comparative increase in wheat cost of six per cent.

We believe that a complete analysis of the wheat purchased from the Midland company would show that the Midland's wheat cost from two to four cents per bushel more than the market value thereof, or at least the cost as compared to other purchases. During 1926, the Midland company sold the mill over 500,000 bushels of wheat, indicating that this source of loss would have some bearing on the increased cost of wheat milled.

It is true that our observations indicate that farmers as well as farmer-owned and independent elevator companies seem to have received less than other companies for wheat and this probably offsets in some degree the losses sustained through purchases from the Midland company.

It is well to bear in mind that of approximately $2,500,000$ bushels purchased for the mill about 20 per cent was bought from the Midland company, about 20 per cent from farmerowned and independent elevators, about four per cent from individuals and the balance from commission houses.

Much public stress has been laid upon the claim that large indirect profits have accrued to North Dakota farmers through wheat sales made direct to the mill. Your committee does not find any single instance where any individual farmer or any farmer-owned or independent elevator company received comparatively as good a price as was paid to grain commission firms. The indirect benefits of increased prices, if any, have gone to grain dealers outside of the state rather than to North Dakota farmers.

The Midland company sold almost twice as much as any other individual commission firm and approximately as much as all farmer-owned or independent elevators combined. In passing we might note that the Midland is a small company operating none, or very few, elevators at most. They usually buy grain on track from line companies, farmers' elevators and individuals, ostensibly for the purpose of taking a profit.

## SUMMARY OF WHEAT PURCHASES BY MILL DEPARTMENT

| Commission Companies | 1, 1926, to Dec. 31, 1926 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Value } \\ & 826,669.89 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bushels } \\ & \text { purchased } \\ & \text { in } \end{aligned}$ | Bushels purchased outside | Total bushels |  |
|  | N. Dak. | N. Dak. | purchased |  |
|  | 208,062.40 | 305,115.35 | 513,178.15 |  |
| Hallet \& Cary | 5,761.45 | 4,412.00 | 10,173.45 | 16,412.76 |
| Van Dusen Harrington company |  | 1,384.05 | 1,384.05 | 2,307.95 |
| G. P. Wymn .- | 1,432.10 |  | 1,432.10 | 2,391.72 |
| W. C. Mitchell company |  | 38,271.10 | 38,271.10 | 59,966.25 |
| Atwood Larson company | 2,832.50 |  | 2,832.50 | 4,925.54 |
| Smith Tyner |  | 43,952.20 | 43,952.20 | 74,691.79 |
| Cargill Commission company | 233,497.25 | 45,124.20 | 278,621.45 | 436,286.60 |
| Levant Elevator company | 141,595.30 | 52,865.25 | 194,460.55 | 301,572.85 |
| McCabe Brothers company | 36,835.40 | 61,956.35 | 98,792.15 | 161,112.46 |
| Quinn-Shepardson company ....................... | 81,058.30 | 170,325.20 | 251,383.50 | 404,221.87 |
| Dalrymple company . | 4,636.20 |  | 4,636.20 | 8,339.34 |
| Benson-Quinn company | 167,182.50 | 25,659,05 | 192,841.55 | 293,718.63 |
| McCaull-Dinsmore company | 31,019.30 | 11,551.20 | 42,570.50 | 67,531.41 |
| Winter-Truesdale-Diercks | 2,865.55 | 23,256,15 | 26,122.10 | 43,172.33 |
| Northern Grain company |  | 18,413.25 | 18,413.25 | 30,428.17 |
| Beecher-Barrett-Lockerby .................. | 2,823.35 | 5,542.20 | 8,365.55 | 13,315.39 |

## SUMMARY OF WHEAT PURCHASES BY MILL DEPARTMENT-Continued

| Salyards Grain company | 9,463.30 | 8,680.40 | 18,144.10 | 27,439.12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The Tenney company ... | 1,535.30 |  | 1,535.30 | 2,439.53 |
| Patten-Kjose company |  | 125,034.25 | 125,034.25 | 195,242.70 |
| Total purchases from commission companies | 930,603.40 | 941,544.20 | 1,872,148.00 | 2,972,186.30 |
| Farmers and independent elevator companies | 508,846.20 | 14,069.05 | 522,915.25 | 823,491.32 |
| North Dakota grain growers | 67,132.45 | 1,453.50 | 68,586.35 | 113,554.05 |
| Individuals | 88,697.05 | 16,376.00 | 105,073.05 | 158,009.92 |
| Local "B" elevator | 35,067.15 |  | 35,067.15 | 50,284.83 |
| Total wheat purchases | 630,347.05 | 973,443.15 | 2,603,790.20 | 4,117,526.42 |

Bushels purchased from commission companies is 72.2 per cent of total bushels purchased.
Dollars paid for wheat to commission companies is 71.9 per cent of total dollars paid for wheat.
Total bushels purchased outside North Dakota is $373 / 8$ per cent of total bushels purchased.
Bushels purchased from commission companies from outside of North Dakota is 50.3 per cent of total bushels purchased from commission companies.

What is true of wheat purchases with respect to indirect benefits appears to be true in flour sales. It should be added, however, that in the sale of flour in eastern markets, many contributing factors must be taken into account. The competition of eastern and southern mills grinding large quantities of southwestern winter wheat, the more favorable freight rate structure under which these mills operate and their presumably lower overhead cost are all factors. We find, however, in contracts examined, that in general flour sold within the State of North Dakota is sold at a price profitable to the mill including material cost, operative expense and interest on bonds. In some instances, flour has been sold to eastern dealers at less than material and transportation cost, exclusive of any operating cost.

One firm, the Seaboard Flour corporation, has purchased approximately 40 per cent of the entire mill output of flour during the year 1926, largely at a loss to the mill. Practically all of this flour is packed and sold under their private brand. Naturally, therefore, state flour is not being advertised nor is the brand owned by the state mill being built up.

A list of the quotations for North Dakota territory based on price on Dakota Pride flour C. O. B. mill, as compared with the contract prices for the same brand and grade of flour delivered to Boston, indicates that the Boston market was favored as against North Dakota in many instances over $\$ 1.50$ a barrel.

It appears that generally speaking, flour sold in North Dakota and the neighboring territory is sold at a profit of approximately 50 cents a barrel, whereas flour sold to the eastern seaboard nets a loss of $\$ 1$ or more per barrel.

We are advised that the Durum unit in the Grand Forks mill was converted this year into a spring wheat unit while it appears from available information that Durum milling in 1926 was exceptionally profitable to Durum millers.

In view of the fact that the experience of the mill seems to prove that the greater the volume the greater the loss it would appear that increasing spring wheat milling facilities would tend to increase losses.

The natural territory of the Grand Forks mill produces large quantities of excellent milling Durum. Therefore, Semolina should be manufactured at Grand Forks profitably. The diversion of products should tend to profits rather than losses and increase the value of the mill property by giving greater service to our producers.

It is our impression that greater efficiency in wheat purchasing, flour sales and mill management could be obtained by centralizing complete authority in one efficient individual as general manager and making him alone responsible for successful operation.

> FACT FINDING COMMITTEE, Frederickson, Schlosser, Hamilton.

Bismarck, North Dakota, March 2, 1927.

## FACTS FINDING COMMITTEE'S COMMENTS

On August 24th, 1927, the Facts Finding Committee, gave out the following comments thereon, following a two days' meeting at Grand Forks:
"This committee was appointed in the last days of the last legislative session, and its purpose as outlined at that time, was that this committee should function as an interim committee and study the problems of the mill and elevator, and recommend to the next session of the legislature, a future poliey for the conduct of its affairs.
"Since the publishing of the committee report in the senate journal during the session, the members have continued their work in connection with the mill and elevator and have submitted two separate reports to the governor and each of these reports have contained recommendations relative to the manner in which the business of the mill should be conducted.
"It is our purpose in this report which we are giving to the press of the state, to outline these recommendations and to state the manner in which these suggestions have been received and acted on by the mill management.
"Our findings have been based upon the audits of the state mill and elevator for 1926 which was the most disastrous from a financial standpoint in the institution's history. In fairness, it must be admitted that conditions over which the management had no control were responsible for a measure of this showing, because in 1925 the plant was comparatively successful, showing an operating profit; however, the committee found this showing was further augmented by the following facts:
"1. The cost of wheat milled, as compared to average prices of wheat purchased in other large markets, is too high to permit the mill to reasonably compete with other large mills on a cost milled basis.
"Had these higher prices been paid to the farmers of North Dakota, there would be little cause for complaint. But, it was shown to our satisfaction that the individual shipper and the country elevator received less for similar grades of grain than did the large commission houses.
"Our committee has at no time, taken the stand that the mill should refrain from doing business with the Minneapolis commission house, but it does object-to anyone of these commission firms and grain companies receiving more than the market value of the grain sold. It was also a recommendation to our committee that as far as possible the mill should purchase their grain direct from North Dakota elevators and from individual shippers and farmers' associations.
"This point has been met by the mill management by a change in the personnel of the wheat buying department, and the adoption of a different policy on the part of that department. In the future, we are told, it will be the policy of said department, to purchase, as far as it is possible, all their grain from the North Dakota elevators direct, and from grain companies that are represented on the local terminal exchange.
"It is our recommendation however, that the mill purchase wheat on the basis of its actual milling value without any discrimination as to whom the sellers may be. We commend the efforts and expressed policy of the state mill and terminal management to establish at Grand Forks pursuant to constitutional and statutory provisions a grain marketing terminal and center for producers and shippers of North Dakota grain.
"2. 'The policy of selling flour in large quantities for less than the cost of the bare materials and transportation, without any manufacturing cost added, is indefensible.'
"During 1926, large losses were sustained by large volume sales of flour in eastern markets. This is not disputed by the management but is defended on the ground that the increased volume resulting from these sales resulted in a lower overhead cost per barrel on all the grain milled.
"Our committee appreciates the value of a large volume of production in keeping costs down, but it has been pointed out that the advantage gained by this increased volume during 1926 was in no way sufficient to off-set the losses sustained in making these sales.
"The record of the mill thus far in 1927 indicates that a healthier condition exists in reference to eastern sales.
"The volume has been materially reduced and the sales, we are informed, have been made on a much better basis. As a result a profit is shown on these sales, and furthermore, flour milled for eastern consumption, has enabled the mill to keep one unit of the mill in operation during the first seven months of the year.
"3. 'Lack of co-ordination between the buying and sales departments. We find that the apparent policy is for the wheat purchasing department to buy wheat without consulting the mill management, and if losses accrue because too much grain is purchased at too high a price, the loss must be absorbed by the mill department by the sale of flour at less than the cost of the materials.'
"It is evident to the most casual observer that an organization of this kind would show the best results with a centralized management.
"There necessarily must be departments with their own work to perform, but these departments should not work at cross purposes, and it is the function of the manager to bring these departments together so that the best co-ordination possible will prevail.
"It is our opinion that this lack of co-ordination was responsible for some of the mistakes made in 1926.
"The recommendation of our committee that some one man be given sole charge of the active management of the mill and elevator has been carried out by the governor. Mr. Spencer, we are informed, is now the active head of the entire plant, and the heads of the other departments are answerable to him.
"The success or failure of this plan will rest entirely upon Mr. Spencer and in our opinion, will result in a marked improvement. Failure to show improvement, can only result in

## the event that Mr. Spencer fails to measure up to the demands of his new responsibilities.

"This, in brief, constitutes the three parts covered in our report and also gives an outline relative to the manner in which our recommendations have been received.
"Our contact with the mill and elevator affairs has given us an appreciation of the difficulties with which the management has to contend. And it has not been the purpose of this committee to tear down, but to offer such constructive criticism as would enable the mill and elevator to better function to the advantage of the North Dakota farmer.
"We have been and will be assisted in our work by C. U. Somers, of the Equity Co-operative exchange. He has provided the committee with a technical knowledge of the grain trade and his services have been extremely valuable.
"In our contact with the affairs of the mill and elevator, we have been impressed by the results obtained by Mr. Bronson, who has been assisted by Mr. Durant of the Grand Forks Commercial club in obtaining more favorable freight rates and tariffs for the mill. Progress in this work is necessarily slow, but much has been accomplished by the hard work of these men. One cannot come in contact with Mr. Bronson without being impressed by his sincerity of purpose.
"The auditor's report for the first seven months of 1927 indicates an operating profit of $\$ 39,000$. This is the first time in the history of the mill that an operating profit has been shown during the first seven months of the year. It is true that an analysis of these profits shows that it is in part represented by an increased value in grain and mill products on hand, due to increased premiums on wheat. However, credit must be given for an improvement in the manner in which operations have been conducted during the past seven months.
"This committee wishes to thank all connected with the mill and elevator for the courteous treatment it received and the facilities placed at its disposal.
"It is the expectation of the committee that a further report will be presented to the next session of the state legislature covering the situation at the mill and elevator as it may develop up to that time.
"The points made in the foregoing report are the recommendations which were more completely covered in previous confidential reports to the governor. These reports have not been given to the public because it was the opinion of the committee that the interests of the mill and elevator as an institution capable of giving service to the people of the state could be best served by having the management correct such faults as might exist within the organization.
"These reports to the governor were based on the record of the past year and it is not difficult to find fault with the way things have been handled after the work has been done. We have not felt that it was the function of the committee to find fault with past methods but that we should determine from the records of the past, policies which would operate to better conditions in the future. And it is our opinion that the management should be given a fair opportunity to test out the changes that have been made."

AUDIT REPORT
of
STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAK0TA<br>From

JANUARY 1, 1927
to
JUNE 30, 1927

O. B. LUND<br>Auditor and Accountant Bismarck, North Dakota

Hon. Geo. F. Shafer, Hon. John Steen,<br>Hon. Robert Byrne,<br>Members State Board of Auditors, Bismarck, N. Dak.

## Gentlemen:

In compliance with your instructions we have made the semi-annual audit of the records and vouchers, and taken an account of the Assets and Liabilities of the State Mill and Elevator, at Grand Forks, North Dakota, covering the period from January 1, 1927, date of our previous audit, to June 30, 1927, and respectfully submit herewith the report of our examination, consisting of Balance Sheets, Operating Statements and supporting schedules in detail, covering the Assets and Liabilities of the institution as the same appeared at close of business June 30, 1927, which, in my opinion, reflect the true financial condition of the institution on that date, using the cost value of the plant and equipment as carried on the books of the State Mill and Elevator.

In co-operation with the auditor appointed by the State Industrial Commission and the assistance of the employees of the State Mill and Elevator we took physical inventory of all grain on hand by actual weighing of same. Representative samples were gathered of all wheat on hand, this was graded, and certificates of grade issued under the U. S. Grain Standards Act by the grain inspector in charge at the Mill. Samples of all mill wheat on hand were tested by the chemist in charge of the mill laboratory for its gluten content, and the findings of his analysis reported to us. The wheat is priced in our inventories on basis of Minneapolis July option close on June 30 with the average cash premiums prevailing on that date added.

The mill products and packages on hand at the mill warehouses were inventoried by us by actual count, and priced at cost in Grand Forks. The flour and feed stocks belonging to
the Mill that are stored outside of Grand Forks were not counted by us, but were taken as appearing on the mill records, as verified by the employees of the Mill.

The Mill operated only $31 \%$ time on the basis of 300 twen-ty-four hour days during the six months covered, manufacturing 185,231 barrels of flour.

We find the total net loss of the plant for the six months ending June 30, 1927, exclusive of Construction Bond Interest to be $\$ 25,719.38$, or a per barrel loss of thirteen and eightyeight hundredths cents per barrel. The loss including the interest on the Construction Bonds amounts to $\$ 111,719.38$, or sixty and thirty-one hundredths cents per barrel flour manufactured.

The losses per barrel, even with less volume output, show a reduction over the year 1926. This is due partly to confining their sales more to the State of North Dakota and nearby territory, and partly to the increased cash premium on mill wheat over the prevailing prices at date of our previous audit, Dec. 31, 1926.

The Mill hedges all purchases and sales of wheat and flour and is protected against the future wheat option price, but has no way of hedging or protecting against the fluctuation of the cash wheat premiums, therefore the rise or fall of cash premiums is reflected in the financial statements of the Mill in the pricing of the wheat on hand at date of audit.

Our audit report of the State Mill and Elevator of Dec. 31, 1926, was set up in the customary way showing the Profit and Loss Statements for the year and Balance Sheets of Assets and Liabilities, with the detail schedules of liabilities and assets, as they appeared at close of the year 1926, showing a loss including interest on the bonded indebtedness for the year 1926 of $\$ 429,147.51$, compared with $\$ 188,403.05$ for the year 1925 , and $\$ 230,959.81$ for the year 1924 , each year's operation computed on the same basis.

The Legislative Committees appointed to investigate the affairs of the Mill and Elevator were not content with the information as set up in the audit report for 1926 but wanted more detailed information as to what brought about a condition that made the loss for the year 1926 appear so much greater than for the previous years, with the statements computed on the same basis for each year's operations.

After closing our report of Dec. 31, 1926, we co-operated with the Legislative Committee in analysing the cause for the increased loss appearing in our statements. It was found that to obtain complete necessary information to get to the bottom of all the activities of the institution would involve more expense and time than was available before the close of the Legislative Session. Sufficient information was gathered however to determine that the largest losses were due to the purchase of wheat from Commission firms at prices above market, and the sale of mill products in the eastern markets below costs of production.

In our examination of June 30 we have made some further investigation of the details of the purchase of wheat and sale of mill products, and are listing some of the larger items in detail in this report.

## WHEAT PURCHASES

The Midland Grain Company of Minneapolis appeared to be the most favored in the wheat purchases.

Contracts for the purchase of $318-80,000 \mathrm{lb}$. capacity car loads of wheat were entered into between the wheat buyer at the Mill and the Midland Grain Co. of Minneapolis. Contracts entered into will be found listed on page following 62.

After securing these contracts the Midland Company purchased this wheat from local grain elevators and wheat shippers in western North Dakota and Montana, to be shipped to the State Mill to fill said contracts.

In order to get at the price received for the wheat by the local elevator, and the margin of profit between them and the State Mill, I personally visited a part of these shippers in Northwestern North Dakota and examined their books and the original account sales, giving the net proceeds to them and the market at date of sale. Beginning on page 62 of this report will be found a detail list of 87 cars of wheat purchased by the Mill from the Midland Grain Company, shipped from Farmers and Independent Elevators at Williston, Stanley, and points between, and from the Great Northern Railway Branch from Stanley to Grenora. There were a few cars shipped from line elevators at these points that are not included in the list for the reason that their records are kept in Minneapolis and were not available to us. Otherwise this list covers all wheat purchased from the Midland Company by the Mill that was shipped from that territory from the 1926 wheat crop.

Funds are not available for the expense of a complete examination of records at shipping points of all wheat purchased by the Mill. I am of the belief, however, that the 87 cars listed are a fair sample of the 318 cars of wheat purchased by the Mill from the company in question, in determining the spread or middleman's profits between the local country elevator and the State Mill.

In making a comparison of the amount paid by the State Mill and the amount received by the local shipper I have adjusted the fluctuation of markets between date bought by the Mill and date sold by the shipper so that the spread between the two as shown is the net profit after allowing for the difference in markets between the trades.

There were 37 cars shipped from Williston, N. Dak. with an average spread, or middleman's profit, of \$132.56 per car, or $917-100 \mathrm{c}$ per bushel between the Williston grain dealers from whom the wheat was purchased and the State Mill at Grand Forks.

Twenty-five cars were shipped from Stanley with an average middleman's profit of $\$ 99.62$ per car, or $685-100 \mathrm{e}$ per bushel.

Twenty-eight cars were shipped from miscellaneous points between Williston and Stanley at an average spread of $\$ 114.61$ per car or $73 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ per bushel.

The average middleman's profit between the State Mill and the local country elevator on the total 87 cars listed is found to be $\$ 117.38$ per car, or $84-100 \mathrm{c}$ per búshel.

On this basis the middleman's profits on the whole 318 cars purchased from the Midland Company alone would amount to $\$ 37,326.84$. In some cases these sales were made to the Midland Grain Company by the local shipper through another commission firm.

The defense advanced by the Mill management for this method of purchasing their wheat has been that the Commission Companies finance the local country elevators and that local elevators were not in position to sell their grain without passing same through the company that advanced the funds for their operations. I made inquiry at all local elevators visited as to how much financial aid had been advanced them by the Midland Grain Co. and found no local elevator obligated to the Midland Grain Co. financially or otherwise; that the shippers only reason for selling to the Midland Grain Co. was that they were the highest bidders on the wheat sold them. In many cases I was informed by the shipper that an effort had been made to sell direct to the State Mill and that they could not get as good an offer from the Mill direct as the prices offered by the Midland Grain Company.

The wheat purchases from the Midland Grain Co. cover only about twenty per cent of the total mill wheat purchased by the Mill in 1926. Other Minneapolis Grain firms sold large quantities of wheat to the Mill and some wheat was purchased direct from local shippers and individuals at what appears to have been very near the market price. It is very evident, however, that the methods employed in purchasing wheat have contributed to the excessive losses sustained by the State Mill during the year 1926.

During the fall of 1926 all the available funds of the Mill were invested in wheat. All the funds that could be legitimately borrowed from the Bank of North Dakota were invested in wheat, and in addition 97,458 bushels of wheat were purchased in the name of the Bank of North Dakota, with funds advanced by the bank, and held in Federal Storage in
the name of the bank until the mill loans were reduced to an amount authorized as a direct loan.

In our inventory of Dec. 31, 1926, we found the mill to have over 730,000 bushels of wheat on hand, a large part of which had been bought at fancy prices of from 10 c to 25 c premium. The prevailing premium on Dec. 31, 1926, was found to be from 3 c to 9 c with the result that the adjustment of wheat
premiums to market price resulted in considerable loss to the Mill on Dec. 31, 1926, on the pricing of wheat on hand at prevailing market on that date.

During May and June of this year the cash premium on high class wheat advanced in price 8 to 12 cents over the Dec. 31, 1926, values, with the result that the high classed wheat at the Mill could be sold for nearly as much as had been paid for it in the fall on a lower market.

During this audit period $174,1371 / 2$ bushels of the mill wheat were sold. Included in this sale was the wheat shown in our Dec. 31,1926 , inventory listed in our report of that date on page 54 as follows:

| Elevator Tank | Net |  | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number | Bushels | Grade | Protein |
| 204 | 40,723 | 1 Hard 60 | 13.72\% |
| 206 | 38,031 | 1 Dark 58.8 | 15.20\% |
| 208 | 41,080 | 1 Dark 58.5 | 14.98\% |
| TOTAL | .119,834 |  |  |

The wheat from these three tanks was sold to Cargill Elevator Co. of Mpls. The wheat in tank 208 sold on May 14, 1927, at 15cs premium, and the wheat in tanks 204 and 206 sold June 14, at 19c premium.

These three tanks of wheat were of finest quality ever owned by the State Mill. While this wheat was sold at what appears to have been the prevailing market price on the dates sold, the sale has proved to be a serious handicap to the operation of the mill at this time. On August 31 the mill records of wheat on hand showed 245,201 bushels with an average protein content of $11.40 \%$ and no high protein wheat on the market, such as was sold from the three tanks mentioned, to bring the old wheat left over up to a mill mix of $12.50 \%$ protein. The Mill at this time is paying up to 28 c for new wheat with $11 / 2$ to $2 \%$ less protein than the old wheat that was sold. While this loss does not reflect in our present statements it is bound to show up in the statements to follow.

## LOSS ON FLOUR SALES

On page 63 we list local flour and feed price quotations as they have been sent out from the Mill Sales Office for points in North Dakota and the local territory around Grand Forks, with all changes from Jan. 1, 1926 to June 30, 1927.

These prices have been followed very closely in the sale of mill products in North Dakota, with the exception of the State Institutions, which are allowed a discount of 25 c per barrel on the prices as quoted.

On the basis of North Dakota flour price quotations of the State Mill as listed, the mill manufactures and sells the flour and realizes material costs, manufacturing, selling, and
overhead costs, which we figure at $\$ 1.00$ per barrel for 1926 , interest on construction bonds of 30 c per barrel based on 1926 operations, and a small profit over all costs.

Had the State Mill confined its sales exclusively to North Dakota and territory adjacent to Grand Forks during 1926 and 1927 it appears that the profits would have been sufficient to have met the operating expense, overhead charges, and interest on bonded indebtedness for the period.

The losses as set up in our statements appear to be due to trading outside of this territory both in their buying and selling.

During the year 1926 two hundred forty-two thousand barrels of flour were sold to the Seaboard Flour Corporation of Boston, Mass. These flour sales are listed in detail on page 64 of this report as shown by the records of the Mill, giving date of sale, contract number, wheat market at date contract was closed, sale price per barrel of each lot of flour F. O. B. Boston, Mass., and discounts and commissions per barrel allowed the Seaboard Flour Corporation. We also show the loss to the State Mill on each sale based on the volume operations as they appeared during the year 1926.

A summary of the cost, and net proceeds of this lot of 242,000 barrels of flour is as follows:

## MATERIAL COSTS

Cost of $1,089,000$ bu. wheat at Minneapolis Market including prevailing premium at date flour sales were closed
$1,754,291.39$
Cost of $98, \mathrm{lb}$ Cotton Sacks required $65,470.00$

|  | 1,819,761.39 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less: Value of Mill |  |  |
| Feed extracted from |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { wheat on the basis of } \\ & \$ 24.00 \text { per ton } . . . . . . . .214,710.00 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Less: Feed Sacks re- |  |  |
| Net Material Cost at Minneapolis....................... $\overline{1,627,436.39}$ |  |  |
| Gross sale price of |  |  |
| 242,000 barrels flour |  |  |
| F. O. B. Boston, |  |  |
| Mass. .................... | 1,827,725.00 |  |
| Differential of 80 c per |  |  |
| bbl. allowed on 1st |  |  |
| clear to adjust to |  |  |
| straight flour prices | 26,000.00 |  |
|  | 1,853.725.00 |  |

Less: Freight Mpls. toBoston at 90 c perbbl. on 242,000 bar-rels$217,800.00$
Less: 15 c per bbl Com-mission allowed Sea-board Flour Co......$36,300.00$
Less: 5 c per bbl. cash discount allowed...... ..... $12,100.00 \quad 266,200.00$
Net proceeds on Sale of 242,000 Barrels. ..... 1,587,525.00
Net Loss on Material Costs ..... 39,911.39
Operating and Overhead Cost at $\$ 1.00$ per bbl..... ..... 242,000.00
Interest on Const. Bonds at 30 c per bbl. ..... 72,600.00
Total Loss Including Operating Expense, Over- head Costs, and Bond Interest. ..... 354,511.39

It will be noticed that the net sale price of the 242,000 barrels of flour falls short $\$ 39,911.39$ of equaling the cost of materials used in the manufacturing of same on the basis of our computations. This is figured on the basis of wheat premium value as used in the closing inventories at the Mill from month to month and not at the fancy prices paid for the wheat by the Mill. A fair market price is also allowed for the mill feed extracted from the wheat, which averages $\$ 24.00$ per ton, instead of $\$ 21.00$ per ton, which was the actual sale price of their feed during the time the flour was manufactured.

The freight from Grand Forks to Minneapolis amounts to 32c per barrel which is covered in the wheat cost, wheat prices used being on the basis of Minneapolis. The freight from Minneapolis to Boston amounts to 90 c per barrel. In comparing prices between the prices received F. O. B. Boston and the local price quotations it will be noticed that the flour was sold F. O. B. Boston at from one to two dollars less per barrel than it could be bought by the people in the State of North Dakota.

Adding the manufacturing and overhead cost of $\$ 1.00$ per barrel, and interest on construction bonds of 30 c per barrel, which was the average for the year 1926, it makes the sale of the 242,000 barrels of flour show a total loss to the State Mill of \$354,511.39.

Practically all this flour was shipped in sacks branded with the buyers' label, and there was nothing on the packages to indicate that the flour came from the State Mill or from North Dakota. Therefore there was no beneficial advertising value received from the sale of this flour accruing to the State or the Mill. I have been informed by independent millers that the eastern buyers of flour would refer to the prices of some of these sales, made by the State Mill, in their bargaining for flour from them, which had a demoralizing influence on the flour market, and they claim contributed to the lowering of prices of both wheat and flour from the Northwest. This sounds reasonable; and if true, these sales
accrue a loss to the State that is not reflected in the financial statements of the State Mill.

## MILL FEED SALES

During the months of July and September 1926 sales contracts were entered into by the State Mill to deliver to I. S. Joseph Co. of Minneapolis, eleven thousand three hundred tons of mill feed at $\$ 21.00$ per ton F. O. B. Minneapolis. A list of the contracts will be found on page 65.

This price was from two to three dollars below the price quotations at the mill at the date of these sales, which in itself might not be far out of line in selling the feed in these quantities on eastern markets providing they had the feed to deliver and there was no nearby market for same.

The local condition existing at the dates of these feed sales was that the State of North Dakota was going into the fall and winter of 1926 and 1927 with one of the shortest feed crops in history. Transportation companies were being prevailed upon at that time to reduce their freight rates on feed into North Dakota to tide the live stock in the state over the winter. Various counties of the State were considering, and later did, bond and loan funds for shipping seed and feed into the drouth stricken sections of the State.

In the face of this condition the mill owned by the State, contracted to deliver their mill feed products for the next six months to Eastern Markets at $\$ 21.00$ per ton in such large quantities that they were unable to make delivery on all the sales made and were obliged to cancel a part of these contracts at a cost of $\$ 7.00$ per ton. A cash payment of $\$ 10,654.00$ was made to I. S. Joseph Co. of Minneapolis for the cancellation of 1,522 tons of feed on this basis, which was a direct cash loss to the State Mill that can be accurately set up.

The loss sustained on the sales filled, the loss of local flour sales, owing to their inability to furnish feed with the flour, and the loss to the patrons of the mill was considerable, and is not reflected in the operating statements of the Mill, although it is difficult to set the items up separately to show what the amounts might be, it reflected considerable indirect loss to the well being of the institution.

There are many smaller items that might be enumerated that contribute to the financial loss of the mill, some of which are generally expected in a business of this kind, where the management has no personal financial interest, the business more or less is in politics, and as is natural, there is apt to be political favoritism.

One explanation that has been given for the excessive losses at the State Mill the past year has been that the year 1926 was an adverse year for the flour milling industry. From information we have been able to gather this theory has not been substantiated.

Due to the large increased capacity of flour mills constructed during the war, there were some big losses in the flour mill business after the war was over. This condition appears to be gradually adjusting itself and the large mills that survived seem tō show better financial statements each year, and from information available to us it would appear that the years 1926 and 1927 have been the most prosperous period for the flour milling business since the close of the war.

To bear this out the following statements published in the August 31, 1927 issue of "The Northwestern Miller" on page 845 , giving public notice of the profits of two of the Minneapolis flour mills, are cited:

## WASHBURN CROSBY CO.

## INCOME IS INCREASED

Parent Firm and Subsidiaries Report<br>Net Income of $\$ 2,550,898.00$ For

Year Ended June 30
"Minneapolis Minn.-The Washburn Crosby Co., Minneapolis, and its subsidiaries, report for the year ended June 30 a net income of $\$ 2,550,898.00$ after depreciation ,interest and federal taxes. After allowing for dividend requirements on 7 per cent preferred stock, this is equivalent to $\$ 29.98$ per share earned on 69,553 shares of common stock.
"Last year the amount was $\$ 1,435,726.00$ equivalent to $\$ 14.05$ on 68,909 shares of common stock."

## INCREASED PROFIT IS SHOWN BY PILLSBURY

> Figure for Year Ended June 30 is $\$ 2,766,271.00-$ Equal to $\$ 5.94$ per Common Share.
"Minneapolis, Minn.-The Pillsbury Flour Mills Co. reports a net profit of $\$ 2,766,271.00$ after taxes and charges for the fiscal year ended June 30 .
"After allowing for dividend requirements on the $61 / 2$ per cent convertible preferred stock under the new capitalization plan of the Pillsbury Flour Mills, Inc., owner of the stock, this amount is equivalent to $\$ 29.98$ per share earned on par common shares outstanding.
"The net income of the Pillsbury Company and subsidiaries for the previous year was $\$ 1,544,428.00$, equivalent to $\$ 2.85$ a share on the present 400,000 shares of no par common outstanding."
Other large mills of the country have reported having been equally prosperous the past two years.

On page 18 we show a condensed statement of operations of the State Mill and Elevator combined, from the beginning of operations to June 30, 1927. From this statement it will be observed that the per barrel cost of operating expense and general expense of the Mill and Elevator have been gradually reduced each year, with the lowest costs during the year 1926, therefore the supervision of the manufacturing and handling process at the State Mill can not be charged with contributing to the increased losses of that year.

The flour yield from the wheat ground seems to compare favorably for the year 1926 with other years production records, and no part of the excessive loss can be charged to that branch of the operations and the only conclusion that can be had is that the trouble has mostly been in the tradings.

The officers and employees of the State Mill and Elevator afforded us every facility and assistance in the progress of our examination, and I wish to acknowledge appreciation of their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
O. B. LUND, Auditor and Accountant.

Bismarck, N. Dak., Sept. 30, 1927.

## EXPLANATION OF SCHEDULES

Schedule "A" Page 18 is a consolidated and Condensed Balance Sheet showing consolidated Assets and Liabilities of the State Mill and Elevator, and with the interdepartment accounts eliminated.

Schedule "B" Page 19 shows a condensed Operating Statement of the Mill and Elevator combined by years, from the beginning of operations in October, 1922, to June 30, 1927, showing the Net Income and Expenditures and final Profit and Loss for each period, and the per barrel cost of each Classification.

Schedule "C" Page 20 shows the Balance Sheet of the Mill Department, exclusive of the Elevator as the Assets and Liabilities are divided on the books of the institution. Each balance sheet item is supported by a detail indexed by showing the page number and detail number listed opposite each item in the Balance Sheet for convenient reference.

Schedule "D" Page 22 gives the Balance Sheet of the Elevator Department exclusive of the Mill. Balance Sheet items are supported by supporting details indexed opposite each item.

Schedule "E" Page 23 shows the Profit and Loss Statement of the Mill Department for the first half of the calendar year 1927.

This statement also shows the per barrel cost of each class of expense for period covered.

Sehedule "F" Page 25 shows the Statement of Income and Expense of the Elevator Department with the division as carried by the institution.

## EXPLANATION OF BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

MILL DEPARTMENT

## Reference

Page Detail
No. No.
261 Cash in Banks and Till $\$ 319,051.17$ Dr.
The cash in bank accounts was reconciled with the statements from banks and found to agree with the Mill Records. All cash was deposited in banks except $\$ 25.00$ carried in the till as a petty cash fund.
302 Drafts in Process of Collection \$95,117.54 Dr.
This item is made up of drafts drawn on purchasers of mill products out for collection with the Northwestern National Bank of Grand Forks, N. Dak.
313 Accounts Receivable $\$ 97,621.33 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents the net amount of accounts receivable as carried on the books of the Mill Department. A classified summary is listed on page 31 with the items in detail on the following pages.

The items were gone over and it was estimated that an additional reserve for bad accounts in the amount of $\$ 1,324.00$ would be required to care for uncollectable items carried on the books.

The accounts of the Milwaukee Sales Office are kept at Milwaukee, Wis., and reported to the Mill Office. These items were not examined by us, but listed as reported to the Mill Office.
44. 4 Railway Claims $\$ 986.22$ Dr.

This represents claims on file with railroads for refunds of overpayments, damage claims, etc. These claims were scrutinized, and items carried on books that had been settled, or were doubtful were stricken from the lists to be set up in our statements.

455 Wheat Inventory $\$ 515,146.87 \mathrm{Dr}$.
Physical inventory of wheat on hand belonging to the Mill was witnessed by us. This wheat was graded by the Federal Inspector at the Mill and tested for its gluten content by the Mill chemists, priced on basis of Minneapolis July Option closing June 30, 1927, plus prevailing premium.

6 Screenings and Mill Oats $\$ 3,458.03 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents the market value of screenings and mill oats belonging to the Mill as per physical inventory.
7 Flour and Mill Feed \$222,410.31 Dr.
This represents cost value of flour and feed on hand at date of audit. Physical inventory was taken of mill products at the Mill Warehouses. The flour and feed at Spot Stock Stations over the State was not taken by us but the book inventories were taken as verified by employees of the Mill.
8 Flour and Feed Packages and Twine $\$ 42,349.14$ Dr.
This represents the Current Market price of flour and feed packages and twine on hand June 30, 1927.
9 Transit Inventory $\$ 24,633.24 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents the shipping value of railway freight transit on hand as furnished by the Traffic Department Manager of the Mill, with a deduction of $\$ 3,000.00$ for estimated cancellations of items that will not be used before time expiration of one year from issue.
10 Fuel and Supplies $\$ 15,964.83 \mathrm{Dr}$.
Inventory of fuel on hand was furnished by the chief engineer of the power plant, and priced at cost. The book value of supplies on hand was used.

11 Real Estate, Grounds, \$9,433.33 Dr.
This represents the value of the site of Mill and Elevator as carried on the books. The site was donated and is carried at the reported cost to donor, plus the cost of ground improvements added by the Mill and Elevator Association.

12 Buildings $\$ 1,691,840.37 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents the total cost of all Mill and Elevator Buildings as carried on the books of the plant, with additions to June 30, 1927.
13 Machinery \$1,195,467.61 Dr.
This represents the amount invested in Mill, Elevator, and Power House machinery, as carried on the Mill books at installation costs, with new additions to June 30, 1927.
14 Remodeling Durum Mill Unit $\$ 5,968.45$ Dr.
This represents the amount set up on Mill books for cost of converting the durum mill unit
into a wheat mill. Grinding of durum wheat was discontinued in 1925.
$51 \quad 15$ Equipment $\$ 33,355.83 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents the amount carried on books for Mill, Elevator, and Machine Shop as cost value of tools and equipment, other than that covered in the machinery item.

5116 Office Furniture and Fixtures, $\$ 9,359.88$ Dr.
This represents the cost value of office Furniture, Fixtures, and Office Appliances of the Mill Department, after crediting depreciation charges on the basis of $10 \%$ per annum.

5117 Spur Track, Sewers and Reservoirs $\$ 117,002.81$ Dr.
Spur tracks from railroad to Mill and Elevator were built at expense of the state. This item is made up of this cost, and the cost of water reservoirs, cooling systems for power house, and sewers, drains, etc.

5118 Automotive Equipment, \$1,419.94 Dr.
This represents the book value of autos and trucks with depreciation deducted.

5119 North Dakota Terminal Exchange Membership
Mill Department............ $\$ 100.00$ Dr.
Elevator Department.... $\$ 100.00$ Dr.
This represents membership fee paid into the N. Dak. Terminal Exchange by the Mill and Elevator Department. This is claimed as an asset. The N. Dak. Exchange is an experiment and the value of the membership is dependent upon the success of the organization, which does not appear to be very active.

20 Prepaid Insurance and Bonding

> Mill Department .............. $\$ 4,893.57 \mathrm{Dr}$. Elevator Department....... $\$ 1,916.58$ Dr.

An inventory was taken of all unearned insurance and bonding premiums paid in advance, which are carried in our statements as an asset at date of audit. This insurance is charged to expense monthly as earned.

21 Prepaid Advertising $\$ 10,571.49 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents paid up advertising expense that is being charged off to expense monthly over the period estimated will be benefited. $\$ 1,907.62$ of this amount is represented in dinner dishes on hand distributed with flour coupons.

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22 \text { Elevator Department Cash Advances } \$ 150,000 \text { Dr. }
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23 Notes Payable Bank of N. Dak. $\$ 45,090.00 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This represents funds advanced the State Mill and Elevator by the Bank of North Dakota by resolution of the Industrial Commission. This amount was loaned the Mill in Dec., 1923, for completion of construction of plant. The Bank charges the Mill interest on these funds at $6 \%$ per annum.

24 Cargill Comm. Co., Option Account $\$ 3,806.83$ Cr.
This represents the amount due the commission firm in their future grain trading and hedging account. This account was compared with the statement rendered by the company for June 30, 1927, and found to agree with their records.

25 Accounts Payable $\$ 2,293.33 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This item represents unpaid accounts appearing June 30, 1927.
26 Reserve for Bad Debts $\$ 10,000.00 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This represents the reserve previously on the Mill records and an addition of $\$ 1,324.00$ set up at date of audit to offset the estimated loss in uncollectible Accounts Receivable carried on the books of the Mill.

27 Premium on Bonds $\$ 3,873.11 \mathrm{Cr}$.
During the early sales of Construction Bonds, a premium of $\$ 11,126.89$ was paid. This premium payment was to adjust the interest rate on the bonds sold that was lower than the market at that time. During the year 1924, Operating Bonds were sold that bore a higher interest rate than prevailed at that time, with the result that a premium of $\$ 15,000.00$ was collected as an adjustment of interest rate.

The premium on bonds paid was not taken into account on Mill Books until 1925. The amount was then charged to buildings.

The premium collected was being credited to profits. We do not agree with their methods of charging bond premiums paid to the Capital Accounts and crediting bond premiums received to
income. For our statement we are deducting the Bond Premium payments from the plant costs and charging Bond Premiums with the amount, and in crediting Bond Premiums collections to this fund leaves an undistributed balance which should be used to pay interest on the capital investments.

33 Construction Bonds Outstanding $\$ 3,000,000.00 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This item represents first mortgage bonds outstanding, secured by the plant and equipment
of the State Mill and Elevator Association, authorized by Chapter 153 of the 1919 Session Laws for cost of construction of plant and equipment.

34 Milling Bonds Outstanding $\$ 1,500,000.00 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This item represents bonds issued as provided by Chapter 291 of the Session Laws of 1923 for the purpose of purchasing wheat for milling. These bonds are secured by the wheat and wheat products on hand at the State Mill and Elevator.
35 Donated Site $\$ 5,985.00 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This represents the grounds belonging to the State Mill and Elevator, donated to the State Mill and Elevator Association, and carried in the statements as the reported cost to the doners. See Detail No. 11 page 50 of this report for description of tract.

## EXPLANATION OF BALANCE SHEET ITEMS ELEVATOR DEPARTMENT

Reference
Page Detail
No. No.
5736 Cash in Banks \$224,025.88 Dr.
This represents the amount of cash in the hands of the Elevator Department. The cash in banks was reconciled with statements from the banks and found to agree.

5937 Accounts Receivable $\$ 10,408.05 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents accounts receivable due to Elevator Department as the same appears of record at date of audit. Verification was not made with debtors on these items.
6038 Grain on Hand, Local Elevator \$4,908.72 Dr.
This item represents the grain on hand that has been purchased through the Local Elevator. Physical inventory was taken of this grain and priced at the local market price offered at date of audit.

6139 Office Furniture and Fixtures $\$ 482.50$ Dr.
This represents Office Furniture and Appliances purchased by the Elevator Department. Depreciation was set up in our statements and credited direct to this account. Depreciation has not been set up on Elevator Books.

6140 Automobiles and Trucks $\$ 243.82 \mathrm{Dr}$.
This represents the cost of autos and trucks
purchased by Elevator Department with depreciation deducted in our statements.
6141 Elevator Equipment $\$ 681.88$ Dr.
This represents elevator equipment purchased by the Elevator Department and carried as an asset. Depreciation has been credited direct to this account in our statements.

6242 Construction Account, Undistributed $\$ 1,582.99$ Dr.
This represents permanent improvements cost that stand on the books of the Elevator Dept. undistributed to the Building Account.
6243 Stored Grain Liability $\$ 1,767.60 \mathrm{Cr}$.
This represents the amount due storage ticket holders for grain received at local elevator, priced on basis of Grand Forks Local Elevator closing price June 30, 1927.

## SCHEDULE "A"

STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-ALL DEPARTMENTS

JUNE 30, 1927
ASSETS
Current Assets
Cash in Banks and Till:
Mill Dept. ......................... $319,051.17$
Elevator Dept. .............. $\quad 224,025.88$
Current Receivables, Mill Dept. 193,725.09
Current Receivables, Elev. Dept 10,408.05
$747,210.19$
Inventories
Grain in Local Elevator............... $\quad 4,908.72$
Mill Wheat 515,146.87
Screenings and Mill Oats 3,458.03
Flour and Mill Feed 222,410.31
Flour and Feed Pkgs and Twine
Transit Inventory 42,349.14 24,633.24
Fuel and Supplies 15,964.83
828.871 .14

Fixed Assets
Real Estate Grounds and Site.... 9,433.33
Buildings and Machinery 2,887.307.98
Equipment
34,037.71
Furniture, Fixtures and Automotive

11,506.14
Spur Tracks, Sewers and Reservoirs

117,002.81
Construction Charges Undistributed

1,582.99
Converting Durum Unit into Wheat Mill

5,968.45
Terminal Exchange Membership
$200.00 \quad 3,067,039.41$
Deferred Charges
Prepaid Insurance
6,810.15
Prepaid Advertising
10.571.49
$17,381.64$
SCHEDULE "A"
STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH
DAKOTA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET-ALL
DEPARTMENTS

JUNE 30, 1927
LIABILITIES

| Current Liabilities <br> Notes Payable Bank of North Dakota $\qquad$ | 45,090.00 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cargill Commission Co. Option Account $\qquad$ | 3,806.83 |  |
| Accounts Payable | 2,293.33 |  |
| Stored Grain Liability-Local Elevator $\qquad$ | 1,767.60 |  |
| Open Trades Brought to Market | 2,400.15 | 55,357.91 |
| Reserves |  |  |
| Reserve for Bad Debts | 10,000.00 |  |
| Accrued Interest on Notes Payable $\qquad$ | 4,280.50 |  |
| Premium on Bonds, Undistributed $\qquad$ | 3,873.11 | 18,153.61 |


| Accrued Bond Interest and Depreciation Reserve |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
| tion Bonds |  |
| Accrued Interest on Milling |  |
| Bonds ................... | 284,054.94 |
| Depreciation of Plant and Equipment $\qquad$ | 326,916.66 |


| First Mortgage Bonds Outstanding |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Construction Bonds Outstanding | $3,000,000.00$ |  |
| Milling Bonds Outstanding ....... | 1,500,000.00 | 4,500,000.00 |
| Donated Site |  | 5,985.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES |  | 6,025,620.19 |


| Deficit Deducted to Balance Assets: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Loss Charged to Year $1922 \ldots \ldots .$. | $125,963.24$ |  |  |
| Loss Charged to Year $1923 . \ldots .$. | $278,924.82$ |  |  |
| Loss Charged to Year $1924 \ldots \ldots .$. | $230,959.81$ |  |  |
| Loss Charged to Year $1925 \ldots \ldots .$. | $188,403.05$ |  |  |
| Loss Charged to Year $1926 \ldots \ldots$. | $429,147.51$ |  |  |
| Loss Charged Jan. 1 to June 30. | $111,719.38$ | $1,365,117.81$ |  |

## SCHEDULE "C"

## STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH

## DAKOTA MILL OPERATING DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet-June 30, 1927

## ASSETS

## Reference <br> Page Detail <br> No. No.

Current Assets
261 Cash in Banks and Till $319,051.17$
302 Drafts in Process of Collection .................. 95,117.54
313 Accounts Receivable .... 97,621.33
$44 \quad 4$ Railway Claims ............ 986.22
Inventories
$45 \quad 5$ Mill Wheat .................... 515,146.87
466 Screenings and Mill Oats ........................... 3,458.03
$47 \quad 7$ Flour and Mill Feed.... 222,410.31
488 Flour and Feed Packages and Twine ........ 42,349.14
$49 \quad 9$ Transit Inventory ........ $24,633.24$
5010 Fuel and Supplies ….... $15,964.83 \quad 823,962.42$
Fixed Assets
$50 \quad 11$ Real Estate-Grounds..
$50 \quad 12$ Buildings ......................... 9,433.33
$1,691,840.37$
5013 Machinery ...................... 1,195,467.61
14 Remodeling Durum Mill $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unit ......................... } 5,968.45\end{aligned}$
5115 Equipment …................ $33,355.83$
5116 Office Furniture and Fixtures

9,359.88
5117 Spur Tracks, Sewers \& Reservoirs

117,002.81
5118 Automotive Equipment
5119 N. D. Terminal Ex$\begin{array}{llll}\text { change Membership } & 100.00 & 3,063,948.22\end{array}$

Deferred Charges
5120 Prepaid Insurance, Workmen's Compensation and Bonding .. $4,893.57$
52
21 Prepaid Advertising ....
$10,571.49 \quad 15,465.06$
Inter-Department Accounts
22 Elevator Cash Advances

## SCHEDULE "C"

STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, MILL OPERATING DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet-June 30, 1927

## LIABILITIES

## Reference <br> Page Detail <br> No. No.

## Current Liabilities

5223 Notes Payable, Bank of
N. Dak. ..................... $45,090.00$

24 Cargill Commission Co.
Option Account ….... $\quad 3,806.83$
5225 Accounts Payable ........ 2,293.33
5226 Reserve for Bad Debts.. $10,000.00$
27 Premium on Bonds, Un-
distributed ................ $3,873.11$
52
28 Accrued Interest on Notes Payable .......... $4,280.50$
29 Open Trades Brought to Market .................. 2,400.15

71,743.92
Accrued Bond Interest and Depreciation
30 Accrued Construction Bond Interest ............ 686,085.42
5531 Accrued Milling Bond Interest .................... 284,054.94
56
32 Depreciation of Plant and Equipment ........ $271,594.62$ 1,241,734.98

First Mortgage Bonds Outstanding
33 Construction Bonds Outstanding .............. $3,000,000.00$
34 Milling Bonds Outstanding .................... $1,500,000.00 \quad 4,500,000.00$

35 Donated Site 5,985.00

Total Liabilities 5,819,463.90
Less: Deficit Deducted to Balance Assets

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## SCHEDULE "D"

ELEVATOR DEPARTMENT
Balance Sheet-June 30, 1927

## ASSETS

| Reference |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Page | Detail |  |  |
| No. No. Current Assets |  |  |  |
| 57 | 36 Cash in Banks and Till | 224,025.88 |  |
| 59 | 37 Accounts Receivable .... | 10,408.05 |  |
| 60 | 38 Grain Inventory Local Elevator | 4,908.72 | 239,342.65 |
| Fixed Assets |  |  |  |
| 61 | 39 Office Furniture and Fixtures $\qquad$ | 482.50 |  |
| 61 | 40 Automobiles and Trucks | 243.82 |  |
| 61 | 41 Elevator Equipment .... | 681.88 |  |
| 62 | 42 Construction AccountUndistributed | 1,582.99 |  |
| 51 | 19 Terminal Exchange Membership | 100.00 | 3,091.19 |
| Deferred Assets |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 244,350.42 |

## LIABILITIES

Reference
Page Detail
No. No.
Current Liabilities
6243 Stored Grain Liability $\quad 1,767.60$
Accrued Interest \& Depreciation Reserve
$56 \quad 32$-Depreciation of Plant
Reserve
55,322.04
5430 Accrued Construction Bond Interest $\qquad$ 204,388.69
Inter-Department
22 Advanced by Mill De-
partment
$150,000.00$
Total Liabilities $356,156.29$
Less: Elevator Depart-
ment Deficit Deducted to Balance Assets 111,805.87

STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA, CONDENSED \& CONSOLIDATED OPERATING STATEMENT
Beginning of Operations to June 30, 1927
Oct. 23, 1922 to Aug. 1, 1923 to
Dec. 31, 1923
July 31, 1923
YEAR ENDING
Dec. 31, 1924


## TOTAL LOSS INCLUDING BOND INTEREST <br> .............................................

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Sales Income |  | 4,669,977.61 |  | 4,904,098.57 |  | 1,513,688.36 |
| What Cost | (7.642) | 3,897,417.53 | (7.660) | 4,361,603.91 | (6.544) | 1,212,118.16 |
| Package Cost | ( .426) | 217,200.58 | ( . 383 ) | 223,932.93 | ( .356) | 65,864.28 |
| *Operating Expense ................................. | ( . 380 ) | 193,600.04 | ( .347) | 197,642.82 | ( .418) | 77,593.84 |
| MANUFACTURING COST .................. | (8.448) | 4,308,218.15 | (8.390) | 4,783,179.66 | (7.318) | 1,355,576.28 |
| MANUFACTURING LOSS MANUFACTURING INCOME |  | 361,759.46 |  | 120,918.91 |  | 158,112.08 |
| Selling Expense | ( .235) | 119,746.67 | ( .261) | 148,747.96 | ( . 352 ) | 65,264.07 |
| Genoral Expense ....................................... | ( .136) | 69,452.92 | ( .106) | 60,800.65 | ( .148) | 27,388.87 |
|  |  | 172,559.87 |  | 88,629.70 |  | $65,459.14$ |
| Additions to Income | (.020) | 10,328.19 | ( . 014 ) | 8,200.41 | (.024) | 4,414.70 |
| Deductions from Income | ( . 390 ) | 199,291.21 | ( .310) | 176,718.12 | ( . 516 ) | 95,593.22 |
| NET LOSS EXCLUSIVE OF CONST. BOND INTEREST |  | 16,403.15 |  | 257,147.41 |  | 25,719.38 |
| Intorest on Const. Bonds | ( .337) | 171,999.90 | ( .302) | 172,000.10 | ( .464) | 86,000.00 |
| TOTAL LOSS INCLUDING BOND INTEREST |  | 188,403.05 |  | 429,147.51 |  | 111,719.38 |

## SCHEDULE "B"-Continued

|  | Amount to Deficit | Barrels Flour Mfg. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Bbl. } \\ & \text { Loss } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct. 23, 1922 to July 31, 1923 | 309,236.03 | 265,899 | \$1.163 |
| Aug. 1, 1923 to Dec. 31, 1923 | 95,652.03 | 470,438 | . 203 |
| Year Ending Dec. 31, 1924..... | 230,959.81 | 953,603 | . 242 |
| Year Ending Dec. 31, 1925 ... | 188,403.05 | 510,364 | . 369 |
| Year Ending Dec. 31, 1926 ... | 429,147.51 | 569,396 | . 753 |
| Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927........... | 111,719.38 | 185,231 | . 603 |
|  | ,365,117.81 | 2,954,931 | .461 |

*Includes Elevator Loss or Gain.

# SCHEDULE "E" MILL DEPARTMENT OPERATING STATEMENT 

Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927

| Sales |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flour Sales Shipped | 1,410,731.97 |  |
| Feed Sales Shipped | 205,898.16 |  |
| Screenings and Mill Oats Sold.... | 9,400.07 |  |
| Mise. Grain Sold | 30.40 | 1,626,060.60 |
| Delivery Expense |  |  |
| Out Freight .... | 127,183.96 |  |
| Truck Expense | 1,684.29 |  |
| Storage and Handling | 7,612.51 |  |
| Miscellaneous Delivery Expense | 147.81 |  |
| Car Lining Paper .................... | 2,050.42 | 138,678.99 |
| Net Sales .............................. |  | $\overline{1,487,381.61}$ |
| Increase Mill Products Inventorie |  | $26,306.75$ |

Per Bbl. Cost

| Material Costs <br> Wheat Milled $\qquad$ <br> Hedging Loss $\qquad$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,211,602.53 \\ 515.63 \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Wheat Cost ......(\$6.544) | 1,212,118.16 |  |
| Package Cost ................. (\$.356) | 65,864.28 |  |
| Total Material Cost ..(\$6.90) |  | 1,277,982.44 |
| Gross Trading Income |  | 235,705.92 |
| Operating Expense |  |  |
| Labor Millers ..............(\$ .081) | 14,928.92 |  |
| Labor Packers ............... (\$ .043) | 7,907.70 |  |
| Labor Truckers ............(\$ .048) | 8,825.32 |  |
| Labor Common ............. (\$ .014) | 2,563.30 |  |
| Labor Power Plant .......(\$ .055) | 10,264.63 |  |
| Fuel Used …............... $(\$ .103$ ) | 19,146.50 |  |
| Water Used .................. $(\$ .005$ ) | 850.70 |  |
| Power Purchased ......... (\$ .003) | 579.00 |  |
| Chlorine Used .............. (\$ .011) | 2,102.86 |  |
| Misc. Sup. \& Repairs.... $(\$, 048)$ | 8,941.31 |  |
|  | $1,831.58$ $2,504.16$ |  |
| Misc. Operating Exp.....(\$ .013) Elev. Dept. Charges- | 2,504.16 |  |
| Less Power ..............(\$ .079) | 14,582.12 |  |
| (\$ .513) |  | 95,028.10 |
| Gross Manufacturing Income |  | 140,677.82 |

## MILL DEPARTMENT OPERATING STATEMENT <br> (Continued)



# SCHEDULE "F" elevator departiment operating statement 

Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927

| Operating Revenue |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Storage Earned | 13,235.53 |  |
| Elevator Fees Earned | 19,024.20 |  |
| Cleaning and Drying Fees | 3,353.89 |  |
| Weighing Fees ................ | 1,336.89 |  |
| Grain Trading Profits, Local |  |  |
| Operating Expense |  |  |
| Power and Light Expense | 4,476.16 |  |
| Elevator Labor | 10,136.07 |  |
| Track Maintenance | 163.84 | 14,776.07 |
|  |  | 25,789.22 |
| General Expense - 25,78.22 |  |  |
| Office Salaries | 4,245.00 |  |
| Office Traveling | 483.80 |  |
| Office Stationery and Supplies ... | 254.62 |  |
| Automobile Expense.. | 165.35 |  |
| Insurance and Bonding | 2,788.05 |  |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 258.06 |  |
| Demurrage Paid | 26.50 |  |
| Inspection ......... | 133.58 | 8,354.96 |
|  |  | 17,434.26 |
| Additions to Income |  |  |
| Interest and Discounts Received. |  | 1,792.38 |
|  |  | 19,226.59 |
| Deductions From Income |  |  |
| Depreciation, Movable Equipm't | 130.00 |  |
| Depreciation, Plant and Mach. | 8,517.42 | 8,647.42 |
| Operating Profit |  | 10,579.17 |
| Interest on Construction Bonds |  | 22,933.33 |
| Deficit for Period ...................................... |  | 12,354.16 |
| Previous Deficit |  | 99,451.71 |
| Deficit to Statement |  | 111,805.87 |

# DETAIL 1 CASH IN BANKS AND TILL MILL DEPARTMENT June 30, 1927 

Bank of North Dakota-Operating Account ...... $\quad 150,775.79$
Bank of North Dakota-Construction Account .. 24.16
First National Bank-Grand Forks .................... 259.34
Northern State Bank-Grand Forks ........................ 120,012.58
Northwestern National Bank-Special Account.. 168.75
Northwestern National Bank-Grand Forks .... 47,785.55
Total Cash in Banks ....................................... $319,026.17$
Cash in Till 25.00

> Amount to Statement ..................................... 319,051.17

See following pages for Bank Account Reconcilements.
Bank of North Dakota-Operating Account
Balance Shown by Bank Statement
June 30, 1927
$150,775.79$
Balance Shown on Mill Dept.
Records .................................... $150,775.79$
$150,775.79$
$150,775.79$
Bank of North Dakota-Construction Account
Balance Shown by Bank Statement
June 30, 1927
24.16

Balance Shown on Mill Department
Records
24.16
24.16
24.16

First National Bank-Grand Forks
Balance Shown by Bank Statement
June 30, 1927 …....................
Balance Shown by Mill Dept.
Records .................................... 259.34
Checks Outstanding
301.63
301.63

Checks Outstanding
Amount
1135 …..................................................... 21.20
4091 …...................................................... 1.71
10900 ......................................................... 3.50
14320 ......................................................... 15.88
42.29

## Northern State Bank

Balance Shown by Bank Statement
June 30, 1927
$115,005.66$
Balance Shown by Mill Dept.

Records .................................... $120,012.58$
Checks Outstanding
2,245.88
Deposits in Transit
2,245.88 $3,574.51$
Deposits in Transit
...............................
Deposits in Transit 1,192.87

Deposits in Transit
1,317.31
1,168.11

Checks Outstanding


## Checks Outstanding-Continued

| Number |  | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14921 |  | 1.00 |
| 14922 |  | 1.00 |
| 14923 |  | 1.00 |
| 14924 |  | 1.00 |
| 14925 |  | 1.00 |
| 14926 |  | 1.00 |
| 14927 |  | 1.00 |
| 14928 |  | 1.00 |
| 14929 |  | 1.00 |
| 14932 |  | 70.00 |
| 14933 |  | 48.00 |
| 14934 |  | 32.16 |
| 14935 |  | 36.40 |
| 14936 |  | 39.90 |
| 14937 |  | 32.83 |
| 14938 |  | 40.20 |
| 14939 |  | 29.10 |
| 14940 |  | 26.40 |
| 14941 |  | 40.60 |
| 14942 |  | 26.95 |
| 14943 |  | 23.50 |
| 14944 |  | 33.00 |
| 14945 |  | 24.00 |
| 14946 |  | 19.20 |
| 14947 |  | 22.05 |
| 14948 |  | 19.20 |
| 14949 |  | 23.20 |
| 14950 |  | 3.20 |
| 14951 |  | 19.20 |
| 14951A |  | 19.60 |
| 14952 |  | 27.36 |
| 14953 |  | 30.38 |
| 14954 | ........................................................... | 27.93 |
| 14955 |  | 27.93 |
| 14956 |  | 29.76 |
| 14957 |  | 27.93 |
| 14958 |  | 26.79 |
| 14959 |  | 29.76 |
| 14960 |  | 25.48 |
| 14961 |  | 28.50 |
| 14962 |  | 24.44 |
| 14963 |  | 24.96 |
| 14964 |  | 40.00 |
| 14965 |  | 27.78 |
| 14966 |  | 28.60 |
| 14967 |  | 4.32 |
| 14968 |  | 23.52 |
| 14969 | ................................... | 4.32 |
| 14970 | .... | 23.52 |
| 14971 | .-.-..........................................................- | 23.52 |
| 14972 | ........................................................... | 28.80 |
| 14973 | ..................................................... | 25.44 |
| 14974 | .............................................................. | 23.04 |
| 14975 |  | 24.00 |
| 14976 |  | 23.04 |
| 14977 |  | 11.04 |

14978 ..... 23.04
14979 ..... 20.60
14980 ..... 30.00
14981 ..... 31.00
14982 ..... 20.00
14983 ..... 37.50
14984 ..... 33.00
14985 ..... 37.50
14986 ..... 36.40
14987 ..... 36.40
14988 ..... 36.40
14989 ..... 24.75
14990 ..... 24.96
14991 ..... 25.68
14992 ..... 29.40
14993 ..... 12.50
14768 ..... 24.25
14879 ..... 5.20
Total 2,245.88
Northwestern National Bank Special Account
Balance Shown by Bank Statement June30, 19272,697.09
Balance Shown by Mill Dept. Records ..... 168.75Checks Outstanding2,528.34
$2,697.09 \quad 2,697.09$
Checks Outstanding
Number Amount ..... 970
95.00
3737 ..... 75.00
3770 ..... 75.00
3786 ..... 75.00
3797 ..... 87.50
3798 ..... 87.50
3799 ..... 87.50
3800 ..... 87.50
3801 ..... 87.50
3802 ..... 62.50
3803 ..... 67.50
3804 ..... 62.50
3805 ..... 62.50
3806 ..... 75.00
3807 ..... 50.00
3808 ..... 100.00
3810 ..... 55.00
3811 ..... 50.00
3812 ..... 62.50
3813 ..... 52.50
3816 ..... 50.00
3817 ..... 125.00
3818 ..... 112.50
3819 ..... 112.5087.50382175.00

Checks Outstanding-Continued


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## Checks Outstanding-Continued

| Number |  | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11604 |  | 1,753.43 |
| 11607 |  | 75.00 |
| 11608 |  | 139.50 |
| 11609 |  | 30.00 |
| 11610 |  | 29.52 |
| 11612 |  | 127.84 |
| 11613 |  | 243.90 |
| 11614 |  | 8.23 |
| 11615 |  | 3.35 |
| 11616 |  | 49.40 |
| 11617 |  | 86.22 |
| 11618 |  | 11.68 |
| 11620 |  | 36.30 |
| 11621 |  | 560.87 |
| 11623 |  | 50.00 |
| 11624 |  | 50.00 |
| 11626 |  | 11.00 |
| 11628 |  | 331.48 |
| 11629 |  | 4,135.17 |
| 11631 |  | 20.50 |
| 11632 |  | 141.78 |
| 11633 |  | 99.67 |
| 11634 |  | 180.60 |
| 11635 |  | 3.35 |
| 11636 |  | 15.30 |
| 11637 |  | 29.70 |
| 11638 |  | 211.95 |
| 11639 |  | 131.64 |
| 11640 |  | 50.00 |
| 11641 |  | 166.43 |
| 11642 |  | 226.50 |
| 11643 |  | 4.15 |
| 11644 |  | 3.70 |
| 11645 |  | 4.00 |
| 11646 |  | 4.18 |
| 11647 |  | 20.45 |
| 11648 |  | 8.53 |
| 11649 |  | 1,897.03 |
| 11650 |  | 1,872.79 |
| 11651 |  | 1,841.87 |
| 11652 |  | 1,535.70 |
| 11653 |  | 1.60 |
| 11654 |  | 52.26 |
| 11655 |  | 45.00 |
| 11656 |  | 743.25 |
| 11657 |  | 766.50 |
| 11658 |  | 254.75 |
| 11659 |  | 37.50 |
| 11660 |  | 289.81 |
| 11661 |  | 1,420.41 |
| 11662 |  | 45.00 |
| 11663 |  | 37.50 |
| 11664 |  | 29.30 |
| 11665 |  | 19.10 |
| 11666 |  | 40.15 |
| 11667 | ......................................................... | 30.00 |

## Checks Outstanding-Continued

| Number |  | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| 11669 |  | 35.00 |
| 11670 |  | 28.60 |
| 11671 |  | 469.50 |
| 11672 |  | 15,807.49 |
| 11673 |  | 1,960.05 |
| 11674 |  | 254.40 |
| 11675 |  | 5.22 |
| 11676 |  | 1.00 |
| 11627 |  | 16.83 |
| 11677 |  | 6.00 |
| 11678 |  | 7.00 |
| 11679 |  | 101.32 |
| 11680 |  | 6.18 |
| 11681 |  | 50.00 |
| 11682 |  | 5.98 |
| 11683 |  | 7.63 |
| 11684 |  | 77.34 |
| 11685 |  | 28.15 |
| 11686 |  | 175.00 |
| 11687 |  | 65.40 |
| 11688 |  | 130.20 |
| 11689 |  | 8.92 |
| 11690 |  | 23.18 |
| 11691 |  | 5.46 |
| 11692 |  | 143.90 |
| 11693 |  | 10.80 |
| 11694 |  | 24.50 |
| 11695 |  | 168.75 |
| 11696 |  | 34.10 |
| 11697 |  | 27.50 |
| 11698 |  | 95.13 |
| 11699 |  | 95.51 |
| 11700 |  | 59.65 |
| 11701 |  | 62.22 |
| 11702 |  | 50.00 |
| 11703 |  | 5.76 |
| 11704 |  | 108.88 |
| 11705 |  | 30.50 |
| 11706 |  | 25.80 |
| 11707 |  | 2.38 |
| 11708 |  | 105.27 |
| 11709 |  | 5.38 |
| 11710 |  | 17.19 |
| 11711 |  | 49.25 |
| 11712 |  | 51.25 |
| 11713 | -....... | 64.02 |
| 11714 |  | 25.16 |
| 11715 |  | 32,799.58 |
|  |  | 100,194.00 |

# DETAIL 2 <br> DRAFTS IN PROCESS OF COLLECTION 

Outstanding June 30, 1927
For Collection With Northwestern National Bank
Grand Forks, North Dakota

| Draft | t Name and Address | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21853 | Gottfried Baking Co., New York | 1,762.15 |
| 21909 | Messing Bakeries, New York | 1,537.15 |
| 21948 | Gottfried Baking Co., New York | 1,537.15 |
| 21953 | Barneveld Co-op. Co., Barneveld, Wisc. | 727.50 |
| 21957 | Harry Krulewitch, New York | 1,574.65 |
| 21962 | C. H. Norwood, Gays Mills, Wise. | 907.13 |
| 21984 | Prentice Co-op. Supply, Prentice Wis | 171.00 |
| 22002 | Jacob Held, Brooklyn, N. Y. | 1,599.65 |
| 22016 | Barnum Farmers Co-op. Co., Barnum, Minn. | 513.75 |
| 22023 | Morris Zwerner, Bronx, N. | 1,562.15 |
| 22025 | Seaboard Flour Co., B | 1,824.96 |
| 22026 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,824.96 |
| 22027 | David Coleman, New York | 1,799.65 |
| 22028 | David Coleman, New York | 1,799.65 |
| 22029 | David Coleman, New Yor | 1,799.65 |
| 22030 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,623.45 |
| 22031 | David Coleman, New York | 1,799.65 |
| 22035 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,583.36 |
| 22041 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,583.91 |
| 22044 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,582.31 |
| 22046 | Louis Bandow, Peshtigo, Wisc | 1,184.50 |
| 22053 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,339.32 |
| 22055 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,350.97 |
| 22056 | Marinette Flour \& Feed Co., Marinette, Wisc. | 920.00 |
| 22057 | Rindal Mercantile Co., Rindal, Minn. | 759.00 |
| 22063 | Mondovi Co-op. Equity Ass'n, Mondovi, Wisc. | 895.00 |
| 22064 | Wm. Raskin \& Co., Brooklyn | 1,587.15 |
| 22065 | Harry Grue, Le Seuer, Minn. | 36.00 |
| 22066 | Farmers Grain \& Milling Co., Le Seuer, Minn. | 732.00 |
| 22067 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,824.96 |
| 22070 | Sunburg Roller Feed Mill, Sundburg, Minn. | 396.00 |
| 22071 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,861.05 |
| 22072 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,748.55 |
| 22073 | Harry Krulewitch, New York | 1,574.65 |
| 22075 | Cameron \& Kooker, Robinson, N. D | 1,448.50 |
| 22076 | The Community Store, Kelliher, Mi | 1,561.25 |
| 22077 | Fischer Baking Co., Newark, N. J. | 1,837.15 |
| 22081 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,824.96 |
| 22082 | Farmers Elevator Co., Ambrose | 1,619.00 |
| 22083 | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,520.78 |
| 22984 I | I. S. Joseph Co., Minneapolis, Minn | 525.00 |
| 22086 | H. L. Stavig, Rosholt, S. D. | 1,747.00 |
| 2090 I | I. S. Joseph Co., Minneapolis, Minn | 525.00 |
| 2092 S | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. | 1,247.04 |
| 22093 S | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. | 1,371.97 |
| 2094 S | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,623.45 |
| 2095 L | Lemmon Equity Exchange, Lemmon, S. D.... | 1,010.00 |
| 2097 S | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston | 1,892.46 |
| 2098 S | Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. | 1,757.46 |

DETAIL 2-Continued
DRAFTS IN PROCESS OF COLLECTION
Outstanding June 30, 1927For Collection With Northwestern National BankGrand Forks, North Dakota
Draft Name and Address Amount
22099 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston ..... 1,584.50
22074 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston ..... 1,252.19
22091 Warroad Co-op., Warroad, Minn. ..... 1,378.58
22100 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston ..... 1,552.05
22101 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston ..... 1,583.91
22102 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. ..... 748.85
22104 Marinette Flour \& Feed Co., Marinette, Wis. ..... 496.00
22105 Eagle Valley Co-op., Clarissa, Minn ..... $1,008.35$
22106 Olson Bros., Ironwood, Mich ..... 1,307.10
22107 I. S. Joseph Co., Minneapolis, Minn. ..... 525.00
22108 Gottfried Baking Co., New York ..... 1,537.15
22109 Morris Zwerner, Bronx, N. Y. ..... 1,365.69
22111 The Fusco Milling Co., New York. ..... 1,712.15
22113 Frederick W. Huber, Brooklyn ..... 1,712.15
22114 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. ..... 1,574.12
22120 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. ..... 1,556.27
22121 Farmers Co-op. Prod., Marshfield, Wis:- ..... 490.00
22122 Equity Milling Co., Wadena, Minn. ..... 517.50
22124 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. ..... 1,309.30
22125 Seaboard Flour Co., Boston. ..... 1,563.30
95,117.54
DETAIL 3
RECAPITULATION OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MILL DEPARTMENT
North Dakota Open Accounts. ..... 35,409.26
South Dakota Open Accounts ..... 3,947.59
Eastern Open Accounts ..... 3,947.59
Duluth Open Accounts ..... 7,954.37
Superior Open Accounts ..... 3,312.72
Minnesota \& Wisconsin Open Accounts. ..... 16,896.06
Drafts Outstanding on Local Shipments. ..... 608.49
Closed Bank Claims ..... 5,399.23
Doubtful Accounts in Process of Liquidation. ..... 2,795.97
Milwaukee Accounts in Mill Office ..... 15,854.60
Advances to Salesmen. ..... 1,396.02
Advances to Employees ..... 3,098.85
97,621.23
To Balance:
Open Accounts are short of Ledger Bal. ..... 10
Amount to Statement ..... $97,621.33$
Details of account balances on following pages.
STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, N. DAK. MILL DEPARTMENT
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, JUNE 30, 1927
NORTH DAKOTA OPEN ACCOUNTS
Months Amount
Past Due Name of Account-Address Due Credits
Farmers Co-op. Merc. Co., Carbury. ..... 10.15
Drake Farmers Store, Drake ..... 33.18
Farmers Elev. Co., Halliday ..... 171.00
Farmers Merc. Co., Hatton ..... 1,717.80
Farmers Co-op. Merc. Co., Hillsboro ..... 45.23
Hurley Farmers Elev. Co., Lorain ..... 43.74
5 Mo. Northwood Farmers Merc. Co., Northwood ..... 4.98
Farmers Co-op. Elev. Co., Sherwood. ..... 86.00
Alley Department Store, Drake ..... 26.55
John Anderson, Hillsboro ..... 46.50
3 Mo. B. W. Andrews, Petersburg ..... 30.00
Arvilla Supply Co., Arvilla ..... 29.25
4 Mo. Auslander Bakery, Minot ..... 185.00
B. J. Austfjord, Hensal ..... 65.21
J. D. Bacon, Grand Forks ..... 170.63
Barker Bakery, Grand Forks ..... 71.00
Barney Co-op. Store, Barney ..... 46.25
Belmont Cafe, Grand Forks ..... 17.50
Berg \& Flekke, Grafton ..... 108.50
F. M. Bogan, Ardock ..... 96.93
R. A. Bolmer, Erie ..... 127.00
Botts Bros., Ludden ..... 44.75
J. H. Braund, Edmore ..... 2.63
Britton Store, Britton ..... 36.64
T. T. Brusegaard, Gilby ..... 182.79
E. O. Bry, Manville ..... 50.20
C. A. Bugge \& Co., Burlington ..... 44.75
Burns \& Zimmerman, Edgeley ..... 3.85
Cando Mill \& Elev. Co., Cando ..... 1,521.40
Orr Cash Store, Orr ..... 81.50
Tolna Cash Store, Tolna ..... 3.66
3 Mo. E. J. Charbraneau, Thorne ..... 148.50
5 Mo. Otto Charnholm, Roth ..... 1.68
Chicago Bakery, Grand Forks ..... 1,110.00
Chicago Department Store, Grafton ..... 15.18
Chris Christianson, Osnabrook ..... 21.25
Ida Clelland, Johnston ..... 137.06
6 Mo . Clementsville Mercantile Co., Cle- mentsville ..... 113.05
Cleveland Co., Maddock ..... 923.85
Ben Collins, Grafton ..... 81.00
Colton Wilder Grocery, Grand Forks ..... 372.75
Columbia Hotel, Grand Forks ..... 67.25
E. Corbit, Crystal ..... 42.90
John Crawford, Langdon ..... 1,637.42
Crowder \& Nystrom, Bottineau ..... 170.00
17 Mo. Cunningham \& Larson, Grand Rapids ..... 28.50

## North Dakota Open Accounts <br> (Continued)



## North Dakota Open Accounts (Continued)

MonthsPast Due Name of Account-AddressDavid Lamm, Mayville

Amount
David Lamm, Mayville ........................ 116.80
J. E. Lamoux, Dunseith ........................ $\quad 52.26$

Tom Landsverk, Dunseith ....................... 69.69
Lankin Mercantile Co., Lankin.............. 212.13
J. M. Larson, Grafton ........................... 231.05

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\text { Larson \& Engh, Wales ...................... } 89.88
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A. H. Lee \& Son, Walhalla
1,528.31
Lee Brusegaard, Honeyford ..... 21.00
J. I. Lerom \& Son, Buxton ..... 60.75
Mrs. R. Lindeman, Glasston ..... 25.70
Roy Logan, Bismarck ..... 24.74
O. A. Lybeck, Bowesmont ..... 139.70
Luther Lyken, Auburn ..... 100.00
McDonald Farr Co., Grafton ..... 59.61
The Magnofin Store, Monanga ..... 52.30
Kate Meagher, Pembina ..... 37.08
9 Mo. Mesa Grain Co., Hanks. ..... 3.15
Stanley P. Miller, Minto ..... 101.45
Minot Co-op Store, Minot ..... 58.70
11 Mo. Minot Bakery, Minot ..... 92.36
Mountain Homw. Buying \& Selling Assn., Kelvin ..... 62.75
10 Mo. F. H. Mulvain, Lallie ..... 29.49
P. J. Myhre, Rolette ..... 27.30
Nekoma Mercantile Co., Nekoma ..... 66.50
A. R. Nelson, Bergen ..... 25.80
A. C. Nelson, Kensal
98.11
98.11
A. A. Nelson, Inkster
A. A. Nelson, Inkster ..... 27.90
Nickolay \& Matejjcek, Lankin ..... 222.12
Northwestern Grocery, Minot ..... 13.48
Northwood Grain \& Fuel Co., North- wood ..... 42.50
H. Olafson, Mountain ..... 99.19
Geo. M. Olson, Arvilla ..... 50.00
Olson Bros., Wheatland ..... 21.25
Oppen Grocery, Minot .....  02
82.88
H. M. Ostlie \& Son, Reynolds
21.40
Overly Mercantile Co., Overly
1.29
1.29
C. L. Paxman, Hamilton
26.10
26.10
Pickard \& Son, Niagara ..... 30.00
Pi Rho Chi House, Grand Forks ..... 4.38
3 Mo. Pioneer Mercantile Co., Harvey ..... 800.00
4 Mo. H. Pope, Flora ..... 88
Railroad Co-Op. Store, Jamestown ..... 225.53
Red Owl Store, Minot ..... 26.10
Red Owl Store, Springbrook ..... 22.63
Red Owl Store, Valley City ..... 25.70
W. W. Reyleck Inc., Grafton ..... 10.93
Harry Ridgeway, Fordville ..... 5.98
Right Price Mercantile Co., Valley City ..... 8.00

## North Dakota Open Accounts (Continued)

| MonthsPast Du |  | Amoun |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Due Name of Account-Address | Due | Credits |
|  | Frank Rodeike, Kelso | 48.08 |  |
|  | E. T. Rhode, Drake | 48.63 |  |
|  | John Romsland, Valley City | 18.75 |  |
|  | Saleski \& Kensok, Windsor | 1.65 |  |
|  | Sanitary Grocery, Hensal | 84.00 |  |
|  | Sanstead Store, Berthold | 62.63 |  |
|  | A. L. Saueressig, Drake | 35.40 |  |
|  | Schwartz Bros., New Rockford ..... | 1,697.83 |  |
|  | Sherwood Co-Op. Mercantile, Sherwood | 91.31 |  |
|  | Shirley Grocery, Minot ..................... | 71.10 |  |
|  | N. R. Simmons, Eckelson |  | 84.00 |
|  | Blanche St. Peter, Donnybrook |  | . 86 |
|  | A. L. Starr, Tower City. |  | 35.00 |
|  | State School for Blind, Bathgate | 40.50 |  |
|  | State Institution for Feeble Minded, Grafton $\qquad$ | 1.48 |  |
|  | State Hospital for the Insane, Jamestown | 1,699.51 |  |
|  | State Normal \& Ind. School, Ellendale | 29.45 |  |
| 6 Mo . | State Normal, Dickinson. | 107.87 |  |
|  | State Normal, Valley City | 84.82 |  |
|  | State Normal, Minot | 51.00 |  |
|  | State Training School, Mandan. | 255.00 |  |
|  | State Tuberculosis San., Dunseith. | 163.46 |  |
|  | State Penitentiary, Bismarck | 72.75 |  |
|  | State University, Grand Forks. | 54.81 |  |
|  | Theo. A. Strandness, Larimore. | 60.45 |  |
|  | S. J. Strong, Bowdon. |  | 21.00 |
|  | Studness \& Agnesberg, Perth | 1.50 |  |
|  | Thos. Svobods, Voss ............... | 32.75 |  |
|  | Swenson Mercantile Co., Epping..... |  | 52.00 |
|  | Swank \& McLaughlin, Wahpeton | 16.64 |  |
|  | Jens Tenold, Halton | 29.50 |  |
|  | Tolley Co-Op. Store, Tolley | 26.65 |  |
|  | Trisko Merc. Co., Clyde | 12.23 |  |
|  | A. F. Trutna, Sanford | 69.38 |  |
|  | Venberg \& Fedji, Hoople | 226.54 |  |
|  | Viking Potato Co., Portland Junction | 1,665.25 |  |
|  | Wallen \& Flaton, Rolette | 77.00 |  |
|  | Max Warcjek, Minto | 5.25 |  |
|  | Geo. Warner, Great Bend. | 60.50 |  |
|  | M. T. Wells \& Co., Tower City. |  | 21.38 |
|  | Werstleins Grocery, Grand Forks... | 514.25 |  |
|  | E. M. Whitaker, Moffit. | 3.44 |  |
| 8 Mo . | J. A. Wilson, Edmore | 19.65 |  |
|  | Winston \& Newell Co., Bismarck | 9.60 |  |
|  | Wolseth Cash Store, Wolseth .. | 27.36 |  |
|  | Y. W. C. A., Grand Forks.. | 4.38 |  |
| Less: Credits |  | 3,198.45 | 789.19 |
|  |  | 789.19 |  |
|  | Amount to Statement | 09.26 |  |

## SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN ACCOUNTS

Months
Past Due Name of Account-Address Farmers Co-Op., White, S. D. Nick D. Berbas, Aberdeen, S. D....... 37.05
Jos. Basch, Lowry, S. D. ..... 44.00
Bradshaw \& Arsher Co., Groton, S. D. ..... 86.75
Consumers Wholesale Supply, Wa- tertown, S. D. ..... 55.31 ..... 39.50
Amount ..... Due Credits ..... 37.05
A. Bernhard, Parkston, S. D.
Dakota Warehouse Co., Watertown S. D. ..... 8.67
C. G. Dale, Houghton, S. D. ..... 46.75
Economy Grocery, Watertown, S. D ..... 10.30
2 Mo. Edison Grocery, Aberdeen, S. D. ..... 10.19
Gardner Bros., Sioux Falls, S. D.... ..... 1.02
H. A. Halvorson, Clear Lake, S. D... ..... 101.52
Horming \& Swain, Melette, S. D. ..... 85.00
F. W. James, Bonilla, S. D ..... 22.13
H. A. Juster, Selby, S. D. ..... 31.83
Miranda Rochdale, Miranda, S. D. ..... 19.50
North Star, Watertown, S. D. ..... 8.60
Quality Store, Garden City, S. D.... ..... 20.50
B. T. Sandsmark, Claire City, S. D... ..... 431.75
Wm. E. Stoebe, White Rock, S. D.... ..... 34.80
Williams Meat Market, Watertown, S. D. ..... 18.84

|  |  | 18.84 |
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EASTERN OPEN ACCOUNTS
Jules Junker Inc., Philadelphia ..... 500.00
Frank R. Prina Corp., New York City ..... 40.00
Seaboard Flour Co., Boston ..... 7.44
H. R. Walker \& Sons, New Jersey ..... 1,524.65Wilkins Rogers Milling Co., Wash-ington, D. C.$1,875.50$
Amount to Statement ..... 3,947.59
DULUTH OPEN ACCOUNTS
Months
Past Due Name of Account-Address
Amount
Carl Abrahamson ..... Due
J. P. Anderson ..... 49.40
Henry Antila ..... 17.36
C. E. Bergman ..... 41.30
Frank Berger ..... 109.60
N. C. Bilsey ..... 64.93
J. B. Bjorkin ..... 12.68
Frank Brand ..... 16.80
Burger Bros. ..... 35.00
Henry La Belle ..... 17.70

## Duluth Open Accounts (Continued)

Months
Past Due Name of Account-Address Due
Amount
Lakeside Grocery ..... 21.78
I. L. Lindberg ..... 2.20
3 Mo. H. London ..... 101.50
J. W. Managhan ..... 13.40
Model Cash Grocery ..... 16.30
Morley Heights Store ..... 21.14
C. Neilson ..... 41.10
A. Nelson \& Son ..... 24.55
A. Byland ..... 96.65
O. A. Carlson ..... 15.80
Chas. Chilstrand ..... 84.80
Christianson \& Hanson ..... 72.70
Nick Collick ..... 43.00
Kogo Colick ..... 83.51
L. Cato \& Son ..... 32.85
J. P. Daley ..... 112.91
Duluth Marine Supply Co ..... 271.75
Eagle Bakery ..... 78.00
East Ninth St. Grocery ..... 8.70
Arthur Ecklund ..... 173.00
O. T. Eilert ..... 26.16
L. M. Ellifson ..... 49.15
European Bakery ..... 133.45

- Federal Bakery ..... 154.48
J. H. Finke ..... 17.00
A. D. Flatten ..... 85.20
J. E. Fritzen ..... 86.60
2 Mo. M. Garon ..... 740.10
Generaux Bakery ..... 438.00
M. Goldberg ..... 63.20
Grand Avenue Store ..... 645.00
Grand Provision Co. ..... 57.95
J. Green ..... 62.83
A. T. Greenwood ..... 51.20
Gronseth \& Olson ..... 41.10
G. R. Gustafson ..... 17.63
Gust Gustofson ..... 26.00
Emil Helman ..... 32.40
A. M. Hill ..... 191.90
Harry Hill ..... 50.87
Gust Hjelm ..... 91.80
2 Mo. Hal Railway Co. ..... 31.88
A. Harwitz ..... 50.40
G. A. Johnson ..... 49.74
Elmer Johnson Bakery ..... 70.00
J. M. Johnson ..... 24.90
C. P. Johnson ..... 51.18
Johnson Grocery ..... 16.60
Frank Jurkovich ..... 59.60
B. Kenner ..... 15.30
Ed Olson (Quality Grocery) ..... 114.40
Ed. Olson (Hallen Trustee) ..... 17.20
Olson Bros. ..... 25.80
E. R. Paulson ..... 17.40
Duluth Open Accounts (Continued)
Months AmountPast Due Name of Account-Address
Due
Oscar Peterson ..... 56.65
3 Mo. A. J. Peterson ..... 185.35
14 Mo. Phillips Home Bakery ..... 489.00
H. A. Polusky ..... 54.43
Posen Bakery ..... 105.00
Public Cash Market ..... 23.70
Purity Store ..... 82.20
Queens Pastry ..... 155.75
E. R. Richter Bakery ..... 74.25
3 Mo. Richard \& Borske ..... 45.00
Rustad \& Johnson ..... 43.65
Railway Tack Co. ..... 300.80
P. H. Salstad ..... 39.78
W. H. Samson ..... 51.10
L. Schulze ..... 96.38
Sam Simons ..... 129.30
16 Mo. J. B. Blahoski ..... 25.80
Jacob Stohre ..... 27.73
3 Mo. J. Strom ..... 41.75
Swan Bros. ..... 43.51
J. J. Thorpe ..... 103.00
Thomas \& Hakes ..... 43.50
James Tankin ..... 29.23
U. S. Tower ..... 17.00
S. M. Truax ..... 97.18
Flam Turchi ..... 25.60
Union Com. Co-Op Society ..... 42.70
Voelker \& Berg ..... 26.00
Geo. A. Wallen ..... 39.05
Walthenson \& Schuett ..... 36.65
3 Mo. John T. Walski ..... 26.65
2 Mo. Tom Winters ..... 3.95
Zenith Grocery ..... 89.60
Amount to Statement ..... 7,954.37
SUPERIOR OPEN ACCOUNTS
Months Amount
Past Due Name of Account-Address Due
3 Mo. John Ahlstrom ..... 98.18
Jos. Arcenau ..... 39.00
Frank Asemore ..... 67.60
Barkell \& Linder ..... 61.80
Capital Market ..... 357.35
O. Cranston ..... 2.35
A. C. Dahl ..... 42.00
11th St. Market ..... 25.81
A. J. Evans ..... 68.40
Ben Fergal ..... 49.61
Fifth St. Home Bakery ..... 110.00
7 Mo . Gronquist \& Erickson ..... 113.45
Harris Bros. ..... 25.50
J. H. Harvey Grocery ..... 10.78


## Superior Open Accounts <br> (Continued)

Months Amount
Name of Account-Address Past Due ..... Due
Joe Holterman ..... 177.70
Jackson, Berg Co. ..... 17.78
3 Mo. O. A. Jermstad ..... 50.15
Wm. Kommes ..... 70.10
Louis Kovitz ..... 48.15
5 Mo. Joe Kubala ..... 20.82
A. F. Lange ..... 72.42
3 Mo. Gust Larson ..... 60.19
Harry Lavine ..... 79.65
Linberg \& Thompson Co., Inc. ..... 54.45
G. W. McFarlin ..... 38.75
New Hotel Superior ..... 8.35
A. J. Olson ..... 41.43
Olson \& McKenzie ..... 66.15
Patterson Grocery ..... 66.40
Geo. Pesark ..... 180.00
Mrs. A. Peterson ..... 8.86
Richter Pastry ..... 36.00
Harry Saks ..... 22.70
W .W. Sanford ..... 163.40
Seventh St. Market ..... 446.40
South Superior Bakery ..... 39.50
Alfred Swanson ..... 17.00
E. Van Hove ..... 131.60
Voss Mercantile Co. ..... 140.64
Wasseen Bros. Bakery ..... 120.40
3 Mo. Williamson Bakery ..... 37.50
Chas. Zanuzoski ..... 24.40
Amount to Statement ..... 3,312.72
MINNESOTA \& WISCONSIN OPEN ACCOUNTS
Months
Past Due Name of Account-Address Farmers Exchange, Benson Amount
Due Credits ..... 375.25
Fms. Co-Op. Mkt'g Assn, East Gr. Fks., Minn. ..... 205.00
5 Mo. Wisc. Fm. Service Bureau, Madison, Wisc.

863.34
T. K. Berge, Erskine, Minn ..... 827.18
Bydahl Mercantile, East Gr. Forks, Minn. ..... 14.53
Church Co., Oshkosh, Wisc. ..... 5.30
Eide Mercantile Co., Fertile, Minn. ..... 175.05
L. M. Enright, East Grand Forks, Minn. ..... 15.25
6 Mo. Equity Union Mktg. Assn., Tokio, N. D. ..... 462.95
8 Mo. Equity Co-Op. Exchange, St. Paul, Minn. ..... $1,002.00$
R. O. Harrison, Doran, Minn. ..... 88

## Minnesota and Wisconsin Open Accounts (Continued)

| Months | Name of Account-Address | Amoun |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Inman Mercantile Co., Manitau, |  |
|  | Minn. $\qquad$ | 51.18 271.20 |
|  | Lancaster Merc. Co., Lancaster, | 271.20 |
|  | Minn. | 694.22 |
|  | Halvor Langslet, Ullen, Minn. | 73.38 |
|  | M. E. Larson, Fisher, Minn. | 162.68 |
|  | R. J. McMahan, Grand Rapids, Mi | 1,109.95 |
|  | Geo. Olson, Fisher, Minn. | 112.55 |
|  | Wisc. .-...) Shal | 82.00 |
| Mo. Ca | Carl Quern, Oslow, Minn. | 15.00 |
|  | Quinlan \& Sethre, Pelican Rapids, Minn. $\qquad$ | 1,191.20 |
|  | Roe Grain Co., Crookston, Minn | 1,928.80 |
|  | Salvorson Grocery, Ada, Minn.. | 34.93 |
| 2 Mo . O . | O. C. Temple, Bemidji, Minn. | 1,046.65 |
|  | Henry Vehle, Twin Valley, Minn... | 860.15 |
|  | Whitlaw Co-Op. Exchange, Whit- | 1,345.80 |
|  |  | 6,897.94 |
|  | Less Credits | 1.88 |
|  | Amount to Statement |  |

## DRAFTS OUTSTANDING

LOCAL SHIPMENTS

| Date | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Draft } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | Am't. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ne 30 | Frs. Union Co-Op. Elev. Co., Tuttle. |  |
|  |  | 12.00 |
| June 30 | John Anderson, Hillsboro, N. D..... 22116 | 12.00 |
|  | P. B. Bang, Michigan City, N. D. 22115 | 17.00 |
| June 23 | Cameron \& Kooper, Robinson, N. D...J189 | 75 |
| April 25 | Galchutt Co-op. Store, Galchutt, N.D...W202 | 5 |
| May 25 | H. S. Cash Store, Courtenay, N. D...VC277 | 0 |
| June 30 | Keller \& Kleth, Medina, N. D........ J204 | 25.70 |
| June 29 | Landa Merc. Co., Galesburg, N. D.. 22110 | 5\% |
| June 29 | C. A. Olson, Roseglen, N. D............D348 | 43.50 |
| June 30 | W. B. Plaistad, Adrian, N. D...... J201 | 12.75 |
| June 30 | E. A. Roule, Medina, N. D....- J203 | 85.00 |
| June 30 | O. Q. Rude, Mona, N. D............ 22117 |  |
| ay 25 | Smith \& Saltness, Makoti, N. D. ${ }^{\text {a }} 21845$ | 54.43 |
| June 24 | Farmers Co-op., White, S. D.........W320 | 37.6 |
| June 22 | Farmers Merc. Co., Wolsey, S. D......W318 | 43.23 |
| June 27 | Halverson \& Co., Brandt, S. D........W321 | 19.75 |

## CLOSED BANK CLAIMS

Name of Account-Address Amount
State Bank, Aurelia, N. D. ..... 13.80
First State Bank, Bergen, N. D. ..... 161.76
First National Bank, Bisbee, N. D. ..... 646.11
State Bank, Bradley, S. D ..... 36.21
First National Bank, Brinsmade, N. D. ..... 55.15
Cayuga State Bank, Cayuga, N. D. ..... 122.90
Farmers \& Merchants, Cogswell, N. D. ..... 36.36
State Bank, Crandon, S. D ..... 22.77
Merchants National Bank, Crookston, Minn. ..... 378.68
First State Bank, Dunn Center, N. D. ..... 37.35
Merchants State Bank, Fingal, N. D. ..... 1,232.06
Farmers Bank Mercer County, Hazen, N. D. ..... 57.00
Hurdsfield State, Hurdsfield, N. D ..... 37.26
Cavalier County National Bank, Langdon, N. D ..... 56.36
First State Bank, Lemmon, Lemmon, S. D. ..... 66.88
State Bank, Maxbass, N. D ..... 67.05
Mission Hill State Bank, Mission Hill, S. D ..... 632.60
Oakes National Bank, Oakes, N. D. ..... 85.75
Farmers State Bank, Oriska, N. D. ..... 1,338.50
State Bank, Oriska, N. D. ..... 30.69
Citizens State Bank, Parker, S. D. ..... 120.00
Merchants State Bank, Pembina, N. D. ..... 42.25
First National Bank, Steele, N. D ..... 35.79
Williams County State, Williston, N. D. ..... 85.95
Amount to Statement ..... 5,399.23
DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS IN PROCESS OF LIQUIDATION
Name of Account-Address ..... Amount
Aberdeen Milling Co., Aberdeen, S. D. ..... 739.99
Carpenter's Bakery, Grand Forks, N. D. ..... 209.13
J. C. Cogsdell, Des Lacs, N. D ..... 20.50
Everybody's Meat Market, Granville, N. D ..... 79.20
David Fryer, Lucca, N. D. ..... 24.25
Granville Merc. Co., Granville, N. D. ..... 81.91
Granville Meat Market, Granville, N. D. ..... 55.45
Hillis \& Manning, Bathgate, N. D ..... 14.63
C. A. Hirengen, Norwich, N. D. ..... 4.00
Knud Hop, Stephen, Minn ..... 95.50
Hulteng-Burnett Co., Grand Forks, N. D. ..... 416.14
J. B. Iverson, Orr, N. D. ..... 46.59
O. S. Lund, Honeyford, N. D. ..... 72.50
Maynard Produce Co., Maynard, Minn. ..... 317.65
H. M. Ostlie, Reynolds, N. D ..... 3.00
Shirley Grocery, Minot, N. D. ..... 81.55
Tenney Co., Bradley, S. D. ..... 108.16
Union Hay Co., Minneapolis, Minn. ..... 216.62
B. Wagner, Milwaukee, Wis. ..... 209.20
Amount to Statement ..... 2,795.97

## MILWAUKEE-WISCONSIN ACCOUNTS IN MILL OFFICE

Months
Past Due Name Amount
Henry Gaulke ..... 117.15
Al Gleissner ..... 44.75
E. Greiton ..... 9.38
Walter Graeven ..... 10.05
George's Grocery ..... 15.00
Charles Havlik ..... 113.50
Otto Goetze ..... 8.10
Martin Gorski ..... 10.05
C. C. Anderson ..... 70.14
A. Arnstein ..... 93.75
S. Arnedjich ..... 46.40
J. Barwick ..... 9.48
D. Bartolone ..... 19.52
Backes Grocery ..... 27.15
Baruxis Bros. ..... 15.21
N. Bauer \& Sons ..... 29.13
Wm. Guenther ..... 9.68
Hackbarth Bros. ..... 213.00
Alvin Hahn ..... 18.75
S. Glicksman ..... 206.00
E. Hall ..... 19.76
M. E. Harris ..... 8.70
Geo. Hacki ..... 14.55
Fred H. Hein ..... 20.25
Hiller Bros ..... 8.60
A. Herbst ..... 19.00
Geo. P. Held ..... 43.85
E. Hoppe ..... 232.50
O. C. Hinz ..... 18.77
J. D. Hoffman ..... 13.20
Peter Hunn ..... 50.25
Max Igi ..... 34.00
V. Ingevilli ..... 14.31
H. C. Imse ..... 27.45
A. Jaster ..... 12.03
Janasidk \& Son ..... 38.45
I. Jankowski ..... 37.54
Jahnka Bros. ..... 18.75
M. Jarosz ..... 14.65
J. Janesch ..... 9.88
A. Johnson ..... 14.85
H. Joers ..... 9.38
Paul Jurack ..... 34.50
H. H. Julien ..... 8.95
Karl \& Kirksmeyer ..... 17.40
O. E. Krause ..... 73.10
J. Kasprzak ..... 6.87
P. Kasprzak ..... 76.50
V. Kasprzak ..... 136.20
Kailin \& Bugel ..... 47.24
J. E. Knack ..... 17.40
A. J. Kaha ..... 100.90
E. Kross ..... 498.50
H. Kegler ..... 3.57
Milwaukee-Wisconsin Accounts in Mill Office (Continued)
Months
Past Due Name Amount
Ben Kreweicke ..... 27.45
J. Kronschnable ..... 23.01
Alex Horst ..... 8.40
Anton Kominska ..... 32.48
M. Krolikowski ..... 10.05
Ed Kontowiez ..... 189.00
J. Kurs ..... 720.00
O. P. Kugler ..... 36.15
J. J. Lasek ..... 12.43
H. Lawonn ..... 43.45
C. J. Lawrens ..... 19.25
Geo. Lesnik ..... 2.75
B. Barkowitz ..... 50.50
W. F. Bries ..... 67.77
Boerner Bros. ..... 180.60
G. C. Bomke ..... 9.48
W. A. Bonneman ..... 24.03
J. A. Brown ..... 37.63
F. Buchner ..... 10.22
L. Cascie ..... 180.09
Stanley Creslak ..... 480.25
R. Cialthini ..... 54.75
Louis Costella ..... 86.18
David Cooper ..... 8.70
N. Collenburg ..... 9.70
C. B. Conrad ..... 81.90
L. Conrad ..... 27.36
Eugene Daub ..... 9.08
J. Damato ..... 35.04
Mrs. B. E. Davis ..... 2.84
F. Dilikat ..... 41.25
Paul Diers ..... 13.53
A. Diedrich ..... 37.03
Disch Bros. ..... 13.73
I. Dizeck ..... 9.68
H. Dohmeyer ..... 78.00
F. H. Duinford ..... 36.83
Wm. Dymacek ..... 32.50
East Side Quality Store ..... 145.95
E. A. Erdmann ..... 37.94
Electric Maid Bake Shop ..... 15.60
Frank Ecjert ..... 20.55
N. C. Ellenbecker ..... 8.50
L. O. Eggert ..... 34.80
O. F. Effenheim ..... 28.13
C. Eisemann ..... 38.25
J. A. Endisch ..... 68.00
P. Elshoff ..... 20.10
H. Frahm ..... 9.30
J. J. Frantl ..... 31.13
M. U. Frank ..... 85.35
Frank's Grocery ..... 9.68
E. Feraherdt ..... 27.80
J. Filipowiz ..... 4.30
Milwaukee-Wisconsin Accounts in Mill Office (Continued)
Months
Past Due Name Amount
N. Frindell8.55
E. A. Grassee ..... 45.53
Wm. Ruehl ..... 13.05
L. Szklarski ..... 83.40
Sanitary Grocery ..... 48.25
S. Spasoff ..... 415.00
A. Staehle ..... 2.65
Paul Stahl ..... 16.95
Jos. Levin ..... 46.25
H. H. Lissenfelder ..... 11.56
M. Lehmann ..... 74.50
Anton Librecht ..... 8.95
E. Little ..... 14.40
Lyon Bakery ..... 423.65
Louis Mantell ..... 152.00
Marx Bros. ..... 27.45
Mrs. E. Matz ..... 23.85
R. Matteschek ..... 18.46
A. Malowski ..... 4.00
H. Mertz \& Son ..... 10.05
I. Milinowisz ..... 9.72
H. Militzer ..... 44.10
Frank Michalski ..... 19.36
Thos Mierzwa ..... 23.84
A. Mirendorf ..... 44.85
Walter E. Moe ..... 9.88
F. E. Mueller ..... 37.50
Chas. Murphy ..... 19.65
Jos. MacMahon ..... 14.50
E. McGee ..... 2.57
Walter Neumarkel ..... 23.78
New Market ..... 16.46
Chas. Nevinger ..... 83.25
Theo. Nicklewski ..... 69.00
A. Nibbe ..... 43.50
F. Nuschultz ..... 16.14
North Star Market ..... 10.53
Jacob Olk ..... 10.05
Carl Oberkusch ..... 68.00
David Orenstein ..... 620.50
Holft Orzechowski ..... 259.00
Olympian Market ..... 27.15
L. E. Pfau ..... 9.13
Pagells \& Sell ..... 8.70
V. E. Packowski ..... 37.72
Peter Pfaff ..... 73.75
Henry M. Peters ..... 149.65
Walter Plagande ..... 8.95
A. H. Pfeffer ..... 45.30
Felix A. Perszey ..... 37.86
G. H. Pritchard ..... 5.08
L. Pietrykowski ..... 20.08
Mrs. L. Pierschaliki ..... 27.15
B. Fokras ..... 11.57

## Milwaukee-Wisconsin Accounts in Mill Office (Continued)

MonthsPast Due Name AmountV. Papielarski ..... 74.90
Frank Pullman ..... 16.82
S. Pezybylski ..... 47.55
Quality Market ..... 28.07
L. Schwalback ..... 28.63
Schaller Bros. ..... 19.43
I. Steinad ..... 205.00
Herman Schlender ..... 11.94
W. Schwechel ..... 14.55
Frank Shefchik ..... 13.05
F. Schneider ..... 133.38
Ed Scheffler ..... 127.50
Sibrigondie Bros ..... 39.36
Schirmen \& Banldow ..... 22.43
M. Silberg ..... 41.33
J. Smith ..... 9.72
E. Spitz ..... 403.00
Wm. Schiek ..... 64.95
H. Stith ..... 99.75
F. Sommers ..... 30.83
So. Milwaukee Bakery ..... 659.75
C. Slosarski ..... 37.05
L. Slosarski ..... 18.75
P. Sbonik ..... 20.10
R. W. Spierr Co. ..... 28.20
E. Studier ..... 9.14
C. F. Schultz ..... 18.75
Walter Sucharski ..... 43.10
H. Paige ..... 27.75
A. J. Taylor ..... 22.58
A. Thomas ..... 38.32
H. Teplinsky ..... 107.15
J. Thelen ..... 10.10
J. Fetich ..... 10.05
Tishler Bros. ..... 18.75
Tacco Bros. ..... 37.50
C. J. Truck ..... 8.70
F. Tutkowski ..... 10.00
J. Trezkowski ..... 129.70
M. Tyborski ..... 71.00
F. L. Van Dyck ..... 37.50
Jos. Volk ..... 342.50
Frank Vogel ..... 8.40
Volkmann \& Co. ..... 80.70
W. Voss ..... 5.70
Mrs. L. Wasulewski ..... 14.00
J. C. Walecki ..... 56.88
Wagner \& Carles ..... 27.45
C. Wagner ..... 370.25
H. Weinstein ..... 83.55
West End Grocery ..... 46.85
H. Weinheimer ..... 10.15
A. Weiss ..... 17.60
A. F. Weilogosch ..... 10.15
Milwaukee-Wisconsin Accounts in Mill Office (Continued)
Months Past Due Name of Account-Address Amount ..... Due Credits
M. Raha ..... 14.56
A. F. Raasch ..... 9.78
Wm. Ratsmann ..... 27.30
D. Redebaum ..... 62.05
R. R. Reichelt ..... 69.00
A. J. Rehberger ..... 24.90
J. Rewalinski ..... 8.70
Retzer Bros. ..... 42.70
Geo. Ritonia ..... 26.10
Harry Rixon ..... 9.63
C. Robbeicki ..... 696.75
Mike Rottolo ..... 20.10
Ed Rockochr ..... 36.05
Osear Ruppin ..... 843.19
P. C. Ruihl ..... 36.15
White Baking Co. ..... 192.50
G. H. Wirth ..... 88.83
Peter Warzalla ..... 10.05
Joe Yelech ..... 97.00
A. Zenski ..... 19.58
V. Zingale ..... 146.00
$15,854.60$

Note:-The accounts of the Milwaukee Sales Office are kept at Milwaukee, Wisc. and reported to the Mill Office. These items were not examined, but listed as reported to the Mill Office.

## ADVANCES TO SALESMEN

Name Amount
B. D. Anderson ..... 100.00
C. A. Bell ..... 100.00
F. D. Freeman ..... 100.00
A. O. Graven
H. G. Higgins ..... 100.00
E. O. Huseby ..... 100.00
Otto Knapp ..... 100.00
Wheeler Smith ..... 100.00
T. A. Swiggum ..... 100.00
A. W. Thompson ..... 100.00
H. G. Upham ..... 100.00
H. M. Webster ..... 100.00
M. H. Reiton ..... 100.00
E. N. Everson ..... 100.00
C. F. McGie ..... 46.02
R. G. McMahon ..... 50.00
Amount to Statement ..... 1,396.02

## ADVANCES TO EMPLOYEES



DETAIL 4-(Continued



DETAIL 5-MILL WHEAT INVENTORY-JUNE 30, 1927

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { gio } \\ & \text { \#\# } \\ & \text { Bid } \\ & \text { Big } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \#ँ } \\ & \text { U } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{c} \\ & \stackrel{0}{0} \\ & \stackrel{y}{0} \\ & \overrightarrow{y y y y y} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  | \#゙, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $67 \quad 67040$ | 1340 | 1095 | 1 Dark | 59.5 | 2\% | 12.88 | . 12 | 131.40 | 1,569.96 | 1,701.36 |
| 8289320 | 5359 | 1399 | 1 Nor | 59.7 | 6\% | 11. | . 05 | 69.95 | 2,005.82 | 2,075.77 |
| $66 \quad 87080$ | 3483 | 1393 | 1 Nor | 60 | 4\% | 10.76 | . 05 | 69.65 | 1,997.21 | 2,066.86 |
| 52.88060 | 2641 | 1424 | 1 Nor | 60 | 3\% | 10.44 | . 05 | 71.20 | 2,041.66 | 2,112.86 |
| Mill Bins |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $61 \quad 16800$ |  | 280 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $77 \quad 46200$ |  | 770 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $78 \quad 31500$ |  | 525 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6216800 |  | 280 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tempered Wheat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $60 \quad 27300$ |  | 455 |  |  |  | 12.50 | . 12 | 711.00 | 8,494.97 | 9,205.97 |
| $59 \quad 33600$ |  | 560 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B Mill 168000 |  | 2800 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grinding , |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bin , 4800 |  | 80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Choke up 10500 |  | 175 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total 22149720 | 618495 | 358854 |  |  |  | Minnea |  |  | 514,506.90 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Mpls. F | eight |  | 514,506.90 | 551,690.91 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 720 lbs | at 16 | per cw |  | 36,547.04 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Am | t of S | teme |  |  | 515,146.87 |

```TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1928165DETAIL 6SCREENINGS AND MILL OATS
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Screenings Inventory
June 30, 1927
Bin No. Weight
Screenings

```\(64 \quad 43110\)\(80 \quad 28410\)
\(58 \quad 37370\)
    47 32560
    63 28350
    B Mill 4760
Total Pounds ....................174560@ $20.00 Per Ton 1,745.60
            Mill Oats Inventory
                                June 30, 1927
\begin{tabular}{lrr} 
Mill Oats & 79 & 23800 \\
& 201 & 163450 \\
& 4 & 3020
\end{tabular}
Total Pounds .................... \(190270 @ \$ 18.00\) Per Ton \(\frac{1,712.43}{3,458.03}\)
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DETAIL 7SUMMARY OF FLOUR \& MILL FEED INVENTORYFlour Inventory Mill warehouse171,054.88
Flour Inventory Spot Stock Points ..... 49,949.32
Mill Feed Inventory Mill Warehouse ..... 1,204.41
Mill Feed Inventory Spot Stock Points ..... 201.70

222,410.31
Flour \& Mill Feed Inventory in Mill Warehouse

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\text { June 30, } 1927
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Total $171,054.88$

Flour Inventory at Spot Stock Points

|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ho } \\ & \text { 品 } \\ & \text { Ne } \\ & \text { Nän } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H } \\ & \text { H. } \\ & \text { on } \\ & \text { 品 } \\ & \text { zum } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Straight |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade Flour | 168 | 98 C | 84 | 7.42 | 623.28 |
|  | 217 | 49 C | $541 / 4$ | 7.62 | 413.38 |
|  | 48 | $241 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ | 6 | 7.82 | 46.92 |
|  | 621 | 10C | $311 / 20$ | 8.77 | 272.30 |
| Patent |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grade Flour | 3906 | 98 C | 1953 | 7.85 | 15,331.05 |
|  | 10129 | 49 C | $25321 / 4$ | 8.05 | 20,384.61 |
|  | 1892 | $241 / 2 \mathrm{C}$ | $2361 / 2$ | 8.25 | 1,951.12 |
|  | 280 | 10 C | 14 | 9.20 | 128.80 |
|  | 2650 | 5 C | 66 5/20 | 9.70 | 642.62 |

SUMMARY OF FLOUR \& MILL FEED INVENTORY


## Spot Stocks-Mill Feed

Bran
116-100 lb. Sacks-5 4/5 ton @ $\$ 24.00$ per ton 139.20
Middlings
$50-100 \mathrm{lb}$. Sacks-2 $1 / 2$ ton @ $\$ 25.00$ per ton $62.50 \quad 201.70$

## DETAIL 8 <br> FLOUR AND FEED PACKAGES AND TWINE <br> INVENTORY

| Number |  |  | Value |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| on Hand | Kind Size | Material | Per M | Extension |
| 37677 | Flour.............. 140 lb . | Jute | 155.50 | 5,858.77 |
| 140580 | Flour.............. 98 lb . | Cotton | 124.25 | 17,467.07 |
| 82440 | Flour.............. 49 lb . | Cotton | 93.75 | 7,728.75 |
| 12501 | Flour.............. $241 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. | Cotton | 66.00 | 825.06 |
| 4539 | Flour............... 10 lb . | Cotton | 40.25 | 182.69 |
| 5816 | Flour............... 5 lb. | Cotton | 32.00 | 186.11 |
| 9324 | Flour.............. 98 lb . | Jute | 127.50 | 1,188.81 |
| 506 | Flour..............100K | Cotton | 280.50 | 141.93 |
| 1172 | Flour............... 50K | Cotton | 157.75 | 184.88 |
| 1738 | Bailing Bags.. 98 lb . | Paper | 53.00 | 92.11 |
| 3996 | Flour.............. 49 lb . | Paper | 55.50 | 221.78 |
| 6212 | Flour.............. $241 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$ b | Paper | 37.50 | 232.95 |
| 3229 | Flour.............. 10 lb . | Paper | 23.50 | 75.88 |
| 9180 | Flour.............. 5 lb . | Paper | 17.75 | 162.95 |
| 59743 | Feed................ 100 lb . | Burlap | 121.50 | 7,258.77 |
| 850 | bs. Machine Twine @ | $401 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ Per | .... 342.12 |  |
| 73 | bs. Brown Hand Twine@ | Q $211 / 4 \mathrm{cPe}$ | Lb. 15.51 |  |
| 600 l | bs. White Hand Twine@ | $301 / 2$ c Per | b. 183.00 | 540.63 |

## DETAIL 9

## TRANSIT INVENTORY-June 30, 1927

Milling Penalty $11 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per cwt., unless otherwise stated in

| Pounds 78210 | Value Per Cwt. | Extension of Value 35.19 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2510486 | . $51 / 2$ | 1,380.77 |
| 951175 | 5 | 475.59 |
| 223721 | 61/2 | 145.42 |
| 800503 | 51/2 | 440.28 |
| 1207756 | $71 / 2$ | 905.82 |
| 1518175 | $61 / 2$ | 986.81 |
| 1379665 | $71 / 2$ | 1,034.75 |
| 405049 | $81 / 2$ | 344.29 |
| 4922 | . $11 / 2$ | 3.20 |
| 2310752 | 9 | 2,079.68 |
| 416243 | 7 | 291.37 |
| 372269 | 91/2. | 353.66 |
| 735587 | 7112. | 551.69 |
| 135496 | $91 / 2$ | 128.72 |
| 37983 | 8 | 30.39 |
| 73181 | 9 | 65.86 |
| 16593 | 10 | 16.59 |
| 155148 | 9 | 139.63 |
| 7712 | $91 / 2$ | 7.33 |
| 73487 | . $11 / 2$ | 62.46 |
| 155470 | 91/2, | 147.70 |
| 45388 | $131 / 2$ | 61.27 |
| 99535 | 11 | 109.49 |
| 260770 | 11 | 286.85 |
| 183349 | $111 / 2$ | 210.74 |
| 172458 | 12 | 206.95 |
| 88288 | 10 | 88.29 |
| 945647 | $91 / 2$ | 898.36 |
| 851538 | 10 | 851.54 |
| 388209 | 101/2 | 407.62 |
| 273873 | 10 | 273.87 |
| 11133 | 11 | 12.25 |
| 361458 | 101/2 | 379.53 |
| 1438014 | 11 | 1,581.82 |
| 2314462 | 111/2 | 2,661.63 |
| 45886 | 11 | 50.47 |
| 7089546 | 14 | 9,925.36 |

Total Inventory ......................................-27,633.24
Less: Estimated Cancellations ........ $3,000.00$
24,633.24

## DETAIL 10 <br> FUEL AND SUPPLIES INVENTORY

Ceal
837 3-20 Tons Hanna Screenings at \$6.79 Per Ton $5,697.82$
618 Tons Washburn Lignite Scks, at $\$ 3.54$ Per Ton 2,187.70
Supplies900 Pounds Chlorine at 17c Per Pound .................... 153.00
Electric Bulbs ..... 17.13
3450 Pounds Car Lining Paper at 6c Per Pound ..... 207.00
Oil and Grease ..... 176.29
Mill Supplies and Repair Parts ..... 3,420.46
Office Supplies ..... 1,992.48
Laboratory Supplies ..... 612.95
Sales Department Supplies ..... $1,200.00$
Grain Dept. Supplies ..... 300.00
Amount to Statement ..... 15,964.83
DETAIL 11
REAL ESTATE
MILL DEPARTMENT

Donated site consisting of 19.95 acres in Section 33, Township 152, North, Range 50 West, lying about one mile north of the City of Grand Forks.
Original Site Valued at
Improvements Charged Site ......................................................................................
Amount to Statement 9,433.33

## DETAIL 12

 BUILDINGSFlour Mill Buildings and Warehouse ................... $\quad 509,483.06$
Elevator and Train Sheds ...................................... $534,786.97$
Storage Tanks ........................................................... $380,383.43$
Power House …..................................................................................... $161,095.79$
Office Building ............................................................................... 161, 76,765.13
Machine Shop …..................................................... $\quad 20,073.26$
Bacon Elevator-(Local Elevator) ........................ $\quad 9,252.73$
Amount to Statement ........................ 1,691,840.37

DETAIL 13
MACHINERY
Flour Mill Machinery ............................................... $488,899.04$
Elevator Machinery …................................................. $\quad 366,648.52$
Power House Machinery
339,920.05
Amount to Statement .............................. $1,195,467.61$

## DETAIL 15 <br> EQUIPMENT

Flour Mill Equipment ..... 25,889.09
Elevator Equipment ..... 2,863.62
Power House Equipment ..... 1,256.05
Machine Shop Equipment ..... 3,347.07
Amount to Statement ..... $33,355.83$
DETAIL 16
OFFICE FURNITURE AND FIXTURES
Balance Jan. 1, 1927 ..... 10,118.11
Freight on Cabinets ..... 133.21
Remington Typewriters Purchased ..... 275.00Depreciation1,166.44Amount to Statement …............. $\quad 9,359.88$$10,526.32 \quad 10,526.32$
DETAIL 17SPUR TRACKSSEWERS AND RESERVOIRS
Railway Spurs belonging to Mill and Elevator ..... 73,746.48
Water Reservoir and Cooling System for PowerHouse19,422.13
Sewers and Drainage ..... 23,834.20
Amount to Statement ..... $117,002.81$
DETAIL 18
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT
1 Graham Bros. Delivery Truck ..... 926.20
1 Reo Speed Wagon Bus ..... 493.74
Amount to Statement ..... 1,419.94
DETAIL 19
TERMINAL EXCHANGE MEMBERSHIPThis represents membership fee in State of North Dakota
Terminal Exchange, is transferable and claimed as an asset.Amount to Mill Statements100.00
Amount to Elevator Statements ..... 100.00


| 7310 | Granite State Fire Ins. Co. <br> Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 50,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 162.50 | 31.26 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1041 | Continental Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 150,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 487.50 | 94.77 |  |
| 1212 | United States Fire Ins. Co.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 25,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 81.25 | 15.63 |  |
| 1206 | United States Fire Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 25,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 81.25 | 15.63 |  |
| 331695 | Mpls. F. \& M. Ins. Co.- | $25,000.00$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 174732 | Natdg. \& Equip.-Fire | 25,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 81.25 | 15.63 |  |
|  | Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | $50,000.00$ | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 162.50 | 31.26 |  |
| 2992 | Milwaukee Mechanics Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 50,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 162.50 | 31.26 |  |
| 101284 | Northwestern Nat'l Ins. Co.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 37717 | Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire .............. Queen City Fire Ins. Co.- | 25,000.00 | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 81.25 | 15.63 |  |
|  | Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire .............. | $75,000.00$ | 9-12-26 | 9-12-27 | 243.75 | 46.87 |  |
| 3360 | Phoenix Ins. Co. <br> Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 25,000.00 | 10-19-26 | 10-19-27 | 81.25 | 15.63 |  |
| 256574 | Standard Fire Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 25,000.00 | 6-14-27 | 6-14-28 | 81.25 | 77.69 |  |
| 2835 | Philadelphia F. \& M. Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 50,000.00 | 6-18-27 | 6-18-28 | 162.50 | 157.16 |  |
| - 5171 | St. Paul F. \& M. Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Fire | 200,000.00 | 6-20-27 | 9-12-27 | 149.50 | 131.72 |  |
| 932 | Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Ins. Co.Bldg. \& Equip.-Tornado | 1,800.000,00 | 5-27-27 | 5-27-30 | 1,620.00 | 872.06 | 697.64 |

PREPAID INSURANCE IN FORCE

## ON STATE MILL \& ELEVATOR PROPERTY <br> June 30, 1927 (Continued)

| Policy <br> Number | Company, Coverage, Kind | Amount | Date | Expires | Premium | Unearne Mill Dept. | Premium Elevator Dept. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 698640 | U. S. Fidelity \& Guar. Co. Auto-Pub. Liability | 20,000.00 | 1-1-27 | 1-1-28 | 155.76 | 68.88 | 9.00 |
| 6235 | U. S. Fidelity \& Guar. Co.-Auto-Liability | 20,000.00 | 1-1-27 | 1-1-28 | 118.00 , | 59.00 |  |
| 210834 | Ocean Accident \& Guar. Co.- | 20,000.00 |  |  |  | 9.00 |  |
|  | Employees-Liability ..... | 40,000.00 | 11-13-26 | 11-13-27 | 64.32 | 23.56 |  |
| 865 | Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Ins. Co.Local Elev.-Tornado | 6,750.00 | 4- 6-25 | 4-6-28 | 30.38 | 7.20 |  |
| 8420 | Indemnity Ins. Co.-Otis Elevator- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8070 |  | 20,000.00 | 11-13-26 | 11-13-27 | 85.80 | 15.84 | 15.84 |
|  | Grain-Fire | $300,000.00$ | 9-1-26 | 9-1-27 | 486.00 | 81.00 |  |
| 20023 | American Eagle Fire Ins. Co.Spot Stock-Fire $\qquad$ | 126,000.00 | 5-1-27 | Open |  |  |  |
| 14672 | Hartford Steam Boiler Ins. Co.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42019 | Property-Boiler Explosion .... Maryland Casualty Co.- | 25,000.00 | 2-1-26 | 2-1-29 | 231.00 | 121.92 |  |
| 230103 | Engine-Breakdown | 25,000.00 | 3-24-27 | 3-24-30 | 861.16 | 784.04 |  |
| 230103 | Fidelity-Phoenix Ins, Lake Cargo-Loss, or Damage | $50,000.00$ | 4-16-27 | 12-31-27 |  |  |  |



DETAIL 20
PREPAID INSURANCE IN FORCE
ON STATE MILL \& ELEVATOR PROPERTY
June 30, 1927
(Continued)

| Policy <br> Number | Company, Coverage, Kind |
| :--- | :--- |$|$

## DETAIL 21 PREPAID ADVERTISING

319 Sets of Dishes at $\$ 5.98$ per Set ..... 1,907.62
Superior and Duluth Advertising ..... 594.54
Milwaukee Advertising ..... $8,069.33$
Amount to Statement ..... 10,571.49
DETAIL 23
NOTES PAYABLE BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA
Date Loaned $\quad$ Date Due Interest Rate $\quad$ Amount
Dec. 21, 1923................ Demand..............6\%.............
$45,090.00$
Dec. 21, 1923 Demand............... $6 \%$ ..... 45,090.00
DETAIL 28
Accrued Interest on Note Dated Dec. 21, 1923 to June 30, 1927 ..... $4,280.50$
DETAIL 24GARGILL COMMISSION COMPANYOPTION ACCOUNT
Balance as Shown by Cargill Commis-
sion Co. Statement of June 30, 1927 3,806.83
Balance as per Mill Records ..... $3,806.83$
$\frac{3,806.83}{3,806.83}$
DETAIL 25ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
F. F. Burchard ..... 2,000.00
C. W. Doering ..... 79.11
E. J. Lourck Co. ..... 162.5051.722,293.33
DETAIL 26
RESERVE FOR BAD DEBTS
Statement Compiled From Jan. 1, 1927 to June 30, 1927Balance Jan. 1, 19278,676.00
Additional Reserve ..... 1,324.00Amount to Statement ….......... $10,000.00$

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10,000.00 \quad 10,000.00
$$

## DETAIL 27

## PREMIUM ON BONDS

Premium Received on Operating Bonds ..... 15,000.00
Premium Paid on Construction Bonds ..... 11,126.89
Amount to Statement ..... 3,873.11


## CONDITION OF WHEAT HEDGE

 June 30, 1927| Open Trades Loss to Stat ment $\qquad$ |  | 2,400.15 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 2,600.00 \\ \text { Long } \\ \text { Bushels } \end{gathered}$ | 2,600.00 <br> Short <br> Bushels |
| Wheat in Mill Bins as per |  |  |
| Weigh Up | 359414 |  |
| Flour in Mill Warehouse | 22865 |  |
| Flour at Spot Stocks | 6405 |  |
| $41 / 2 \mathrm{bu}$. wheat per bbl. on | 29270 Bbls. 131715 |  |
| Unfilled Flour Contracts 86221 |  |  |
| bbls. at $41 / 2$ bu. per bbl. rep- |  |  |
| resented in wheat ................... |  | 387995 |
| Mpls. July Options Sold |  | 21000 |
| Mpls. September Options Sold |  | 98000 |
| Cash Wheat Sold ..................... |  | 1400 |
| Balance (Short) ..................... | 17266 |  |
|  | 508395 | 508395 |

## DETAIL 30

## ACCRUED INTEREST ON CONSTRUCTION BONDS

$$
\text { To June } 30,1927
$$

Total Construction Bond Interest Jan.
1, 1922 to June 30, 1927 .....................
$946,000.00$
Less: Accrued Interest Received to
date of Bond Sale
$110,847.93$
Net Construction Bond Interest due State
$835,152.07$
Construction Bond Interest as Charged to Mill and Elevator Dept.
Construction Bond Interest Charged to Mill Department Dec. 31, 1926 .... 623,018.75
Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927 .......................... 63,066.67
Amount to Mill Dept. Statements 686,085.42
Construction Bond Interest Charged to Elevator Department to Dec. 31, 1926
$126,133.32$
Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927
22,933.33
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Amount to Elev. Dept. Statements } & 149,066.65 \\ \text { To Balance Amount Due State } & 835,152.07\end{array}$
Construction Bond Interest Charged are divided between the Mill and Elev. Department as follows:

Mill Department Charged with 22/30
Elevator Department Charged with $8 / 30$
This bond interest does not appear on Mill Records.

# DETAIL 31 <br> <br> ACCRUED INTEREST ON OPERATING BONDS 

 <br> <br> ACCRUED INTEREST ON OPERATING BONDS}

## To June 30, 1927

Total Operating Bond. Int. July 1, 1923 to June 30,
1927 ..... 345,000.00
Less: Accrued Interest Received to Date of Sales ..... 60,945.06
Net Operating Bond Interest Due State. ..... 284,054.94
Operating Bond Interest as Charged to Mill DepartmentOperating Bond Interest to Dec. 31, 1926240,929.94
Operating Bond Interest Jan. 1 to June 30, 1927. ..... 43,125.00

Amount to Statement

DETAIL 32

## STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA <br> DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT

Depreciation Charges Based on Book Values as at Jan. 1st, 1925
-

Buildings
Mill and Warehouse ............................. 511,129.81
Elev. Train Sheds .................................... 537,651.03
Storage Tanks
Power House. 383,100.15

Office Building 161,965.80

Machine Shops
76,741.94

Total Buildings
Bldg. Cost to Elev. Dept.
Bldg. Cost to Mill Dept.
Bacon Elevator
. Machinery

Mill Machinery
Power House Machinery
Elevator Dept. Machinery

20,073.26
1,690,661.99
$429,993.07$
1,260,668.92 7,647.33
488,899.04 339,120.05 367,130.41


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| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $1-1 / 3 \%-1 / 2$ | yr. |  | $2,866.62$ |
| $1-1 / 3 \%-1 / 2$ | yr. | $8,404.44$ |  |
| $5 \%-1 / 2$ yr. | 191.22 |  |  |
| $5 \%-1 / 2$ yr | $12,222.48$ |  |  |
| $4 \%-1 / 2$ | yr. | $6,782.40$ | $5,506.98$ |
| $3 \%-1 / 2$ | yr. |  |  |

## STATE MILL AND ELEV9TOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT <br> Depreciation Charges Based on Book Value as at Jan. 1st, 1925

 (Continued)

## DETAIL 33

STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTION BONDS OUTSTANDING

| Number | Issued | Rate | of Issue | Date |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bond | Date | Int. | Amount | Maturity |
| 1 to 500 | Jan. 1, 1922 | 51/2\% | 500,000.00 | Jan. 1, 1937 |
| 501 to 1000 | Jan. 1, 1922 | 51/2\% | 500,000.00 | Jan. 1, 1942 |
| 1001 to 1700 | Jan. 1, 1922 | 6 \% | 700,000.00 | Jan. 1, 1942 |
| 1701 to 2400 | Jan. 1, 1922 | 6 \% | 700,000.00 | Jan. 1, 1947 |
| 2401 to 3000 | Jan. 1, 1922 | 51/2\% | 600,000.00 | Jan. 1, 1947 |
| Amount | Statement |  | ,000,000.00 |  |

## DETAIL 34

## STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR

## MILL OPERATING BONDS OUTSTANDING

\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Bond } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Date }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Int. }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Amount } \\
\text { of }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Issue }\end{array}
$$ <br>
Maturity <br>

Number \& Issued\end{array}\right)\)| Rate |
| :---: |

Amount to Statement .................. $1,500,000.00$

## DETAIL 36

## SUMMARY OF BANK ACCOUNTS

Cash on Hand-Local Elevator.
229.88
First National Bank-Local Elevator Account......... $\quad$ 3,786.40
Northwestern National Bank-Grand Forks............ 16,786.29
First National Bank-Grand Forks
277.18
Bank of North Dakota-Bismarck 202.946.13
Amount to Statement
224,025.88

## RECONCILEMENT

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, GRAND FORKS
JUNE 30, 1927
Balance Shown by Bank Statement........
,837.29
Balance Shown by Local Elev. Books.... $3,786.40$
Checks Outstanding ................................. $1,050.89$
$4,837.29 \quad 4,837.29$

| Number | Amount |
| :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 11.75 |
| 12 | 318.93 |
| 1710 | 68.50 |
| 1725 | 9.75 |
| 1740 | 34.40 |
| 1743 | 57.55 |
| 1744 | 63.00 |
| 1746 | 2.75 |
| 1747 | 40.50 |
| 1748 | 297.00 |
| 1749 | 48.30 |
| 1750 | 98.40 |

RECONCILEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNTS ELEVATOR DEPARTMENT
NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL BANK, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

| Balance June 30 | own by Bank Statement, 1927. |  | 16,786.29 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance Books | Shown by Elevator Dept. | 16,786.29 |  |
|  |  | 16,786.29 | 16,786.29 |

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, GRAND FORKSBalance Shown by Bank StatementJune 30, 1927277.18Balance Shown by Elevator Dept.Books277.18277.18
277.18

## RECONCILEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNTS

## ELEVATOR DEPARTMENT

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA, BISMARCK
Balance Shown by Bank Statement
June 30, 1927. ..... $171,499.01$Balance Shown by Elevator Dept.Books including:
Deposit in Transit ..... 202,946.13Deposit in Transit$1,352.46$204,298.59 204,298.59

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 10,1928 <br> CHECKS OUTSTANDING

 185Number Amount
11992 ..... 26.64
12548 ..... 30.00
12549 ..... 30.00
12551 ..... 30.00
12561 ..... 42.50
12565 ..... 30.00
12566 ..... 30.00
12567 ..... 15.00
12568 ..... 30.00
12571 ..... 28.00
12573 ..... 23.36
12574 ..... 6.00
12575 ..... 1.53
12576 ..... 2.00
12577 ..... 175.00
12578 ..... 25.00
12579 ..... 125.00
12580 ..... 4.00
12581 ..... 15.00
12582 ..... 76.20
12583 ..... 70.17
12584 ..... 55.76
12585 ..... 51.35
12586 ..... 55.76
12587 ..... 36.25
12588 ..... 36.25
12589 ..... 36.25
12590 ..... 36.25
12591 ..... 21.25
12592 ..... 36.25
12593 ..... 36.25
12594 ..... 36.25
12595 ..... 28.00
12596 ..... 25.00
12597 ..... 14.50
12598 ..... 1.36
12599 ..... 30.33
Total ..... 1,352.46
DETAIL 37ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
Elevator Department
Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable ..... 30
Great Northern Railway Co. ..... 328.00
Alamo Farmers Elevator Co. ..... 2.00
Crocus Farmers Elevator Co. ..... 99.99
Farmers Grain Co., Grafton ..... 136.54
Farmers Elevator Co., Honeyford ..... 78.29
Farmers Grain Dealers Association ..... 83.67
D. J. Hennessy, Reynolds .....  50
Honeyford Supply Co. ..... 134.46
Knute Knutson, Reynolds ..... 86.62
Northwood Equity Elevator ..... 1,593.46
N. Dak. Board R. R. Commissioners ..... 252.01
C. E. Peterson, Reynolds ..... 89.66
Edwin Peterson, Crosby ..... 324.46
Reynolds Farmers Elev. Co. ..... 747.55
Quinn-Shepardson Co., Minneapolis ..... 1.50
Surrey Farmers Elevator ..... 1.50
Smith-Tyner Co., Oswego, Mont. ..... $4,860.80$
Amount to Statement ..... 8,821.31
Local Elevator
J. D. Bacon ..... 517.66
Ralph Lynch ..... 243.87
Hoover \& Olson ..... 684.40
E. K. Everson ..... 140.81

DETAIL 38
GRAIN INVENTORY-LOCAL ELEVATOR
June 30, 1927

DETAIL 39FURNITURE AND FIXTURES
Elevator Department
Balance Shown in the Ledger Account Jan. 1, 1927 ..... 517.50
Less: Depreciation to June 30, 1927 ..... 35.00
Amount to Statement ..... 482.50
DETAIL 40
AUTOS AND TRUCKS
Elevator Department
1-Used Light Delivery Truck-Purchased from Sorlie Motor Co. for Insp. Dept. ..... 233.65
1-Inspection Truck purchased from Mill Depart- ment ..... 252.45

486.10
Less: Depr. 6 mo . @ $25 \%$ per annum to January 1, 1926 ..... 60.76
425.34
Less: Depreciation 6 mo . @ $25 \%$ per annum to June 30, 1926 ..... 60.76
364.58
Less: Depreciation 6 mo . @ $25 \%$ per annum to Dec. 31, 1926 ..... 60.76303.82
Less: Depreciation 6 mo . @ $25 \%$ per annum to June 30, 1927 ..... 60.00
Amount to Statement ..... 243.82
DETAIL 41
ELEVATOR EQUIPMENT
Elevator Department
New Equipment Bought ..... 47.09
2 Burners for Moisture Tester ..... 22.60
Tap \& Dies for Shop ..... 50.00
New ..... 119.69
Old Balance ..... 727.02
846.71
Less: Depreciation June 30, 1926 ..... 94.71
Depreciation 6-30-26 to 12-31-26 ..... 752.00
Depreciation 1-1-27 to 6-30-27 ..... 35.00
Amount to Statement ..... 681.88

DETAIL 42
ELEVATOR DEPARTMENT

## CONSTRUCTION-ELEVATOR IMPROVEMENT

Permanent improvements were made to Terminal Elevator during year 1924, in amount of $\$ 1,420.13$. This was charged to Expense in audit report of Dec. 31, 1924, but change not made by Mill and Elevator management. This improvement was authorized by Board of Managers and should be charged to Capital Accounts.

1,420.13
Additions July 1, 1925 to Dec. 31, 1925 226.21

Total

1,646.34

Less: Sale of Lumber 63.35

Amount to Statement 1,582.99

DETAIL 43
STORAGE TICKETS OUTSTANDING
LOCAL ELEVATOR-June 30, 1927
WHEAT


## WHEAT PURCHASE CONTRACTS WITH MIDLAND GRAIN CO.-MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO. SHIPPED FROM WILLISTON


DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO. SHIPPED FROM WILLISTON

Station and Shipper


Williston, N. D.
F. Voll Elevator

Williston, N. D.-

$$
\text { 11- } 4 \quad 1.441 / 4
$$

$$
1442: 45
$$

F. Voll Elevator.

Williston, N. D.-

City Elevator $\qquad$ 14607
22961
City Elevator City Elevator

Williston, N. D.-
Farmers Elevator
Williston, N. D.-

Williston, N. D.-
Farmers Elevator. $\qquad$ 16284 32675 128129 128129

$$
1
$$

$2,078.7$
Add
$36.06 \quad 154.75$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
11-1 & 1.43
\end{array}
$$

$$
\text { 1454: } \begin{array}{llll}
1,948.08 & 1194 & 1.413 / 4
\end{array}
$$

Williston, N. D.-
City Elevator ............ 27918
Williston, N. D.-
Williston, N. D.-


Williston, N. D. -
Williston, N. D.-
Williston, N. D.
Williston, N. D.
Jamison Mill Co

Farmers Elevator.
Williston, N. D.-
Farmers Elevator.
11- $6 \quad 1.435 / 8$
1412:20
1,912.15 1268
1.44

2,010.14
$18.17 \quad 136.90$

8-28 $\quad 1.393 / 8$
1448:15
9-11 $1.381 / 2$
9-10 $1.36 \quad 1380$ :
10- $5 \quad 1.42 \frac{1}{2}$
$\begin{array}{lll}10.5 & 1.421 / 2 & 1428: 20\end{array}$
11-18 $\quad 1.38 \% / 8$
12- $9 \quad 1.401 / 4$
$9-14 \quad 1.40^{1 / 4}$
-1483:40
10-18 $\quad 1.44 \%$ 1472:35
-0.84 1062
$2,068.42 \quad 1095 \quad 1.26$
$2,154.88 \quad 1095 \quad 1.36$
$\begin{array}{lll}2,120.44 & 1095 & 1.36\end{array}$
2,201.11
2,134.02 Add
2,134.02. Add

DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO. SHIPPED FROM WILLISTON


DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO. SHIPPED FROM STANLEY, N. D.

| Station and Shipper | $\begin{aligned} & \text { H } \\ & \text { on } \\ & \text { zu } \\ & \text { H. } \\ & \text { H. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| stanley, N. D Arnold Brothers | 28954 | 8-26 | 1.42\%/8 | 1463:50 | 1,920.42 | 917 | 1.45 | 2,058.42 | Deduct | 31.10 | 106.90 |
| Stanley, N. D.- | 15037 | 8-26 | 1.427/8 | 1424:05 | 1,926.05 | 917 | 1.45 | 2,064.45 | Deduct | 30.26 | 108.14 |
| Stanley, N. D.Arnold Brothers | 16891 | 8-30 | 1.427/8 | 1432:10 | 1,914.02 | 917 | 1.45 | 2,069.03 | Deduct | 30.43 | 124.58 |
| Stanley, N. D.Arnold Brothers | 24746 | 8-30 | 1.39 | 1451:20 | 1,923.63 | 951 | 1.431/2 | 2,072.50 | educt | 65. | 3.57 |
| Stanley, N. D.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Arnold Brothers <br> Stanley, N. D.- | 28716 | 9-2 | 1.381/8 | 1429:45 | 1,916.39 | 1005 | 1.393/8 | 2,004.12 | Deduct | 17.87 | 69.86 |
| Arnold Brothers | 20351 | 8-31 | 1.383/4 | 1408:05 | 1,905.65 | 1005 | 1.39\% | 1,956.29 | Deduct | 8.80 | 41.84 |
| Stanley, N. D.-- | 46711 | 9-3 | 1.38 | 1770:05 | 2,320.95 | 1005 | 1.39 | 2,463.9 | Deduct | 19.91 | 123.09 |
| Stanley, N. D.- |  | 9 |  |  | 2,020.05 |  |  | 2,463.4 | Deduct | 19.91 | 123.09 |
| Arnold Brothers | 117318 | 9-7 | 1.363/4 | 1436:10 | 1,879.60 | 1005 | 1.39 \%/8 | 2,017.08 | Deduct | 37.69 | 99.70 |

DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO. SHIPPED FROM STANLEY, N. D.
(Continued)

| Stanley, N. D.- Arnold Brothers ........ 123795 | 11-19 | 1.361/2 | 1363: | 1,685.64 | 1268 | 1.44 | 1,873.60 | Deduct | 102.22 | 85.74 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stanley, N. D.- $\quad$ Arnold Brothers _ine.. 25 | 3-2 | 1.307/8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stanley, N. D.- | 3-24 | 1.3078 | 1334:05 | 1,567 | 1537 | 1.32\% | 1,891.06 | Deduct | 25.01 | 298.66 |
| Nelson Grain Co......... 15630 | 8-28 | $1.391 / 4$ | 1442:35 | 1,976.18 | 917 | 1.45 | 2,103.28 | Deduct | 82.94 | 44.16 |
| Stanley, N. D.- Nelson Grain Co......... 17794 | 8-28 | 1.391/4 | 1359: | 1,840.90 | 951 | $1.431 / 2$ | 1,960.44 | Deduct | 57.76 | 61.78 |
| Stanley, N. D.- ${ }_{\text {Nelson }}$ | 9-1 | 1.397\% | 1450:30 | 1,951.54 | 1005 | 1.39\% | 1 | A | 25 | 88.12 |
| Stanley, N. D.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nelson Grain Co....... 505512 | 9-1 | 1.397/8 | 1483:30 | 1,993.25 | 1005 | $1.393 / 8$ | 2,062.03 | Add | 7.41 | 75.49 |
| Nelson Grain Co........ 17738 | 9-1 | 1.397/8 | 1448:40 | 1,975.94 | 1005 | 1.393/8 | 2,027.98 | Add | 7.24 | 59.28 |
| Stanley, N. D.- ${ }_{\text {Nelson Grain }}^{\text {Gran }}$ Co....... 12163 | 10-15 | 1.431/8 | 1442:15 | 1,946.43 | 1194 | 1.41\% | 1,991.99 | Add | 19.83 | 65.39 |
| Stanley, N. D.-- Nelson Grain Co......... 13747 | 3-25 | 1.321/4 | 1468:10 | 1,802.55 | 1537 | 1.323/4 | 2,081.13 | Deduct | 7.34 | 271.24 |
| Totals |  |  | 36378:10 | 48124.26 |  |  | 50,930.0 |  |  |  |

DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO．SHIPPED FROM MISCEL．POINTS

| Station and Shipper |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Spring Brook－ <br> Fmrs Co－Op．Elev．．．． 22129 | 8－29－26 | 1.39 \％$/ 8$ | 1449.40 | 1，998．67 | 951 | 1．431／2 | 2，142．65 | Deduct | 59.80 | 84.18 |
| Spring Brook－－ | 8－29－26 | 1．39／8 | 1449.40 | 1，998． | 51 | 1.40 | 2，142． | Dedu | 59.80 |  |
| Fmrs Co－Op Elev．．．． 32492 | 12－21－26 | 1．427／8 | 1448： | 1，984．97 | 1303 | $1.361 / 2$ | 2，193．72 | Add | 92.31 | 301.06 |
| Spring Brook－ <br> Fmrs Co－Op Elev．．．． 39442 | 10－17－26 | 1．437／8 | 1468：30 | 2，059．34 | 1194 | $1.413 / 4$ | 2，120．71 | Add | 31.20 | 92.57 |
| Ray，N．D．－ |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2，120．71 | Add |  |  |
| Farmers Elevator．．． 25414 | 8－31－26 | $1.383 / 4$ | 1460： | 1，99532 | 1005 | $1.39 \% / 8$ | 2，087．34 | Deduct | 9.12 | 82.90 |
| Ray，N．D．－－ Farmers Elevator．．．． 19783 | 10－12－26 | $1.411 / 2$ | 1364：25 | 1，839．77 | 1141 | 1．411／8 | 1，919．51 | Add | 5.11 | 84.85 |
| Ray，N．D．－ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity Elevator．．．．．．． 16812 | 10－6－26 | $1.411 / 2$ | 1436：50 | 1，985．16 | 1095 | 1.36 | 2，040．26 | Add | 79.02 | 134.12 |
| Ray，N．D $\qquad$ <br> Equity Elevator．．．．．． 11897 | 10－18－26 | 1．44\％／8 | 1452： | 2，026．42 | 1194 | 1．413／4 | 2，079．97 | Add | 38.11 | 91.66 |
| Ross，N．D．－ | 10－18－26 | 1．44／8 | 1452. | 2，026．42 | 1194 | 1．41\％ | 2，079．97 | Add | 38.11 | 91.60 |
| Farmers Elevator．．． 27179 | 10－20－26 | 1．453／8 | 1660：05 | 2，212．54 | 1194 | $1.413 / 4$ | 2，316．96 | Add | 60.17 | 164.59 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ross, N. D.- } \\ & \text { Farmers Elevator.... } 32184 \end{aligned}$ | 11－17－26 | 1．37\％ | 1630： | 2，021．79 | 1268 | 1.44 | 2，246．41 | Deduct | 108.91 | 120.71 |


| Farmers Elevator.... 12091 | 12-22-26 | 1.427/8 | 1439: | 1,876.32 | 1303 | $1.361 / 2$ |  |  |  |  |
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| Ross, N. D. |  |  |  | 1,876.82 |  | $1.061 / 2$ | 1,860.64 | Add | 91.73 | 76.05 |
| Farmers Elevator.... 10696 Ross, N. D.- | 12-24-26 | 1.415/8 | 1513:15 ${ }^{\text { }}$ | 1,990.29 | 1303 | 1.36\%/4 | 1,987.01 | Add | 73.77 | 70.49 |
| Farmers Elevator.... 22975 | 1-15-27 | 1.411/8 | 1525:25 | 1,989.15 | 1303 | 1.36\%/4 | 2,265.24 | Add | 66.74 | 342.83 |
| Blaisdell, N. D.- Farmers Co-op...... 117719 | 10-1-26 | 1.45\%/8 | 1435:25 | 2,007.47 | 1141 | 1.411/8 | 2,024.74 | Add | 61.00 | 342.83 78.27 |
| Powers Lake, N. D.- |  |  |  | 2,007.47 | 1141 | 1.41/8 | 2,024.74 | Add | 61.00 | 78.27 |
| Farmers Equity..... 21 Powers Lake, N. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ ( | 8-27-26 | 1.407/8 | 1391: | 1,858.56 | 917 | 1.45 | 1,991.79 | Deduct | 57.40 | 75.83 |
| Farmers Equity...... 13744 Wildrose, N. D.- | 9-29-26 | 1.42 | 1517:30 | 2,047.93 | 1194 | 1.41\% | 2,104.94 | Add | 3.79 | 60.80 |
| Wuqity Elevator..... 131068 | 9-6-26 | 1.36 | 1701:05 | 2,204.68 | 1005 | 1.393/8 | 2,370.41 | Deduct | 57.41 | 108.32 |
| Wildrose, N, D.- | 8-31-26 | 1.38\%/4 | 1482:55 | 1,976.63 | 1005 | 1.393/8 | 2,062.33 | Deduct | 9.27 | 76.43 |
| Wildrose, N. D.-- ${ }_{\text {Equity }}^{\text {Elevator...... }} 16486$ | 8-31 | $1.383 / 4$ | 1519:50 | 2,000.16 | 1005 | 1.39\% | 2,062.03 | Deduct | 9.27 | 76.43 |
| Wildrose, N. D.- |  |  | 1519:50 | 2,000.1 | 1005 | 1.39\% $/ 8$ | 2,103.13 | Deduct | 9.50 | 93.47 |
| Equity Elevator...... 20441 <br> Wildrose, N D.- | 8-31 | 1.383/4 | 1559: | 2,051.85 | 1005 | $1.39 \mathrm{~s} / 8$ | 2,149.64 | Deduct | 9.74 | 88.05 |
| Equity Elevator...... 3343 orinth, N. D.- | 9-6 | 1.36 | 1619:20 | 2,073.27 | 1005 | $1.393 / 8$ | 2,240.77 | Deduct | 54.65 | 112.85 |
| Farmers Elevator... 106223 | 10-10 | 1.415/8 | 1367:15 | 1,749.32 | 1141 | 1.411/8 | 1,853.43 | Add | 6.84 | 110.95 |
| Appam, N. D. Farmers Elevator.... 25205 | 9-1 | 1.397/8 | 1415:50 | 1,922.32 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Appam, N. D. |  |  |  |  | 951 | 1.43 | 065. | Deduct | 51.32 | 91.48 |
| Farmers Elevator.... 23158 Appam, N. D. | 10-19 | 1.457/8 | 1409:45 | 1,894.86 | 1194 | 1.41 \%/4 | 1,973.67 | Add | 58.15 | 136.96 |
| Farmers Elevator.... 26558 | 11-12 | 1.40 $\% / 4$ | 1411:10 | 1,851.36 | 1268 | 1.44 | 1,952.46 | Deduct | 45.86 | 55.24 |

DETAIL LIST OF WHEAT PURCHASES FROM MIDLAND GRAIN CO. SHIPPED FROM MISCL. POINTS

| Station and Shipper | 9 ตัठ 낭흘를 $\$$ \% ค゙ㄹ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{n}{g} \\ & \stackrel{y}{m} \\ & \stackrel{y}{m} \\ & \stackrel{0}{2} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{z} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Appam, N. D. ${ }_{\text {Farmers }}$ | 11-24 | 1.37\% | 1412:40 | 1,761.58 | 1303 | $1.361 / 2$ | 1,862.73 | Add | 12.36 | 113.51 |
| Zahl, N. D.-- ${ }_{\text {Farmers }}$ | 7-31 | 1.67 | 1432:45 | 2,234.12 | 830 | 1.491/2 | 2,234.62 | Add | 250.73 | 251.23 |
| Zahl, N. D.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Farmers Elevator.... 24437 | 12-14 | $1.381 / 4$ | 1426:25 | 1,860.47 | 1303 | $1.361 / 2$ | 1,885.97 | Add | 24.96 | 50.46 |
| Farmers Elevator.... 22850 | 6-28 | 1.45 $3 / 4$ | 1411:20 | 2,071.94 | 830 | 1.491/2 | 2,184.08 | Deduct | - 52.88 | 59.26 |
| Totals |  |  | 41361:05 | 55546.26 |  |  | 58,320.25 |  |  |  |

$\left.\begin{array}{lcccccc} & & \text { Total } \\ & & & & \text { Average } & \text { Average } \\ \text { Aushels }\end{array}\right)$

## STATE MILL \& ELEVATOR-GRAND FORKS

Car Lot Flour Quotations-Local Price 20c Per Barrel Over Car Lot Flour Priced on Basis of 98-Lb. Cotton Sacks.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 7, | 1926........... 10.00 | 9.70 | 8.90 | 28.50 | 1.69 |
| Jan. 11 | ...................... 9.90 | 9.60 | 8.80 | 28.50 | 1.67\% |
| Jan. 21 | 9.80 | 9.50 | 8.70 | 28.50 | 1.66 |
| Jan. 28 | 10.00 | 9.70 | 8.90 | 28.50 | 1.68 |
| Feb. 6 | 9.80 | 9.50 | 8.70 | 27.50 | 1.65 |
| Feb. 8 | 9.60 | 9.30 | 8.50 | 27.50 | 1.615/8 |
| Feb. 13 | 9.40 | 9.10 | 8.30 | 26.25 | 1.58 \% |
| Feb. 23 | 9.60 | 9.30 | 8.50 | 26.25 | 1.617/8 |
| Feb. 25 | 9.30 | 9.00 | 8.20 | 26.25 | 1.58 |
| Mar. 2 | 9.00 | 8.70 | 7.90 | 25.00 | 1.515/8 |
| Mar. 11 | 9.40 | 9.10 | 8.30 | 24.00 | 1.55 |
| Mar. 17 | 9.40 | 9.10 | 8.30 | 24.00 | 1.551/2 |
| Mar. 22 | 9.00 | 8.70 | 7.90 | 24.50 | $1.483 / 4$ |
| Mar. 26 | 9.25 | 8.95 | 8.15 | 24.50 | 1.53\% |
| Apr. 1 | 9.05 | 8.75 | 7.95 | 24.50 | 1.50 |
| Apr. 9 | 9.05 | 8.75 | 7.95 | 24.50 | 1.52\% |
| Apr. 13 | 9.30 | 9.00 | 8.20 | 24.50 | 1.571/8 |
| Apr. 15 | 9.45 | 9.15 | 8.35 | 24.50 | 1.59\% |
| Apr. 22 | 9.35 | 9.05 | 8.25 | 26.50 | 1.581/8 |
| Apr. 24 | 9.25 | 8.95 | 8.15 | 26.50 | 1.557/8 |
| May 5 | 9.00 | 8.70 | 7.90 | 26.50 | 1.55 |
| May 14 | 8.90 | 8.60 | 7.80 | 26.50 | $1.531 / 8$ |
| May 20 | 9.00 | 8.70 | 7.90 | 26.50 | 1.551/2 |
| May 22 | 9.10 | 8.80 | 8.00 | 24.00 | 1.583/4 |
| May 27 | 8.95 | 8.65 | 7.85 | 24.00 | 1.543/4 |
| June 5 | 9.15 | 8.85 | 8.05 | 24.00 | $1.501 / 8$ |
| June 9 | 9.50 | 9.20 | 8.40 | 24.00 | 1.547/8 |
| June 10 | 9.35 | 9.05 | 8.25 | 24.00 | 1.531/8 |
| June 17 | 9.25 | 8.95 | 8.15 | 24.00 | 1.51\% |
| June 21 | 9.05 | 8.75 | 7.95 | 24.00 | $1.491 / 2$ |
| June 26 | 8.95 | 8.65 | 7.85 | 24.00 | 1.463/4 |
| July 7 | 9.50 | 9.20 | 8.40 | 24.00 | $1.601 / 2$ |
| July 16 | 10.20 | 9.90 | 9.10 | 23.50 | 1.71 |
| July 22 | 9.95 | 9.65 | 8.85 | 25.50 | $1.64{ }^{3 / 4}$ |
| July 23 | 9.85 | 9.55 | 8.75 | 25.50 | 1.62 |
| Aug. 2 | 9.75 | 9.35 | 8.65 | 25.50 | $1.505 \%$ |
| Aug. 3 | 9.60 | 9.30 | 8.50 | 25.50 | $1.503 / 8$ |
| Aug. 9 | 9.35 | 9.05 | 8.25 | 25.50 | 1.497/8 |
| Aug. 14 | 8.75 | 8.45 | 7.65 | 25.50 | $1.463 / 4$ |
| Aug. 17 | . 8.65 | 8.35 | 7.55 | 24.00 | $1.433 / 8$ |
| Aug. 19 | .. 8.75 | 8.45 | 7.65 | 24.00 | $1.461 / 8$ |
| Aug. 23 | -8.40 | 8.10 | 7.30 | 24.00 | $1.44{ }^{3 / 4}$ |
| Aug. 28 | -. 8.20 | 7.90 | 7.10 | 24.00 | $1.393 / 8$ |
| Sept. 7 | .. 8.10 | 7.80 | 7.00 | 23.00 | $1.361 / 4$ |
| Sept. 14 | ................... 8.20 | 7.90 | 7.10 | 23.00 | 1.411/8 |

## STATE MILL \& ELEVATOR-GRAND FORKS

Car Lot Price Flour Quotations-Local Price 20c. Per Barrel Over Car Lot Flour Priced on Basis of 98-Lb. Cotton Sacks.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept. 29 | 8.30 | 8.00 | 7.20 | 23.00 | 1.42 |
| Oct. 1 | 8.45 | 8.15 | 7.35 | 23.00 | $1.453 / 8$ |
| Oct. 6 | 8.30 | 8.00 | 7.20 | 24.00 | 1.411/2 |
| Oct. 18 | 8.45 | 8.15 | 7.35 | 24.00 | $1.443 / 8$ |
| Nov. 1 | 8.20 | 7.90 | 7.10 | 24.00 | 1.43 |
| Nov. 15 | 8.10 | 7.80 | 7.00 | 26.00 | 1.40 |
| Nov. 23 | 8.10 | 7.80 | 7.00 | 27.00 | 1.40 |
| Dec. 9 | 8.10 | 7.80 | 7.00 | 28.50 | 1.40 |
| Jan. 21, | 8.10 | 7.80 | 7.00 | 29.50 | 1.40 |
| Feb. 15 | 7.80 | 7.50 | 6.70 | 29.50 | $1.393 / 8$ |
| Mar. 19 | 7.50 | 7.20 | 6.40 | 29.50 | $1.323 / 8$ |
| Apr. 6 | 7.65 | 7.35 | 6.55 | 29.50 29.00 | $1.321 / 4$ |
| May 3 | 8.00 | 7.70 | 6.90 | 29.00 | $1.363 / 4$ |
| May 7 | 8.15 | 7.85 | 7.05 | 29.00 | $1.397 / 8$ |
| May 19 | 8.35 | 8.05 | 7.25 7.40 | 29.00 29.00 | 1.42 |
| May 23 | 8.50 | 8.20 | 7.40 | 29.00 29.00 | 1.441/2 |
| May 25 | 8.65 8.80 | 8.35 8.50 | 7.55 7.70 | 29.00 29.50 | 1.47\%8 |
| May 28 | 8.80 8.55 | 8.50 8.25 | 7.70 7.45 | 29.50 30.50 | 1.501/2 |
| June 23 | 8.30 | 8.00 | 7.20 | 29.00 | 1.407/8 |
| July 7 | 8.50 | 8.20 | 7.40 | 28.00 | 1.443/8 |
| July 9 | 8.70 | 8.40 | 7.60 | 28.00 | 1.46 |
| July 12 | 8.50 | 8.20 | 7.40 | 27.50 | $1.411 / 2$ |
| July 15 | 8.30 | 8.00 | 7.20 | 28.00 | 1.39 |
| Aug. 8 | 8.50 | 8.20 | 7.40 | 27.00 | 1.43 $3 / 8$ |
| Aug. 13 | 8.40 | 8.10 | 7.30 | 28.50 | 1.41\% |
| Aug. 24 | 8.20 | 7.90 | 7.10 | 29.25 | $1.371 / 4$ |
| Aug. 29 | 8.00 | 7.70 | 6.90 | 30.00 | 1.331/4 |
| Sept. 1 | 7.90 | 7.60 | 6.80 | 30.00 | $1.321 / 2$ |

STATEMENT OF FLOUR SALES TO SEABOARD FLOUR CORPORATION BOSTON, MASS., SHOWING LOSS ON SALES


# STATEMENT OF FLOUR SALES TO SEABOARD FLOUR <br> CORPORATION BOSTON, MASS., SHOWING LOSS ON <br> SALES <br> (Continued) 

|  | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & \text { on } \\ & \text { o } \\ & \text { If } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 9439 | May 20 | 1500 | Pride | 8.10 |  | 80 c | 8.90 | 90 c | 20c | 1.537/8 | 17c | 26c | 9.05 | 224.06 |  | 2,174.06 |
| 9445 | June 2 | 3500 | Pride | 8.25 |  | 80 c | 9.05 | 90 c | 20 c | 1,46 | 17 c | 26c | 8.69 |  | 1,242.50 | 3,307.50 |
| 9463 | June 18 | 10000 | Pride | 8.25 |  | 80 c | 9.05 | 90 c | 20c | 1.397/8 | 17 c | 26 c | 8.42 |  | 6,306.20 | 6,693.80 |
| 9466 | June 18 | 5000 | Warrior | 6.75 | 80c | 80 c | 8.35 | 90c | 20c | 1.381/8 | 17 c | 26 c | 8.34 |  | 46.90 | 6,453.10 |
| 9470 | June 24 | 5000 | Pride | 8.15 |  | 80 c | 8.95 | 90c | 20c | 1.49 | 17 c | 26c | 8.83 |  | 600.00 | 5,900.00 |
| 9473 | June 25 | 5000 | Warrior | 6.70 | 80 c | 80 c | 8.30 | 90 c | 20 c | 1.49 | 17 c | 26 c | 8.83 | 2,650.00 |  | 9,150.00 |
| 9473 | June 25 | 3000 | Old Pride | 8.15 |  | 80 c | 8.95 | 90 c | 20 c | 1.49 | 17c | 26c | 8.83 |  | 360.00 | 3,540.00 |
| 9473 | June 25 | 7000 | New Pride | 7.40 |  | 80c | 8.20 | 90 c | 20c | 1.49 | 17 c | 26c | 8.83 | 4,410.00 |  | 13,510.00 |
| 9930 | July 21 | . 5000 | Warrior | 6.85 | 80c | 75 c | 8.40 | 90 c | 20 c | $1.543 / 4$ | 15 c | 28 c | 9.02 | 3,093.75 |  | 9,593.75 |
| 9931 | July 21 | 5000 | Warrior | 6.85 | 80c | 75 c | 8.40 | 90 c | 20 c | 1.543/4 | 15 c | 28 c | 9.02 | 3,093.75 |  | 9,593.75 |
| 9942 | July 23 | 10000 | Warrior | 6.85 | 80c | 75 c | 8.40 | 90 c | 20 c | 1.493/8 | 15 c | 28c | 8.78 | 3,768.80 |  | 16,768.80 |
| 9951 | July 26 | 15000 | Pride | 7.85 |  | 75 c | 8.60 | 90 c | 20c | $1.51 \%$ | 15 c | 28 c | 8.88 | 4,256.25 |  | 23,756.25 |


| 9960 | July 29 | 5000 | Pride | 7.70 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9961 | July 29 | 5000 | Pride | 7.75 |
| 9965 | July 30 | 10000 | Pride | 7.85 |
| 9966 | July 30 | 5000 | Pride | 7.80 |
| 9971 | Aug. 4 | 10000 | Pride | 7.60 |
| 9997 | Aug. 21 | 10000 | Pride | 7.45 |
| 10102 | Aug. 24 | 5000 | Pride | 7.35 |
| 10111 | Aug. 31 | 10000 | Pride | 7.10 |
| 10142 | Sept. 14 | -15000 | Pride | 7.00 |
| 10143 | Sept. 14 | 15000 | Pride | 7.00 |
| 10179 | Sept. 30 | 5000 | Pride | 7.30 |
| 10581 | Nov. 30 | 25000 | Pride | 7.00 |
| Total |  | 242000 |  |  |





## FEDERAL STORAGE TICKETS OUTSTANDING <br> \section*{Wheat}

| Receipt |  |
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FEDERAL STORAGE TICKETS OUTSTANDING
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## SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION AS SHOWN BY MILL RECORDS <br> JANUARY 1, 1927 TO JUNE 30, 1927

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 150678 | 33168 | 4-33 | 6499948 | 2752900 | 9252848 | 9040680 | 311900 | 99732 |
| February | 115685 | 25418 | 4-33 | 4981928 | 2132100 | 7114028 | 6941100 | 271220 | 98292 |
| March | 133479 | 29120 | 4-35 | 5707520 | 2494000 | 8201520 | 8008740 | 299390 | 106610 |
| April | 157367 | 34263 | 4-36 | 6715548 | 2964000 | 9679548 | 9442020 | 345200 | 107672 |
| May | 132528 | 28827 | 4-36 | 5650092 | 2446300 | 8096392 | 7951680 | 297100 | 152388 |
| June ......... | 157375 | 34440 | 4-34 | 6750240 | 2940400 | 9690640 | 9442500 | 376240 | 128100 |
| Totals | 847112 | 185231 | 4-34 | 36305276 | 15729700 | 52034976 | 50826720 | 1901050 | 692794 |

STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA
STATEMENT OF HOUURS RUN BY MILL AS SHOWN BY MILL RECORDS

| Date | $\begin{gathered} \text { January } \\ \text { Hours Run } \\ \text { "A" "B" } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { February } \\ & \text { Hours Run } \\ & \text { "A" "B" } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { March } \\ & \text { Hours Run } \\ & \text { "A" "B" } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ \text { Hours Run } \\ \text { "A" } \end{gathered}$ |  | May Hours Run |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { June } \\ \text { Hours Run } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | "A" | "Bun" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | d | " |  |  | x ? x - |  |  |  |  | 24 | .... |  | 251/4 |  |
| 1 | .... | $\cdots$ | .... | 24 |  | 24 | .... | 25 | $\ldots$ | 23 |  | $233 / 4$ |
| 2 | .... |  | .... | 24 | 23 | . | .... |  | .... | 24 | 23 |  |
| 3 | $\ldots$ | 23 | $\ldots$ | 24 | 24 | . | .... | 23 | .... | 23 | 25 | .... |
| 4 | .... | 24 | $\ldots$ | 24 | 24 | $\ldots$ | .... | 24 | .... |  |  |  |
| 5 | $\ldots$ | 24 | .... | 25 | 241/2 | ... | .... | 24 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 23 |  |
| 6 | .... | 24 |  | .... | .... | .... | $\ldots$ | 24 | .... | .... | 24 |  |
| 7 | .... | 24 | 23 | $\ldots$ | .... | $\cdots$ | .... | 24 | .... | .... | 24 | .... |
| 8 | .... | 25 | 24 | $\ldots$ |  | .... | .... | 25 | .... |  | 24 |  |
| 9 | $\ldots$ |  | 24 | $\ldots$ | 23 | $\ldots$ | .... | 25 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 24 | $\ldots$ |
| 10 | .... | 23 | 25 | .... | 24 | .... | .... |  | 23 | .... | 24 | .... |
| 11 | $\ldots$ | 24 | .... | .... | 24 | -... | .... | 23 | 24 | .... | 25 | .... |
| 12 | .... | 24 | .... | .... | 25 | .... | .... | 24 | 24 | .... |  | .... |
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| 14 | $\ldots$ | 24 | 23 | .... | .... | .... | $\ldots$ | 24 | 25 | $\ldots$ | 24 |  |
| 15 | $\ldots$ | 25 | 24 | .... | .... |  | .... | 24 |  | ..... | 24 | ..... |
| 16 | $\ldots$ |  | 24 | .... | .... | 23 | .... | 23 | 23 | $\ldots$ | 24 |  |
| 17 | $\ldots$ | 23 | 24 | $\ldots$ | .... | 24 | . |  | 24 |  | 24 |  |
| 18 | $\ldots$ | 24 | 24 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 24 | .... | 23 | 24 | $\ldots$ |  | 28 |
| 19 | $\ldots$ | 24 | 25 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 25 | .... | $201 / 2$ | 24 | .... |  | .... |
| 20 | .... | 24 | .... | .... | ... |  | $\ldots$ | 24 | 24 | .... | 23 |  |
| 21 | $\ldots$ | 24 | .... | $\ldots$ | .... | 23 | $\ldots$ | 24 | 25 | … | 24 |  |
| 22 | $\cdots$ | 25 | $\cdots$ | .... | .... | 24 | .... | 24 | ... | .... | 24 |  |



## PALROLL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

## FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1927



## SALESMEN AND SALES FORCE

|  | o. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Knapp, Salesman | mo 1 | 175.00 |
| Huseby, Salesman | 175.00 mo .1 M | 175 |
| H. C. Upham, Salesm | 175.00 mo .1 M | 175.00 |
| B. D. Anderson, Sa | 175.00 mo .1 M | 175.00 |
| E. N. Everson, Salesman | 175.00 mo .1 Mo | 175.00 |
| H. A. Higgins, Sales | 125.00 mo . 1 Mo | 125.00 |
| R. J. McMahon, Salesman | 135.00 mo .1 Mo | 135.0 |
| O. N. J. Hagen, Salesman | 125.00 mo .1 Mo | 125.0 |
| Arthur O. Greenen, Sale | 125.00 mo 1 Mo | 125.0 |
| C. A. Bell, Salesman | 150.00 mo .1 Mo | 150.00 |
| A. W. Thompson, Sa | 125.00 mo 1 Mo | 125.00 |
| M. H. Reiten, Sales | 125.00 mo 1 Mo | 125.00 |
| Wheeler Smith, Ass't. Sales | 200.00 mo . | 200.00 |
| Helen Olson, Stenograp | 135.00 mo 1 | 135.00 |
| Esther Olson, Sten | 110.00 mo . | 110.00 |
|  | 100. | 100.00 |

## LABORATORY

L. H. Patton, Chief Chemist. 200.00 mo. 1 Mo. $\quad 200.00$
Carl B. Gustafson, Chemist 150.00 mo . 1 Mo .
150.00

## PAYROLL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1927



## POWER HOUSE



## PAYROLL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1927

| Officer of Employee <br> Position | Rate | Time <br> Served | Amount Paid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WAREHOUSE |  |  |  |
| A. S. Holt, Forema | 40.00 wk . | 4 wks. | 160.00 |
| John Raymond, Truck Driver | . 55 hr . | 4 wks. | 111.39 |
| Peter Heth, Truck Driver .... | . 55 hr . | 4 wks. | 113.03 |
| Dale Burwell, Truck Driver ........ | . 48 hr . | 19 days | 77.28 |
| R. Zeeman, Whse Man | .48 hr . | 4 wks. | 92.40 |
| H. M. Krogh, Whse Man | .48 hr . | 19 days | 75.84 |
| Sam Johnson, Whse Man | .48 hr . | 4 wks. | 96.00 |
| Chas. Robertson, Whse, Man | . 48 hr . | 4 wks. | 9432 |
| Carl Hanson, Whse. Man | . 48 hr | 4 wks. | 115.68 |
| J. S. Burwell, Whse. Man | .48 hr . | 4 wks. | 98.16 |
| H. B. Holman, Whse. Man | .48 hr . | 4 wks. | 95.04 |
| Hiram Sykes, Whse. Man | .48 hr . | 4 wks. | 98.64 |
| Oliver Hoff, Whse. Man | .48 hr . | 4 wks. | 92.64 |
| T. R. Lawler, Whse. Man | .48 hr . | 20 days | 83.04 |
| H. L. Hendrieckson, Whse. Man | . 48 hr . | 4 wks. | 94.80 |
|  |  |  | 1,498.26 |

## COMMON LABOR

| Norman Larson, | .40 hr . | wks. | 79.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Al. Erickson, Bus Driver ........... | 30.00 wk. 4 | wks. | 120.00 |
| A. J. Armstrong, Teamster | .50 hr .4 | wks. | 121.00 |
| Walter Jackson, Janitor . | 20.00 wk. 4 | wks. | 80.00 |
|  |  |  | 400.00 |

## LOCAL ELEVATOR

August Kludt, Grain Buyer ........ $150.00 \mathrm{mo} 1 \mathrm{Mo} \quad 150.00$
Total Payroll, Mill Department................................12,971.02

## ELEVATOR DEPARTMENT OFFICE

H. M. Webster, Elev. Manager........ 350.00 mo 1 Mo. 350.00

Thomas J. Brown, Gr. Inspector........ 250.00 mo. 1 Mo. 250.00
Darwin Bodahl, Accountant............. 185.00 mo .1 Mo .185 .00
M. M. Darling, Ass't. Buyer.............. 50.00 mo . 1 Mo. 50.00

Mrs. H. G. Allen, Stenographer.... 25.00 wk 4 wks. 100.00
Al. Erickson, Bus Driver .................. 8.00 mo . 1 Mo. 8.00

## PAYROLL OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1927

| Officer of Employee Position |  | Time Served | Amount Paid |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ELEVATOR LABOR |  |  |  |
| A. F. Dietzler, Elev. Foreman. | 200.00 mo . | wks. | 194.21 |
| Ed. Everson, Millwright. | 42.50 mo . | 4 wks. | 178.85 |
| M. C. Adams, Weighmaster | 200.00 mo . | 4 wks. | 194.21 |
| A. C. Remage, Weighmaster | 30.00 mo . | wks. | 126.25 |
| Carl Nelson, Common Labor. | 5.00 day | wks. | 126.25 |
| Amund Nelson, Common Labor.... | 5.00 day | wks. | 126.25 |
| L. Unristianson, Common Labor | 5.00 day | wks. | 126.25 |
| Roy Kerr, Common Labor. | 5.00 day | wks. | 126.25 |
| W. J. McDonald, Sweeper | 5.00 day | 4 wks. | 126.25 |
| Paul Mathews, Sampler | 5.00 day | 4 wks. | 126.25 |
| Hugh Everson, Night Watchman | 28.00 mo . | wks. | 112.00 |
|  |  |  | 689 |

## DISTRIBUTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL EXPENSE

January 1, 1927, to June 30, 1927
Grand Forks. Commercial Club Traffic Service and
Dues ........................................................................ 710.20
Freight and Expense ...................................................... 131.17
Magazines, Papers and Business Service...................... 358.60
Track Maintenance .......................................................... 81.92
Dinners and Lunches for Salesmen and Bakers
during meeting .................................................... 89.95
Filing \& Registration Fees ........................................... 1.00
Laundry ........................................................................... 24.63
Miscellaneous Supplies ...................................................... 21.50
Legal Fees ….................................................................... 25.00
Governors Luncheon ........................................................ 10.50
Pictures .............................................................................. 17.00
Otis Elevator Service ..................................................... 18.00
K. C. Nelson, Traveling Expense .................................. 160.35
M. Darling, Traveling Expense .................................... 40.54

Mr. Spencer's Traveling Expense .................................... $\quad 84.00$
Mr. Hanson's Traveling Expense ................................. 45.62
Auto License and Transfer Fees .................................. 4.00
P. O. Box Rent ................................................................. 3.00

1 Doz. Pearl Handled Knives with purses.................... 37.65
Bond for Minnesota Warehouseman.................................. 20.00
Membership National Chamber of Commerce........... 25.00
Mr. Spencer Rotary Club Dues ................................... 17.60
Dues Grand Forks Credit Men's Association............ 29.00
Contribution to N. D. Retail Men's Association........ 25.00
Dues and Fees to N. Dak. Grain Dealers..................... 25.00
$2,006.23$
Less: Recovery on Sax Cleaned.................. 5.00
Recovery on Telephone \& Teleg. Charges 5.00
Miscellaneous Collections ............................ 10.00
20.30

Total Charges to Miscellaneous Gen. Account.... 1,985.93

| Purchased From |  |  |  | $\stackrel{\text { g }}{\text { ® }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commission Companies: |  |  |  |  |
| Midland Grain Co. <br> Smith-Tyner Co | 7,241-30 | $\begin{aligned} & 21,590-25 \\ & 33,936-10 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{38,836-10}^{28,835}$ | $43,603.30$ 52,274 |
| Cargill Commission Co. | 27,031-30 |  | ${ }_{27,031-30}$ | ${ }^{58,636.92}$ |
| Levant Elevator Co. ... | ${ }_{31,226-30}$ | 8,191-30 | 39,418 | 58,916.28 |
| McCabe Bros. Co. | 1,447-40 | 2,777 | 4,224-40 | 6,296.25 |
|  | - 68.4888 -50 |  | 93,045 $68,498-50$ | $140,217.18$ $99,237.35$ |
| Salyards Grain Co. | 31,687-05 | 39,044-55 | 70,732 | 104,375.99 |
| Patton \& Kjose Co. |  | 37,240-30 | 37,240-30 | 57,127.33 |
| McCaull-Dinsmore Co. | 3,078 |  | 3,078 | 4,704.06 |
| Atwood Larson Co. | 1,412-10 |  | 1,412-10 | 2,135.90 |
|  | 513-40 |  | 513-40 | 763.44 |
| Total Purchased From Commission Companies.. | 199,015-25 | 208,946-40 | 407,962-05 | 608,288.04 |
| Farmers and Independent Elevator Companies.... | 276,015-25 |  | 276,015-25 | 407,329.85 |
| Individuals | - ${ }^{59,2957-25}$ | 975-50 |  | 7,672.22 |
| Local "B" Elevator | 11,376-45 |  | 11,376-45 | 15,546.38 |
| Marquis Milling Co. |  | 11,281-40 | 11,281-40 | 17,895.55 |
| Total Wheat Purchased | 521,020-15 | 221,204-10 | 742,224-25 | 1,100,215.97 |

STATE MILL AND ELEVATOR-LABORATORY DE-
PARTMENT STATEMENT OF PROTEIN TESTS INCOME
JAN. 1, 1927, TO JUNE 30, 1927
Amount
Collected by Laboratory for Protein Tests made Jan. 1, 1927 to June 30, 1927 ..... 727.00
Collected by Elevator Department ..... 18.50
Collected by Mill Department on Purchase of Grain on which tests were made ..... 89.50
Total Collected for Protein Tests ..... 835.00
Collected from Gluten Tests ..... 6.75
Total Collected for Laboratory Tests. ..... 841.75
Number
of Tests
Tests Collected for at 50 c each ( $\$ 835$ ) collected. ..... 1670
Tests made free for the Mill Department. ..... 1679
Tests made by the Laboratory for individuals the charge for which is uncollectable ..... 81
Total Protein Tests Made During Period.... ..... 3430

Hon. Geo. Shafer,

Hon. John Steen,
Hon. Robert Byrne,
Members State Board of Auditors:
Bismarck, North Dakota.
Gentlemen:
Pursuant to your instructions I have visited the office of I. S. Joseph at Minneapolis, who is president of the I. S. Joseph Company and also the president of the Midland Grain Company of Minneapolis, for the purpose of examining their records pertaining to the purchase of mill feed from the State Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks by the I. S. Joseph Company, and the sale of wheat to the State Mill by the Midland Grain Company, in compliance with the request of I. S. Joseph and Governor A. G. Sorlie, Manager of the State Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks, N. Dak.

## FEED SALES TO I. S. JOSEPH CO.:

Contracts were entered into for the sale and delivery of 11,300 tons of mill feed during the months of July and September, 1926, to the I. S. Joseph Company of Minneapolis, at a price of $\$ 21.00$ per ton, F. O. B. Minneapolis, as listed in detail in my audit report of the State Mill and Elevator of June 30, 1927.

It was later found that the State Mill was unable to supply the feed required to fill these contracts, and it became necessary for the State Mill to enter into an agreement with the I. S. Joseph Co. for a cancellation of a part of these contracts, and 1522 tons of feed so contracted for delivery at Minneapolis by the State Mill was caneelled at an agreed cancellation penalty of $\$ 7.00$ per ton, to bepaid the I. S. Joseph Co. by the State Mill. This cancellation figure was based on the agreed feed price at dates of cancellation of $\$ 28.00$ per ton; i. e., that the prevailing market price at date of cancella-
tion was $\$ 7.00$ per ton higher than the contract price. On this basis a total sum of $\$ 10,654.00$ was paid the I. S. Joseph Co. by the State Mill.

I was given full access to the I. S. Joseph Co. records of their feed purchases during the months of July and September, 1926, and from my examination of them I found that this company had purchased feed of Minneapolis mills at prices corresponding closely to the prices paid the State Mill, quality considered.

The State Mill bran contracts called for "pure spring wheat bran", which at date of sales appears to have been worth about 50 c per ton more than the standard bran on the market. The Standard Middlings called for in the State Mill contracts had the same market value as middlings purchased from other mills by the I. S. Joseph Co., as near as I was able to learn, and in my comparisons of prices I considered pure bran at a value of 50 c over standard, and the State Mill standard middlings equal to standard middlings purchased from Minneapolis mills.

The I. S. Joseph Co. feed purchases from Minneapolis mills, during the period covered, in many cases provided for earlier delivery dates than State Mill contracts, which is considered by the trade in determining the price.

The feed purchases of the I. S. Joseph Co., from Minneapolis mills, as shown by their records for the month of July, 1926, appear to average a little below the amount paid the State Mill, (but these were largely for immediate or early date shipment), while their September purchases from Minneapolis mills average a little higher than the price paid the State Mill.

The general feed purchases of the I. S. Joseph Co., appeared to average slightly below the Minneapolis market quotations, which may be due to quantities purchased, the I. S. Joseph Co. purchases referred to running from 200 tons to 1500 tons, while the Minneapolis market quotations are for car lots.

The following tabulation shows the market quotations at the State Mill, Grand Forks, and the market quotations taken from the "Daily Market Record," a Minneapolis daily publication' devoted to the grain trade, Elevator and Milling industry, and recognized by the trade as authority on markets.


In an effort to examine the I. S. Joseph Co. feed purchases for the months of February and May, 1927, (for the purpose of comparing purchase prices at that time with the cancellation charges to the State Mill), I was denied access to their feed purchase records for this period on their theory that it was unfair to use the same method for determining the cancellation price as the purchase price. Mr. Joseph and his assistants picked the vouchers from the files that they wanted me to see, and informed me those were all the invoices I would be permitted to examine. In my opinion this method could not be used in making a fair average of their purchase prices for comparison with the cancellation price used. Since their records for this period were not all available for my inspection, I considered none of them in connection with my comparisons to determine the justification of the cancellation price of $\$ 7.00$ per ton paid the I. S. Joseph Co. by the State Mill for the 1522 tons of feed undelivered.

The market quotations at the State Mill and at Minneapolis as quoted by the Daily Market Record is as follows:


It will be noticed from the above that the cancellation price agreed upon was very close to the Minneapolis feed price quotations.

Considerable stress has been placed upon the fact that the I. S. Joseph Co. has been very lenient with the State Mill in permitting the State Mill to fill some of its contracts long after they had matured, or at the convenience of the Mill. This action on the part of the I. S. Joseph Co. was due to the fact that State Mill Contracts Nos. 10,158 and 10,159, respectively, calling for 500 tons of pure bran and 500 tons of standard middlings, provided that no cancellation penalty should be imposed on these two contracts, and that they might be filled at the convenience of the State Mill.

## THE MIDLAND GRAIN CO., MINNEAPPOLIS:

With reference to the proposed investigation of the dealings of the Midland Grain Co. of Minneapolis with the State Mill and Elevator, as requested by I. S. Joseph, president of that company in his letter of August 30, 1927, to Governor Sorlie:

I was informed by I. S. Joseph, President, and David S. Levin, Vice-President and Secretary of the Midland Grain Co., that they would not permit me to examine their accounts, but would furnish me with a financial statement of their business as a whole, to be prepared by auditors of their own selection, showing their net profits for the year to have been a

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little over $\$ 7,000.00$; that such a statement should be sufficient proof that they did not make excessive profits on the wheat sold to the State Mill. When I informed them we had no interest in the profits of their general business, but only their dealings with the State Mill, I was informed I would get their financial statement as prepared by their auditors, and nothing more.

Being denied an opportunity to examine the records of the Midland Grain Co., I have nothing further to report to your board, on the dealings of this company at this time.

> Respectfully submitted, Public Auditor and Accountant.

Bismarck, N. Dak.
Oct. 27, 1927.
The courtesies of the floor were extended to John A. Storman of Rolla, No. Dak.

Mr. McCay moved that we do now adjourn and the House stood adjourned.
C. R. VERRY,

Chief Clerk.

## SECOND DAY

House of Representatives,<br>Bismarck, North Dakota,<br>January 11, 1928.

The House assembled at 2:00 o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment taken. Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Fred E. Klein.
Roll call.
All members present except: Absent, Worner.
Speaker John W. Carr appoints the following members to act with a like committee of the Senate;

Traynor, chairman; Peters, Aljets, Muus, Martin, Cox, McManus, Twichell, Swendseid, Brown of Adams, Streich, Freeman, Swett, Rulon, Bubel, Montgomery, Fowler.

## PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS AND

## PETITIONS

A resolution from the South Viking Farmers Union local was read and referred to the Committee on Livestock.

A letter was read from G. W. Staigle of Hensler, N. Dak., asking that legislation be enacted relative to tax on dogs. Referred to the Committee on Livestock.

A communication was received from John T. Grimes of Ryder, No. Dak., condemning the Storage Act on grain passed at the last legislative session. Referred to the Committee on Warehouses and Grain Grading.

## MESSAGES TO THE SENATE

> House Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 11, 1928.

Mr. President: I have the honor to inform you that the House has appointed the following members to act with a
committee of the Senate to consider the message of the Governor:

Traynor, chairman; Peters, Aljets, Muus, Martin, Cox', McManus, Twichell, Swendseid, Brown of Adams, Streich, Freeman, Swett, Rulon, Bubel, Montgomery, Fowler.

Very respectfully,
C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

> Senate Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota,
> January 11, 1928.

Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to inform you that the Senate has appointed the State's Affairs Committee of the Senate to act in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed in the House relative to the Governor's message.

Very respectfully,
W. D. AUSTIN, Secretary.
Courtesies of the floor were extended to B. W. Northridge, Valley City, N. D.; O. W. Pagel, Valley City, N. D.

Mr. Trubshaw moves that we adjourn. Motion prevails and the House adjourns.
C. R. VERRY,

Chief Clerk.

## THIRD DAY

> House of Representatives, Bismarck, North Dakota,

> January 12, 1928.

The House assembled at 2:00 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Fred E. Klein.
Roll call.
All members present except: Conway, Erickson of Kidder, Johnson of Foster and Peters.

The Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal have carefully examined the Journal of the First Day and recommend that the same be corrected as follows:

In line 3 at the botton of page 3, strike out the period after the word "Ehr," and insert the following words: "seconded the nominations."

Line 2 at the bottom of Page 3, strike out the name "Olafson" and insert in lieu thereof the name "Streich."

On Page 7, in Line 17, strike out the word "Steedsman" and insert in lieu thereof the word "Muus."

On Page 9 on Line 17, insert the word "and" after the word "engrossing."

On Page 6, Line 17, strike out the word "Cox" and insert in lieu thereof the name "Johnson of Traill."

On Page 5, right after Line 2, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to Speaker-elect John W. Carr by Chief Justice Nuessle."

At the end of Line 16 on Page 6, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to C. R. Verry, Chief Clerk."

On Page 7, Line 16, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to Mr. E. A. Anderson."

On Page 8, Line 17, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to LaVerne Hansen."

On Page 9, at the end of Line 15, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to Mr. W. H. Pray."

On Page 10, at the end of Line 16, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to Mr. John P. Tucker."

On Page 48, Line 13, strike out the period after the first figure "seven" and insert in lieu thereof a "comma."

On Page 14, at the end of Line 22, insert the following: "The oath of office was administered to K. Kronhovd, O. L. Mennes, Helen Theurer, Margaret Sheehan, Joyce Roberts, John Ulsrud, Joe Goddard, E. D. Skinner, W. F. Reko, A. C. Nedrud, C. A. Rust and Peter Schantz."

On Page 14, Line 4 from the bottom of page, strike out the figure "three" and insert the figure "two."

On Page 3, Line 3 from the bottom of page, strike out the word "Streich" and insert the name "Olafson."

In Page 10, Line 17, correct spelling of the name "McGauvran."

On Page 13, Line 21, capitalize the word "Ward."
On Page 37, just ahead of Line 4, insert the following: "Report of Select Committee relative to number of Journals to be printed each day."

And when so corrected recommend that the same be approved.

## H. H. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Mr. H. H. Roberts moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal have carefully examined the Journal of the Second Day and recommend that the same be corrected as follows:

In Line 4 in the third paragraph of Presentation of Communications and Petitions, strike out the "comma" and insert in lieu thereof the word "and" and strike out the word "and" in the same line following Grain.

On Page 2 in the third line insert a "comma" after the name "Aljets."

On the last paragraph on Page 2, strike out the one letter " J " in the word "adjourn."

And when so corrected recommend that the same be approved.

## H. H. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Mr. H. H. Roberts moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

A communication from the County Commissioners of Ward and Burke Counties relative to an additional appropriation for the Des Lacs Lake Federal Aid Project $303-A$, was read and referred to the Committee on Highways and Bridges.

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem make the following report: Your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem wishes to report that we have carefully checked over the mileage of all members and make the following report:


| Name | 豙 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ni } \\ & \dot{z} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { zi } \\ & \dot{\sim} \end{aligned}$ | - |  | 葉 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gudmestad, Thos. |  | 532 |  |  | 10 | 54 |
| Halcrow, J. ....... |  | 780 |  |  |  | 78 |
| Hanson, Theodore |  | 388 | 406. |  |  | 79 |
| Hauge, A. ........ |  | 472 |  | 52 |  | 524 |
| Helbling, E. H. |  |  |  |  | 50 | 50 |
| Henrickson, J. H. |  | 526 |  |  | 24 | 550 |
| Hildebrand, F. G. |  |  |  | 220 |  | 220 |
| Hoffman, G. W. |  | 388 | 314 |  |  | 708 |
| Holthusen, J. D. | 112 | 388 |  |  | 12 | 512 |
| Iverson, E. E. (Griggs) |  | 396 |  |  |  | 408 |
| Iverson, B. (McKenzie) |  | 552 | 98 |  |  | 652 |
| Jardine, J. A. |  | 388 |  |  |  | 390 |
| Johnson, E. F. (Foster) |  | 324 | 36 |  |  | 366 |
| Johnson, P. O. C. (McKenzie) |  | 552 | 98 138 |  |  | 538 |
| Johnson, C. E. (Traill) |  | 388 | 138 |  | 12 | 53 |
| Johnson, R. A. (Ward) |  |  |  | 508 |  | ${ }^{5} 724$ |
| Johnston, A. |  | 204 |  |  |  | 214 |
| Kamrath, Wm. |  |  |  | 280 |  | 292 |
| Kapfer, H. G. |  |  |  | 280 | 18 |  |
| Keidel, Chas. |  | 190 |  |  |  | 198 |
| Kierleber, Peter |  | 190 |  | 116 |  | 116 |
| Kelly, M. W |  | 120 |  |  | 14 | 134 |
|  |  |  |  | 370 | 30 | 400 |
| Lee, C. N |  | 220 |  |  |  | 228 |
| Levin, Aaron |  | 388 | 286 |  |  | 674 |
| Lillehaugen, M. T. |  | 388 | 308 |  | 24 | 720 |
| Lofthus, Richard |  | 388 | 192 |  |  | 588 |
| Lynch, M. H. |  |  |  | 404 |  | 404 |
| Lyon, Frank J. |  |  |  | 248 |  | 26 |
| McCay, J. H. | 134 | 230 |  |  | 12 | 376 |
| McDowall, Hugh |  | 388 | 8 |  |  | 780 |
| McGauvran, J. |  | 388 | 340 |  |  | 740 |
| McGinnis, Mary E. |  | 204 |  |  | 16 | 20 |
| McManus, James |  | 388 | 44 |  |  | 834 |
| Martin, 0. C. . | 60 | 270 |  |  | 24 | 18 |
| Meidinger, J. A. |  |  |  |  |  | 18 |
| Miller, C. A. ... |  | 338 |  |  | 6 | \% |
| Montgomery, R. C. |  | 272 |  | 218 |  | 490 |
| Mus, Einar |  |  |  | 508 |  | 508 |
| Olafson, J. K |  | 388 | 316 | 90 | 10 | 12 |
| Oberg, O. S |  | 468 |  | 90 | 10 | 100 |
| Opdahl, C. H |  | 468 |  |  | 18 | 74 |
| Owings, R. A. |  |  | 114 |  | 12 | 546 |
| Peters, D. L. |  | 440 |  |  | 12 | 452 |
| Plath, J. G |  | 268 |  | 162 | 16 | 446 |
| Polfuss, J. | 226 | 524 |  |  | 26 | 776 |
| Quam, John |  | 232 |  |  |  | 232 |
| Rabe, Herman |  | 202 |  |  | $62$ | 62 |


| Name | B | a zi | z |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Richardson, L. 0. | 288 | 520 |  |  | 12 | 82 |
| Roberts, H. H. |  | 304 |  |  |  | 3 |
| Rulon, A. J. |  | 204 |  |  |  |  |
| Shurr, F. J. |  |  | 90 | 508 |  |  |
| Signalness, R. 0. |  | 552 | 98 |  |  |  |
| Siverson, R. J. |  |  | 242 |  |  | 8 |
| Sleight, T. E. |  |  |  | 260 |  | 2 |
| Sperry, L. W |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Standley, I. |  | 388 | 120 |  |  | 5 |
| Steedsman, D. |  | 388 | 218 |  |  | 62 |
| Swendseid, R. E |  |  | 104 | 508 |  | 6 |
| Streich, C. F. |  | 388 | 578 |  |  | 98 |
| Swett, Herbert |  | 227 |  | 27 |  | 2 |
| Svingen, C. O. |  | 400 | 518 |  |  | 9 |
| Thatcher, W. A |  | 272 |  |  |  |  |
| Thatcher, W. A. |  | 400 | 518 |  |  | 9 |
| Thompson, J. M. (Burleigh) |  |  |  | 54 | 2 |  |
| Thompson, S. W. (Ramsey) |  | 388 | 334 |  |  | 72 |
| Traynor, E. ................... |  | 388 | 334 |  |  | 77 |
| Treffry, W. W. |  | 324 |  |  |  | 33 |
| Trubshaw, P. R. |  | 280 |  |  |  | 28 |
| Tweten, J. T. |  | 388 | 454 |  |  | 84 |
| Twichell, L. L. |  | 388 |  |  |  | 38 |
| Van Berkom, A. |  |  | 158 | 508 |  | 67 |
| Veitch, E. E. |  | 388 | 190 |  |  | 57 |
| Watt, Wm. |  | 446 |  |  | 14 | 48 |
| Wedel, H. ...... |  | 374 |  |  |  | 37 |
| Westford, J. E. |  | 388 | 554 |  |  | 194 |
| Wilson, I. J. | 60 | 270 |  |  | 22 | 35 |
| Worner, George | 96 | 388 |  |  | 36 | 52 |
| Yeater, R. A. |  |  |  |  | 100 | 10 |
| Zimmerman, J. F. |  | 182 |  |  |  | 18 |

We have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same be approved, the reading of the schedule be dispensed with, and that the same be printed in the Journal.

## JOSEPH McGAUVRAN, <br> Chairman. <br> J. M. THOMPSON, JOHN QUAM.

Mr. McGauvran moves that the report be adopted.
Which motion prevailed.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Brown of Adams nominated Mike Halsey as telephone messenger and assistant mailing clerk.

Mr. Burns nominated V. A. Corbett as proofreader.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of Mike Halsey as telephone messenger and assistant mailing clerk and V. A. Corbett as proofreader, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 107; nays, 1 ; absent and not voting, 5 .

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Rabe |
| Bell | Jardine | Renner |
| Boekel | Johnson, McKenzie | Rehichardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Traill | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Ward | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnston | Shurr |
| Bubel | Kamrath | Signalness |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Siverson |
| Burns | Keidel | Sleight |
| Butt | Kierleber | Sperry |
| Carlson | Kelly | Standley |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, McLean | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Fedje | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Ferris | MeCay | Traynor |
| Fettig | McDowall | Treffry |
| Flom | MeGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Fowler | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Freeman | MeManus | Twichell |
| Frojen | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Gilchrist | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Gudmestad | Miller | Wedel |
| Halcrow | Montgomery | Westford |
| Hanson | Muus | Wilson |
| Hauge | Oberg | Worner |
| Helbling | Olafson | Yeater |
| Henrickson | Opdahl | Zimmerman |
| Hildebrand | Owings | Mr. Speaker |
| Hoffman | Plath |  |
|  |  |  |

Those voting in the negative were:
Messrs.
Watt
Absent and not voting:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Conway | Johnson, Foster | Steedsman |
| Erickson, Kidder | Peters |  |

So the above named persons were duly elected.

The oath of office was administered to Mike Hasley and V. A. Corbett by Speaker John W. Carr.

Mr. Renner moved that a committee, consisting of three members, be appointed to prepare and introduce suitable memorial resolutions on the death of Jacob Bollinger and any other deceased ex-members of this House, which motion was duly carried.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Renner, Mr. Opdahl and Mr. Olafson as such committee.

Mrs. Craig moved that all absent members be excused, which motion prevailed.

The following Concurrent Resolution was introduced by Representative Swett:

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate have adopted a Resolution providing for the appointment of a Special Joint Committee, to consist of seventeen members of the House, appointed by the Speaker, and the State Affairs Committee of the Senate, for the purpose of considering the Governor's Message; and,

WHEREAS, such Joint Committee after conference deems it necessary that its authority and powers should be made more specific in order to enable it to properly perform its functions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the said Joint Committee be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to examine into and investigate any and all official reports, departments, boards and industries of the State of North Dakota referred to in the Governor's Message, including the North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association, and to report its findings and recommendations in respect thereto to the Legislature; to summon and subpoena such witnesses and require their testimony under oath, as the Joint Committee shall require; to require any person, firm or corporation doing business within the State of North Dakota, to produce for examination upon the order of the Joint Committee any books, records, documents, reports and other written data as it may deem necessary; to require any State official, State employee, or any officer or employee of any department, board, institution, or industry of the State, to appear and give such information, data, reports and documents as the Committee may desire; to require any State department, State Board, State Institution, or Industry to produce any books, records, reports, files and other data as the Committee may determine; to employ such legal assistance, and such accountants, clerks, stenographers and other assistants as the Committee may deem necessary; to incur such expense in the performance of its duties as the Committee may deem to be necessary and proper and to adopt such rules of procedure to facilitate its work as the Committee may deem advisable.

Mr. Swett moved the adoption of the Resolution.
HOUSE ROLL CALL
The question being on the adoption of Concurrent Resolution No. 1, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 110; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 3 .

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Bell | Jardine | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, McKenzie | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Traill | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Ward | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnston | Signalness |
| Bubel | Kamrath | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Burns | Keidel | Sperry |
| Butt | Kierleber | Standley |
| Carlson | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson, Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Fedje | McCay | Traynor |
| Ferris | McDowall | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Flom | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Fowler | McManus | Twichell |
| Freeman | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Frojen | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Gillehrist | Miller | Watt |
| Gudmestad | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Halcrow | Muus | Westford |
| Hanson | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hauge | Olafson | Worner |
| Helbling | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Henrickson | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Hildebrand | Plath | Mr. Speaker |
| Hoffman | Polfuss |  |
|  |  |  |

Absent and not voting:

| Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Conway | Mehnson, Foster |
| Peters |  |

So the Resolution was adopted.

## A RESOLUTION

Mr. Swett offers the following Concurrent Resolution and moves its adoption by roll call:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, the Senate concurring, that,

WHEREAS, the Message of Governor Sorlie has been referred to a Joint House and Senate Special Committee authorized to consider the same and report to this Legislative Assembly its recommendations thereon; and such Joint Committee consisting of 34 Senate and House members has entered upon the consideration thereof, and such committee indicates that it will be several days before it can cover thoroughly the several matters involved in such message; therefore it is hereby moved that such members as may have personal business matters which require their absence from Bismarck at this time, be excused from attendance at this Legislative Session during the next three legislative days, with the understanding that such committee report will not be presented to this Legislature for action during such period and that during such time from which any such members are hereby excused, no final action shall be taken upon any matter; and it is hereby recommended to all members of this assembly, not members of the Joint Committee, that they attend upon the hearings of said committee that they may have personal knowledge of the matter coming before it.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the adoption of Resolution No. 2, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 109 ; nays, 1 ; absent and not voting, 3.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Holthusen | Quam |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, Griggs | Rabe |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Bell | Jardine | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, McKenzie | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Traill | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Ward | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnston | Signalness |
| Bubel | Kamrath | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Sperry |
| Burs | Keidel | Standley |
| Butt | Kierleber | Steedsman |
| Carlson | Kelly | Swendseid |
| Cox | Larvick | Streich |
| Craig | Lavik | Swett |
| Dickerson | Lee | Svingen |
| Ehr | Levin | Tester |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Traynor |
| Fedje | MeCay | Treffry |
| Ferris | McDowall | Trubshaw |
| Fettig | McGauvran | Tweten |
| Flom | McGinnis | Twichell |
|  |  |  |

Messrs.
Fowler
Freeman
Frojen
Gilchrist
Gudmestad
Halcrow
Hanson
Hauge
Helbling
Henrickson
Hildebrand Hoffman

Messrs.
McManus Martin Meidinger Miller Montgomery Mus
Oberg Olafson Opdahl Owings Plath Polfuss

## Messrs.

Van Berkom
Veitch
Watt
Wedel
Westford
Wilson
Worner
Yeater
Zimmerman
Mr. Speaker

Those voting in the negative were:
Messrs.
Sleight
Absent and not voting:

| Messrs. | Messrs. <br> Conway |
| :---: | :---: |
| Johnson, Foster | Messrs. <br> Peters |

So the resolution was adopted.

## FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

House Bill No. 1. A Bill For an act amending and reenacting Section 189B9 of the Supplement to the 1913 Compiled Laws of North Dakota annotated and enacted in 1925. Relating to the duty of assessors relative to listing land for hail insurance.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

The House reverted to the fourth order of business.
COMMUNICATIONS

## State of North Dakota OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR -

Bismarek
January 12, 1927.
Honorable John W. Carr,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Bismarck, North Dakota.
Dear Sir:
I have the honor to present herewith a letter received from Mr. Charles S. Weller, chairman of the Agricultural Equality Committee created by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota. Mr. Weller states that his letter is in compliance with instructions to cooperate with similar bodies of other states, officially appointed or otherwise.

Will you kindly have this letter read before the members of the House to the end that, if they see fit, a similar committee can be created for North Dakota.

Very truly yours,
A. G. SORLIE,

Governor.

Mitchell, South Dakota, January 3, 1928.

Hon. A. G. Sorlie, Governor, Bismarck, North Dakota. Dear Governor Sorlie:

I am writing to you as chairman of the Agricultural Equality Committee created by the South Dakota Legislature, for the purpose of undertaking to "remove and correct the present inequality now existing between agriculture, the major and basic branch of American life, and that of industry and labor." This letter is in compliance with our instructions to cooperate with similar bodies of other states, whether officially appointed or otherwise.

As the Executive of a great agricultural state, you will be fully aware of what has happened to the capital investment and the purchasing power of the product of the land during the last seven years. We sell the bread and meats that America eats and the cotton that warms them, at the world market, less freight, handling charges, etc., and buy service and goods at an artificially high price created by tariffs, trade combinations, etc. It is a shameful wrong, regardless of the elaborate and malevolent sophistry of the beneficiaries of the present economic war being waged against the farming states of our mighty nation. Surely the agricultural states must gain a fair reward for their industry if they are to enjoy the American scale of living and maintain their institutions. If our country is to be industrialized it should not be at the expense of agriculture.

I am anxious to obtain an expression from you on this topic and to be informed that your state has a committee similar to our own or that you will appoint one, to act with us, with the object of formulating a unified program, thus enabling all the agricultural states to present a solid front to Congress and more efficiently back up, or buck up, our Senators and Representatives in a demand that agriculture be placed upon a parity with any other useful industry, either by means of compensatory legislation or the repeal of laws that now favor other groups or sections.

It is obvious that such a body with the prestige of the State Legislatures, or the various Governors, for their authority, could obtain more recognition than any of the volunteer organizations who are now sincerely striving for the same object.

Governor Sorlie, will you please honor me with an early letter or telegram?

## Very respectfully yours, <br> CHAS. S. WELLER.

Mr. Watt moved that this communication be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Watt moved that we revert to the seventh order of business, there being no objection we reverted to such order of business.

Mr. Watt moved that the Committee on Education examine the report of the actuary regarding the Retired Teachers' Pension Fund of this State and report to this House at this Session, which motion prevailed.

## MESSAGES TO THE SENATE

House Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 12, 1928.

Mr. President: I have the honor to inform you that the House has adopted the following Resolutions, which we transmit herewith:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 1.
House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.
And your favorable consideration is requested.
Very respectfully, C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

Courtesies of the floor were extended to: G. D. Woodworth, Lidgerwood, N. D.; C. J. Olstad, Drake, N. D.; A. M. Peterson and Wm. Larson, Bisbee, N. D.; E. H. Stubbelfield, Cando, N. D.; B. G. McElroy and Ludwig Peterson, Steele, N. D.; B. G. Swett, Tuttle, N. D.

Mr. Lee moved that the House do now adjourn.
Which motion prevailed and the House adjourned.
C. R. VERRY,

Chief Clerk.

## FOURTH DAY

House of Representatives, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 13, 1928.

The House convened at 2:00 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment taken, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Fred E. Klein.
Roll call.
All members present except: Brown of Stutsman, Conway, Craig, Hauge, Hoffman, Iverson of McKenzie, Johnson of Foster, Johnson of McKenzie, Kamrath, Keidel, Keierleber, Lofthus, McManus, Renner, Zimmerman.

Mr. Olafson moved that all absentees be excused, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Trubshaw made the following motion:
Whereas, the following named House Members: Traynor, Peters, Aljets, Muus, Martin, Cox, McManus, Twichell, Swendseid, Brown of Adams, Streich, Freeman, Swett, Rulon, Bubel, Montgomery and Fowler, are members of a Joint Committee of the House and Senate and are now holding sessions in the Federal Court Room in the Federal Building, Bismarck, N. D., for the purpose of considering the recommendations contained in the Governor's Message to the Legislature; the Senate and the House having referred said message to said Joint Committee for consideration; that the above named members be excused from attending the sessions of the House and be shown on the roll call as being present until such Joint Committee has completed the consideration of said message.

## Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Roberts moved that the House revert to the seventh order of business, there being no objections, the Speaker announced that the House was on such order of business.

Mr. Roberts moved that the House reconsider the report on the Revision and Correction of the Journal for the first day for the purpose of making corrections, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Roberts moved that the report of the Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal for the first day be amended as follows: After line 33, page 97, insert the following:

On the same date 10 cars or approximately 14,000 bushels of No. 1 Dark Northern 14 protein were purchased from Mc-Caull-Dinsmore of Minneapolis (see contract of purchase No. 1037) at 14 cents over September, and 25,000 bushels of No. 1 Dark Northern 14 protein at 14 cents over September, from the Cargill Elevator Company, of Minneapolis (see contract of purchase 1035). Also 25,000 bushels of No. 1 Dark Northern 14 percent protein at 14 cents over September from McCabe Brothers of Minneapolis, (see contract 1039). It is our opinion from the best information available to us that the latter three contracts are about at the market while it is obvious that the first is made at four cents per bushel above the market.

On August 16, 1926, five 80,000 capacity cars were purchased from Patten \& Kjose of Great Falls, Mont., at 13 cents over September for 13 protein with 1 cent premium or discount for each additional percent protein. On the same date the Midland Grain Company of Minneapolis sold 25 cars of No. 1 Dark Northern 12 protein at 13 cents over Minneapolis September option with an additional premium of two cents for each one percent of protein above 12. The cost of this wheat on equal basis was two cents per bushel over the purchase made from Patten \& Kjose. (See contracts No. 916 and 197.) Which motion prevailed.

Mir. Trubshaw moved that the report as amended be adopted, which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal have carefully examined the Journal of the Third Day and recommend that the same be corrected as follows:

On Page 6, correct the roll call to show Mr. Bell as voting in the affirmative instead of absent and not voting.

On Page 12, Line 7, correct the word "refer" to read "revert."

And when so corrected recommend that the same be approved.
H. H. ROBERTS,

Chairman.
Mr. H. H. Roberts moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted

## FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

House Bill No. 2. A Bill For an Act to amend and reenact paragraph 2 of section 1251 of the Compiled Laws of

1913 relating to powers and duties of the board of education of a special school district.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 3. A Bill For an Act Making an Appropriation to provide for the Payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies and all other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Senate Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 13, 1928.

Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to inform you that the Senate has concurred in the House Concurrent Resolutions Numbers 1 and 2 and return same herewith.

> Very respectfully,
> W. D. AUSTIN,
> Secretary.

Courtesies of the floor were extended to: J. F. Tester, Belfield, N. D.; Hector McKenzie, Kempton, N. D.; J. La Bine, Larimore, N. D.; Theo. Strandness, Larimore, N. D.; Alex Steedsman, Larimore, N. D.; F. W. Copeland, Parshall, N. D.; O. J. Sorlie, Buxton, N. D.; Dr. E. C. Stucke, Garrison, N. D.

Mr. Sleight moved that the House now adjourn, which motion prevailed and the House adjourned.
C. R. VERRY,

Chief Clerk.

## FIFTH DAY

> House of Representatives, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 14, 1928.

The House assembled at 2:00 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Fred E. Klein.
6 Roll call.
All members present except: Brown of Stutsman, Conway, Craig, Erickson of Kidder, Hauge, Iverson of McKenzie, Johnson of McKenzie, Johnston, Keidel, Opdahl, Renner.

Mr. Kelly moved that all absentees be excused, which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal have carefully examined the Journal of the Fourth Day and recommend that the same be corrected as follows:

On Page 2, at the end of Line 28, insert the following: "Which motion prevailed."

On Page 2, in Line 29, insert the following after the word "report": "As amended."

Following Line 8, on Page 1, insert the following: "Mr. Olafson moved that all absentees be excused, which motion prevailed."

In Line 8, strike out the name "Treffry."
And when so corrected recommend that the same be approved.

## H. H. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Mr. Trubshaw moved that the report of the Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal be amended to show the following:

Following Line 8, Page 1, insert: "Mr. Olafson moved that all absentees be excused, which motion prevailed."

Mr. Roberts moved that the report as amended be adopted, which motion prevailed.

The Committee on Appropriations made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Appropriations to whom was referred:

House Bill No. 3. A Bill For an Act Making an Áppropriation to provide for the Payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies and all other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same be amended as follows:

In Line 9 of Section 1, strike out the figures " $\$ 6,000.00$," and insert in lieu thereof the figures " $\$ 3,000.00$."

In Line 11, strike out the figures " $\$ 5,000.00$ " and insert in lieu thereof the figures " $\$ 2,000.00$."

In Line 3, of Section 1, strike out figures " $\$ 42,000.00$ " and insert in lieu thereof " $\$ 36,000.00$."

Correct the totals in Line 12, to read " $\$ 36,000.00$."
And when so amended recommend the same do pass.
WM. WATT, Chairman.
Mr. Watt moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

## Introduced by Representatives Ehr, Johnson of Ward and Burns

WHEREAS, It has been called to the attention of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, in special session, that the Mouse River, a stream located in the western part of North Dakota, also known as the Souris River, which rises in the province of Saskatchewan, Canada, and flows in an easterly direction in said province and then southeasterly in the state of North Dakota, a distance of about one hundred miles, and then abruptly turns in a northeasterly direction, passing back into the Dominion of Canada, and emptying into the Red River, and thus into Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba; that there is bordering on the banks of said river a productive and fertile valley, nearly a mile wide, in which are located many beautiful farm homes,
cities, towns and villages, of which the city of Minot, with a population of about fifteen thousand $(15,000)$ is the largest, and,

WHEREAS, It has further been called to our attention that the said Mouse River has at various times overflowed its bañks, flooding vast territories adjacent thereto and causing enormous losses to the residents in such valley, which losses run into many hundreds of thousands of dollars, especially in the cities located in such valley, and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the frequency of said floods is increasing and it is stated, that the said river drains enormous territory in Canada, which territory so drained, by being improved, does away with the natural reservoirs where the water from the melting snows had heretofore gathered, and

WHEREAS, the origin of said flood waters is in Canada, a foreign country and beyond the control of this state,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved, that we, the House of Representatives, in special session assembled, the Senate concurring, do request that the possibility of relieving the conditions of this productive territory, and cities located therein, be respectfully submitted to the Congress of the United States and the Federal Government, to the end that relief may be given these flooded districts along the Mouse River, through some action on the part of Congress, and, if deemed necessary, by cooperation with the Canadian Government and this state, and that we do urgently recommend to Congress that control of said floods be referred to the proper committees for consideration to the end that some plan may be fromulated whereby the conditions above referred to may be remedied and the sufferers relieved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the VicePresident of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Senators and Congressmen representing the state of-North Dakota in the Congress of the United States, and to the Committee on flood control.

Mr. Ehr moved that the Resolution just read be adopted, which motion prevailed and the Resolution was adonted.

## FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

House Bill No. 4. A Bill For an Act to Amend and reenact Section 5 of Chapter 146 of the Session Laws of the State of North Dakota for 1927.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Game and Fish.

## GENERAL ORDERS

Mr. Thompson of Ramsey moved that the House resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the consideration of general orders; which motion prevailed, and the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole.

The Speaker called Mr. Thompson to the chair.
When the committee arose it submitted the following report:

Mr. Speaker: The committee of the whole have had under consideration:

House Bill No. 3. A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to provide for the Payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies and all other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

And recommend the adoption of the Standing Committee's amendments, as follows:

In Line 9 of Section 1, strike out the figures " 6,000 " and insert in lieu thereof the figures " 3,000 ." In Line 11, strike out the figures " 5,000 " and insert in lieu thereof the figures "2,000."

In Line 3 of Section 1, strike out the figures " 42,000 " and insert in lieu thereof " 36,000 ."

Correct total in Line 12, to read " 36,000 ."
And when so amended recommend that the same do pass.

> S. W. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Speaker John W. Carr resumed the chair.
Mr. Watt moved that the report of the committee of the whole be adopted, which motion prevailed.

Courtesies of the floor were extended to: George Bryant of Powers Lake, N. D.; Martin Monson, Minot, N. D.; Ex-Rep. C. B. Olson, Medora, N. D.; A. J. McInnes, Valley City, N. D.; James Bailey, Dunn County.

Mr. Watt moved that the House recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m., Monday, which motion prevailed and the House recessed.
C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

## FIFTH DAY AFTER RECESS AND SEVENTH DAY

House of Representatives,<br>Bismarck, North Dakota, January 16, 1928.

The House assembled at $1: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., pursuant to recess taken, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Education makes the following recommendation with respect to the actuary's report on the Teacher's Insurance and Retirement Fund:

That the State Superintendent of Public Instruction be requested to make a survey of the actuary's report on the Teacher's Insurance and Retirement Fund and report her findings and recommendations thereon to the Twenty-first Legislative Assembly, and also to ascertain the probable cost of complying with the changes recommended in said report.
(Signed),

> GUY L. ELKEN, Chairman.

Mr. Elken moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

The committee on Education made the following report:
Mr. Speaker: Your committee on Education to whom was referred House Bill No. 2: A Bill for an Act to amend and re-enact Paragraph 2 of Section 1251 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 Relating to the Powers and Duties of the Board of Education of a Special School District.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

> GUY L. ELKEN, Chairman.

Mr. Elken moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT AND ENGROSSMENT

The committee on Enrollment and Engrossment made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your committee on Enrollment and Engrossment respectfully report that they have examined the follow-ing-bills:

House Bill No. 3: A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to provide for, the payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies and all other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

And find the same correctly Engrossed.

> E. E. VEITCH, Chairman.

Mr. Veitch moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

## Introduced by Reps. Craig, Lyon and Johnson of Foster

Providing for aid and support in behalf of the diversion of the waters of the Missouri River into Devils Lake and other lakes and rivers for the purpose of flood control, of the Mississippi River and the Missouri River, for establishing and maintaining the navigability of the Missouri River and the Red River of the North and tributaries and restoring such as arteries of commerce and for conservation of the water supply in our state for our lakes and rivers and for our fields and for the purpose of rendering directly assistance to the United States in any plans that may be adopted for flood control and utilization of the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and in particular in support and aid of Senate Resolution No. 15, introduced in the Senate of the United States on December 6, 1927, by Lynn J. Frazier, United States Senator from the state of North Dakota.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring:

Whereas, the disastrous floods that have been occasioned upon lands in the lower Mississippi River valley during the past year, resulting in heavy loss of life and immense damage to property by reason of flood waters that have occurred on the Mississippi River through contributions from tributary rivers, including the Missouri River and from rain fall; and,

Whereas, our National Government, and various state or municipal governments, and our people are now giving direct and serious attention towards the problem of rendering aid and assistance to the end that the Mississippi River and
tributary rivers, including the Missouri River, may properly be controlled so as to end the recurrence of any such floods; and

Whereas, our present National Congress has now under consideration proposed plans and legislation for giving direct federal supervision, aid and assistance to prevent flood waters upon the Mississippi Riyer as hereinbefore indicated; and

Whereas, such proposed plans and legislation being now considered by our National Congress and various national and state organizations comprehend provisions and plans for flood control of the Missouri River waters, and

Whereas, in particular the said Senate Resolution, No. 15, introduced in our National Congress by Senator Frazier, mentioned a dam to be constructed across the Missouri River at a point about 80 miles northwest of Bismarck, which will provide a storage reservoir by the backing up of the waters of this river for about 130 miles, sufficient to control any floods that may pass such point and requests that said Congress shall ascertain from the state of North Dakota whether the state of North Dakota will provide the lands and premises, excepting public domain, lands belonging the the United States and Indian lands, which will be utilized, covered, submerged, inundated and necessary for the construction and maintenance of a dam about 200 feet high on the Missouri River in the state of North Dakota at a point about 80 miles northwest of the city of Bismarck, and

Whereas, such lands and proposals, and said resolution involve also the diversion of waters from the Missouri River thence into Devils Lake and other lakes, and thence into the James River and Sheyenne River and the Red River of the North( so as to make it possible for both the Missouri River and the Red River of the North to become and to be capable of use in navigation as arteries of commerce for the product of agriculture and of industries in our state; and

Whereas, it is for the public welfare of our state, our producers and citizens thereof, that all proper aid of our state be given to accomplish the object and purposes hereinbefore stated.

Now, Therefore, the state of North Dakota, through its legislative assembly and its Governor, hereby expressly signifies the wish and desire of the state of North Dakota to aid and cooperate with our National government in carrying out any plans or legislation adopted by our National government for the flood control diversion and utilization of the waters of the Missouri River for purposes as hereinbefore set forth in this resolution, and in particular North Dakota gives its assurance to our National government that it will provide the lands and premises necessary for the construction of a dam in the Missouri River, in the state of North Dakota, all as requested in said Senate Resolution, No. 15.

The Secretary of State is directed to forward to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of our Na-

# tional Congress and to the United States Senators and Congressmen from the State of North Dakota, a duly authenticated copy of this Resolution. 

## HOUSE MEMORIAL RESOLUTION NO. 4

## Introduced by Representative Joseph Renner

Whereas, the late Representative Jacob Bollinger, of Flasher, Morton County, North Dakota, represented the 30th District in the North Dakota Legislature in the sessions of $1919,1923,1925$ and 1927, and

Whereas, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has seen fit to remove from our midst this well known and esteemed citizen, therefore, it is fitting and proper that we pause for a moment in our deliberations and pay honor and respect to him who has been taken from our midst. He was held in highe regard by his constituents, and this high regard for him, the kind feeling towards him and the confidence placed in him were crystalized into his being selected to represent them and their interests in the legislative assembly of this state, and as a member of the House he was always found laboring for the best interests of his District and the State, his course of action and his stand upon all questions and matters of legislation being at all times determined and fixed by his own personal and conscientious convictions and by his honest and sincere judgment and sense of duty.

Those members of this assembly who served with him and worked with him in the committees and in the sessions of the house, and those who associated with him out of session loved him, respected him and honored him as a man who viewed and looked upon all things with absolute fairness and honesty, and who met all problems of legislation and complicated questions openly, fairly and squarely, and those with whom he differed on questions of legislative policy and in political faith learned to fully realize that he was at all times sincere and honest, and if he was in error, that it was error in judgment alone.

He was a broad minded and liberal man, and one who on all occasions, at all times and in the midst of political strife was always willing and did accord to his opponents, the absolute right to differ in belief, realizing thoroughly that the instinct, inclinations and ideas of the human mind may honestly and sincerely differ.

And now that the Director of the Destinies of human life has seen fit to call from our midst and to end the life work of our friend it is mete and proper that we, the members of the House of this Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly should give expression to our love and respect for him as a man and as a Legislator, and that we pay a proper tribute of honor and respect to his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the House of this Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, express honor
and respect the memory of our deceased fellow member; that they do by this resolution pay the tribute to his memory which his life work duly deserved, and that this be an expression of the friendship, the love and the high regard they felt for him personally and as a member of the Legislature and as a citizen of the state.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be enrolled and sent to the family of the late member of this assembly by the Chief Clerk of the House, and be printed in the Journal;

That copies of this resolution with the proper correction of names also be sent to the families of the following ex-members: The late Representative George Blake, of the 37th Legislative District, who represented his district in the North Dakota Legislature during the 1905 session, and

The late Christian Ganssle, of St. Thomas, North Dakota, who served as a member from Pembina county, in the North Dakota Legislature during the sessions of 1905, 1907 and 1909, and

The late P. J. Skjold, of Mountain, North Dakota, who served as representative of the 2nd District in Pembina county, in the session of 1903, and,

The late John Flados, of Rutland, North Dakota, who served as a Representative from the 13 th Distriet, in the North Dakota Legislature during the sessions of 1903 and 1905, and

The late T. F. Murtha, representative from Stark county, in the Legislative Session of 1919.

Mr. Renner moved the adoption of the Resolution, which motion prevailed.

## FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

House Bill No. 5: A Bill for an Act to Appropriate the Sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ( $\$ 25,000$ ) for the Purpose of Aiding in the Completion of the Construction of a Bridge and Approaches Across the Des Lacs Lake on the County Line Between Burke and Ward Counties in the State of North Dakota. Under the Provisions of Chapter 73 of the Session Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1919 as Amended by Chapter 161 of Session Laws of North Dakota for 1927, and that Such Appropriations be Made From the State Highway Fund.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the committee on Highways and Bridges.

House Bill No. 6: A Bill for an. Act to Appropriate ( $\$ 1,000.00$ ) One Thousand Dollars, or so Much Thereof as May be Necessary, for the Purpose of Defraying Any Necessary Expenses of a Joint Agricultural Equality Committee of North Dakota, as Provided for by the Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the committee on Appropriations.

House Bill No. 7: A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Provide for the Payment of the State's Share of the Expense of Running a Special North Dakota Train or Trains Through the States of Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota and South Dakota in Cooperation with Certain North Dakota Railroads for the Purpose of Advertising North Dakota Products and Possibilities.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Rabe moved that the House do now adjourn.
Motion prevailed and the House adjourned.

> C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

## SEVENTH DAY

The House assembled at 2:00 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

Prayer by the chaplain, Rev. F. H. Davenport.
Roll call.
All members present except: Conway.
Mr. Trubshaw moved that all absentees be excused, which motion prevailed.

The committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal have carefully examined the Journal of the Fifth day and find the same correct.

> H. H. ROBERTS, Chairman.

Mr. Roberts moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

## FIRST AND SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

House Bill No. 8: A Bill for an Act to Amend and Reenact Section 3234 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913, for Petition Submitting Question of County Seat Removal to Electors.

Was read the first and second times and referred to the committee on Counties.

Mr. Watt asked the unanimous consent of the House to amend House Bill No. 3. There being no objection, consent was granted.

Mr. Watt moved the following amendments to House Bill No. 3:

On line 3, strike out the figures " 36,000 " and insert in lieu there of " 22,000 ."

In line 8, strike out the figures " 25,000 " and insert in lieu thereof the figures " 14,500 ."

In line 10 , strike out the figures " 6,000 " and insert in lieu thereof the figures " $2,500.00$ "

In line 11, strike out the figures " 2,000 " and insert in lieu thereof the figures " 1,000 ."

Following line 11, insert line 11 1-2 and the following: "Expenses of Fact Finding Committee $\$ 1,000.00$."

In line 12, strike out the figures " 36,000 " and insert in lieu thereof "22,000."

Which motion prevailed, and the amendments were adopted.

Mr. Watt moved that House Bill No. 3 be considered properly engrossed, the rules be suspended and House Bill No. 3 be placed on third reading and final passage.

Which motion prevailed.

## THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

House Bill No. 3: A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Provide for the Payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies and all Other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

Was read the third time.
The question being on the final passage of the bill, as amended, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 112; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 1.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aljets | Iverson, Griggs | Quam |
| Anderson, | Divide | Iverson, McKenzie | Rabe


| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anderson, Sargent | Jardine | Renner |
| Bell | Johnson; Foster | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, McKenzie | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Traill | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Ward | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnston | Signalness |
| Bubel | Kamrath | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Kapfer | Sleight |
| Burns | Keidel | Sperry |
| Butt | Kierleber | Standley |
| Carlson | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Cox | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Craig | Lavik | Streich |
| Dickerson | Lee | Swett |
| Ehr | Levin | Svingen |
| Ellingson | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Fedje | McCay | Traynor |
| Ferris | McDowall | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Flom | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Fowler | McManus | Twichell |
| Freeman | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Frojen | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Gilchrist | Miller | Watt |
| Gudmestad | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Halcrow | Mus | Westford |
| Hanson | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hauge | Olafson | Worner |
| Helbling | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Henrickson | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Hildebrand | Peters | Mr. Speaker |
| Hoffman | Plath |  |
| Holthusen | Polfuss |  |

Absent and not voting:
Messrs.
Conway
So the bill passed and the title was agreed to.
Mr. Twichell moved that the vote by which House Bill No. 3 was passed be reconsidered and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.
Mr. Rabe moved that the vote by which the Memorial Resolutions was adopted be reconsidered, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Rabe moved that the Memorial Resolutions be
amended to include the name of the late Member T. F. Murtha, of the 31st District, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Trubshaw moved that the Resolution, as amended, be adopted.

Mr. Twichell moved that the Resolution, as amended, be adopted by a rising vote, which motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Yeater moved that House Bill No. 2, be considered as properly engrossed and that same be placed on Third Reading and final passage at this time.

Mr. Twichell moved that action on House Bill No. 2 be deferred until the Report of the Select Joint Committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the Governor's Message is received, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Traynor moved that action on any Bills before the House be deferred until the Report of the Select Joint Committee to consider the Governor's Recommendations be received, which report is now being prepared by the stenographers.

Which motion prevailed.

## MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

> House Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 16, 1928.

Mr. President: I have the honor to transmit herewith House Concurrent Resolution No. 3, which the House has adopted and your favorable consideration is requested.

Very respectfully,

> C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

House Chamber.
Mr . President: I have the honor to transmit herewith the following bills:

House Bill No. 3: A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to Provide for the Payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies and all other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

Which the House has passed and your favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,
C. R. VERRY,

Chief Clerk.

Mr. Twichell moved the comments of the Fact Finding Committee's Report as of August 24, 1927, be published in the Journal and that the same be printed in the permanent Journal following the printed report of the Fact Finding Committee as of March 2nd and July 1st, 1927.

Which motion prevailed.
Mr. Traynor moved that the House do now recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Which motion prevailed.
House called to order pursuant to recess taken, Speaker John W. Carr presiding.

Mr. Traynor moved that the report of the Joint Select Committee, which is about to be read, be printed in the House Journal.

Which motion prevailed.
Mr. Speaker:
Your Special House Committee appointed to meet with the State Affairs Committee of the Senate as a Special Joint Committee, for the purpose of considering the Governor's Message, beg leave to report that they have met with said State Affairs Committee and that said Joint Committee has unanimously adopted the following, report:

## Report of Special Joint Committee, Consisting of 17 members of the House and the State Affairs Committee of the Senate.

At the regular session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly a Special Fact Finding Committee was appointed by the Senate to consider the matter of the management of the State Mill and Elevator, and to inquire into and investigate conditions there. Said committee consists of Senators Hamilton, Fredrickson and Schlosser.

Said committee reported to the Senate, and was authorized "to continue the work begun by the Fact Finding Committee, and to recommend a solution of the present State Mill and Elevator problems to the next Legislature."

Said Senate Facts Finding Committee on March 2, 1927, made a confidential and private report to the Governor, which reports is printed and appears in the House Journal of January 10, 1928, at Page 97. Subsequently, and on July 1, 1927, said Facts Finding Committee made a further confidential and private report to the Governor, which report is found in the House Journal of January 10, 1928, on page 87.

No publicity was given with respect to these reports by the Governor, until subsequent to publicity given them through the press of the State. These reports and particularly the report on March 2, 1927, were delivered to the Governor personally by the Facts Finding Committee, and the nature and character of the reports, together with the matter contained therein, and the recommendations made by the committee, were called to the attention of the Governor at the
time the reports were delivered to him; and the Governor was urged by the Facts Finding Committee to take steps to make changes in the manner of conducting the business of the mill and elevator at Grand Forks, North Dakota, as recommended and urged in the report of the committee. The committee was assisted by Mr. C. U. Somer, of the Equity Cooperative Exchange, who rendered his assistance and cooperation to the committee at the request of the committee.

That on the 22nd day of November, 1927, the Governor issued a proclamation calling a Special Session of the Legislature of this State, which proclamation reads as follows:

## PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL SESSION
By virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Dakota, and in pursuance thereof:

I, A. G. Sorlie, Governor of the State of North Dakota, do hereby call the Legislative Assembly to convene in extraordinary session at the Capitol in the city of Bismarck, at twelve o'clock noon, Tuesday, the tenth day of January, 1928, to consider and act upon the following subjects of legislative business, to-wit:

FIRST: The report of the Senate Facts Finding Committee on the Mill and Elevator Association;
SECOND: The increasing seriousness of the problems of grain marketing;

THIRD: The Missouri River Diversion Project, in its relation to Federal flood control plans;

FOURTH: To enact such further legislation as may be deemed necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota to be hereunto affixed.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 22nd day of November, 1927.

## BY THE GOVERNOR:

## Attest: <br> ROBERT BYRNE, <br> Secretary of State. (SEAL)

That pursuant to said proclamation the Twentieth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota convened in Special Session on the 10th day of January, 1928, at which time the Governor delivered his message; that by action of the Senate and House of Representatives a Special Joint Committee, consisting of the Regular Standing State Affairs Committee of the Senate and a Special House Committee,
was authorized and created to consider the Governor's Message, and to report its recommendations thereon.

That the Special Joint Committee convened and adopted rules and method of procedure and order of business as follows:

## RULES GOVERNING THE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

## OF THE SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE

## SENATE AND HOUSE TO CONSIDER THE

 GOVERNOR'S MESSAGEThe following are the rules governing the practice and procedure before the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House to consider the Governor's Message.

RULE 1. This Special Joint Committee shall convene at -the hours of 9 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8 p. m., daily, unless the committee shall otherwise order.

RULE 2. The committee shall select a secretary who shall keep a full and complete record of all proceedings had before the committee and of all motions and the rulings thereon and all papers, documents, files and orders which may be offered in connection therewith; and such testimony as the committee shall order shall be taken and transcribed by reporters appointed and sworn for that purpose. The oath of the reporters shall be the same as that of court reporters in District Court.

RULE 3. The chairman shall issue subpoenas for such witnesses as directed by the committee; which subpoenà shall be attested by the secretary and shall state the time and place at which the same shall be returnable, and shall be substantially the same in form as District Court subpoenas. Before a subpoena shall be issued for any witness the committee shall be advised of what it is expected to prove by such witness.

RULE 4. All witnesses subpoenaed as above shall immediately report to the secretary of said committee and upon discharge of such witness or witnesses they shall prasent to said secretary their said subpoena, and he shall thereupon certify thereon the mileage and per diem of such witness, which certificate shall be accepted as evidence thereof.

RULE 5. Each witness shall be sworn in the following manner: You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that the evidence you will give in the matter pending before this committee shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.

Such oath shall be administered by the chairman of this committee.

RULE 6. The hearings shall be open to the public, provided, however, that upon the motion of any member of this
committee, or at the discretion of the chairman thereof, the committee may go into executive session, whereupon all persons shall be excluded from said hearing, save and except the members of said committee, and officers thereof.

RULE 7. The procedure before the committee shall be conducted in an orderly manner and without reference to formal rules of evidence and procedure. The chairman of the committee shall direct and make all necessary preparations for the hearing before said committee and shall proceed as chairman at the proceedings. This proceeding being in the nature of an inquiry and not a trial, no witness or other person shall be permitted to appear or be represented before this committee at any hearing by agent, attorney, or in any other manner than in person.

RULE 8. When no rule is provided herein for the governing of the practice and procedure of this committee the chairman thereof shall announce the rule, subject to the right of any member of this committee to appeal therefrom to the whole committee.

RULE 9. When any member of the committee wishes to question a witness permission shall first be given by the chairman of the committee; provided, that if it shall appear to the chairman that any question or questions are not propounded in good faith or are not relevant or material to the inquiry he shall refuse to permit same to be asked or answered, unless directed so to do by a majority of the whole committee.

RULE 10. A majority of the members of the committee named shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 11. A majority of the committee may make additional rules and regulations from time to time as they deem necessary or advisable.

## ORDER OF PROCEDURE

1. The reports of March 2nd and July 1st, A. D. 1927, made by the Facts Finding Committee appointed by the Senate, the Lund Audit and the Poole Report pertaining to the business of the State Mill and Elevator and manner of conducting the same, having been filed with the committee; the Senate Facts Finding Committee reports and the Lund Audit being questioned by the Poole Report, the ORDER OF PROCEDURE SHALL BE:

That those questioning the accuracy or correctness of these reports of the Facts Finding Committee and of the Lund Audits supporting the same, shall first bring before this committee any evidence and proof of inaccuracies of such reports or such audit; evidence shall then be received in rebuttal in support of the Facts Finding Committee Reports or of the Lund Audit.
2. The matter of the Governor's recommendations as to railroad rates shall then be taken up for consideration.
3. That portion of the Governor's Message pertaining to Flood Control and the Missouri River Diversion Project shall then be considered.
4. The Governor's recommendations as to an appropriation of $\$ 25,000.00$ for a Special Advertising Train shall then be taken up for consideration.
5. All other recommendations contained in the Governor's message shall then be taken up in such order as the committee may determine.

That before proceeding with the hearing the special committee authorized its chairman to advise the Governor that it was organized and ready to proceed to business, and delivered to the Governor a copy of its rules and order of business, and invited the Governor to appear before the Committee and make such statement and produce such witnesses and submit such evidence as he desired with respect to the matters contained in his message; and particularly with reference to the matters set forth in the report of the Special Facts Finding Committee of the Senate, and in the Lund report supporting the same, and also in support of the so-called Poole audit.

That the Governor appeared in person before this committee and read and filed a written statement to the committee, in which statement the Governor, in effect, admitted and conceded that the findings, conclusions and recommendations set forth and contained in the report of the Facts Finding Committee was substantially true, correct and proper. A copy of the Governor's statement is hereto attached as a part of this report.

Mr. H. A. Bronson, attorney for the State Mill and Elevator, and personal representative of the Governor appeared before this committee and attended upon all its sessions and was afforded every opportunity to make any personal statement and to present any other witnesses on behalf of the Governor he might desire. Mr. Bronson personally made several statements to the committee which helped clear up matters then under consideration.

That Mr. O. L. Spencer, Manager of the State Mill and Elevator, at the instance of the Governor, appeared as a witness before the committee, and under oath testified that the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Facts Finding Committee was true and correct.

No one appeared before the committee in support of the so-called Poole audit, which purports to criticise and contradict the report of the Facts Finding Committee.

The Facts Finding Committee in its two reports set forth a number of facts and circumstances showing the method and manner in which the management and operation of the mill and elevator had been and was carried on during the year 1926 and up to July 1st, 1927. Among other things set forth in said report are the following:

1. That during the year 1926 there was purchased by the mill and elevator $2,603,790$ bushels of wheat. That of this amount only 105,073 bushels were purchased from individual farmers. In other words, that 96 per cent of the wheat purchased was purchased from commission companies as against about four per cent purchased from farmers.
2. That individual shippers and farmers were paid materially less at the State Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks, North Dakota, than the value of their wheat at Minneapolis.
3. That for the entire year of 1926, the average costs of all wheat milled at the State Mill and Elevator was nine and five-eighths cents higher than the average No. 1 Dark Northern price at Minneapolis, or, expressed in another manner, for the calendar year 1926, the cost of all wheat purchased at the State Mill and Elevator was six and one-tenth per cent higher than No. 1 Dark Northern at Minneapolis, notwithstanding that a large part of the wheat purchased by the State Mill was of a lower grade than No. 1 Dark Northern, and consequently should have been purchased at a much lower figure than the average price of No. 1 Dark Northern, above quoted.

## 4. The Facts Finding Committee also found as follows:

"We find contracts for the purchase of large quantities of wheat from the *** Grain Company, of Minneapolis, were entered into by the mill at prices relatively 4 c per bushel higher, according to the contracts, than the price paid to any other elevator or commission company for the same grade and protein content on the same date, and that these prices were nearly always far in excess of the highest priced car of the same grade sold on the Minneapolis market on the same day; and it should be borne in mind that over a half-million bushels, or approximately 27 per cent of the entire amount milled was purchased from the ** *Grain Company, in some instances costing the mill $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ per bushel above the highest priced car of any kind of wheat sold on the Minneapolis market on the same date.
"It is not disputed that the * * * Grain Company was favored in that the highest premiums were paid to them.

[^2]In this connection the audit report of the State Mill and Elevator, prepared by O. B. Lund, Auditor for the State Board of Auditors, and testified to by Mr. 0. L. Spencer to
be true and correct, states that there were 318 cars of wheat sold by the * * * Company to the State Mill and Elevator; that he made a detailed investigation from original sources with respect to 87 of such cars, and found therefrom that the average middleman's profit between the State Mill and the local country elevator from which said cars were purchased by the * * * Company, on said 87 cars was $\$ 117.38$ per car, or 8.04 e per bushel, and that applying this basis of middleman's profit to the whole 318 cars purchased from the * * * Company alone would amount to $\$ 37,326.84$ profit; that the 87 cars just referred to were all of the cars shipped from Williston, Stanley and miscellaneous points in that part of the State, upon which he could get the detailed information.

## 5. The Facts Finding Report further says:

"In analyzing the feed sales we find that approximately half of all the feed manufactured during the calendar year of 1926, was sold to the *** Company, of Minneapolis. These feed sales to the *** Company, in the approximate amount of Twelve Thousand Tons, are made mostly at fifty cents a ton less for pure bran than the Minneapolis quotations on the same date, and one dollar per ton cheaper for standard middlings, as compared to Minneapolis. We are informed that a large quantity of these feed contracts are unfilled at the time of our meeting, and that penalties as high as seven dollars a ton have accrued on the unfilled contracts. * ** The price of feed sold to the * * * Company are relatively lower in all instances than those charged to customers in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin."
6. The State Mill and Elevator sold two hundred and forty-two thousand barrels of flour to the * * * Corporation of Boston, Mass., at a net loss on materials alone of $\$ 39,911.39$.
7. The Facts Finding Committee report further states:
"That generally speaking, flour sold in North Dakota and neighboring territory is sold at a profit of approximately fifty cents per barrel, whereas flour sold to the eastern * * * Flour Corporation nets a loss of one dollar or more per barrel."
"A list of quotations from North Dakota territory based on price of North Dakota Flour F. O. B. Mill, as compared with contract prices for the same brand and grade of flour graded and delivered at Boston indicates that the Boston market was favored as against North Dakota, in many instances over a dollar and a half a barrel."
"One Firm, * * * , purchased approximately forty per cent of the entire mill output of flour during the year 1926, largely at a loss to the mill. Practically all of this flour is packed and sold under their private brands."

The Facts Finding Committee in its said reports, also stated as follows:
"A casual survey of those who sell direct to the mill clearly indicates that if benefits are derived they are not going to farmers but to preferred private corporations mostly from foreign states."

## The Facts Finding Committee also states:

"We find that the apparent policy is for the wheat purchasing department to buy wheat without consulting the mill management, and if losses accrue because too much grain is purchased at too high a price, the loss must be absorbed by the mill department by the sale of flour at less than the costs of materials."

The Facts Finding Committee in its report of July 1, 1927, states as follows:
"Supplementing the committee's confidential report made to the Governor during the closing days of the legislative session, we submit the following findings of facts which cause the operating losses to the mill and elevator Association:

1. The cost of wheat milled, as compared to average prices of wheat purchased in any other large market, is too high to permit the mill to reasonably compete with other large mills on a cost-milled basis.
2. The policy of selling flour in large quantities for less than the cost of the bare materials and transportation to sale destination, without any manufacturing cost added, is indefensible.
3. Utter lack of coordination between the buying and sales departments."

The evidence given before your Joint Committee by Mr. Spencer, among other things shows that flour was manufactured and put out under approximately one hundred brands of individual purchasers outside of the State. And that the containers of flour so manufactured under these brands, did not show the same to have been manufactured out of North Dakota spring wheat, or to have been manufactured by the State Mill, but the bakers who purchased such flour knew it was manufactured by the State Mill.

That O. L. Spencer also stated that he was given sole and complete supervision of the mill and elevator by the Governor during the month of August, 1927, such supervision including the matter of wheat purchases which heretofore had been in charge of Mr. Webster.

That while the Governor's attention was called to the condition of the affairs at the State Mill and Elevator and the manner in which it was being operated, by the Special Facts Finding Committee's report made to him on March 2nd, 1927, sufficient action was not taken by the Governor to follow the recommendations and findings of the Facts Finding Committee, or to correct the abuses in the management of the
mill as set forth in such report, until subsequent to July 1st, 1927, when the Facts Finding Committee made and delivered its second report to the Governor.

Testimony given before this committee clearly indicates that the recommendations and findings made by the Facts Finding Committee were well founded; as evidenced by the fact that steps were taken, as above set forth, to correct the abuses existing as shown by the Fact Finding Committee's Reports.

It also appears that the entire management of the mill, both with respect to buying, selling and milling was placed under the control of Mr. Spencer. The purchasing department and the milling department appear to be co-ordinating in the purchase of wheat best suited for milling purposes, and greater co-operation exists throughout the entire organization.

It further appears as a result of the work of the Special Facts Findings Committee, and of their reports, and the changes which were made in the operation of the mill, that the mill has made an improved showing during the last four months of 1927 and that a very material change has been made in the present practice of purchasing wheat, over the practices that previously prevailed, in that a different policy has been inaugurated, and is being pursued to purchase as much grain as possible from farmers, individual shippers and local elevators; that flour is no longer being sold or wheat purchased under the system existing in 1926.

During 1927 wheat was purchased at the State Mill as follows:

| From Line Elevators | 23 cars |
| :---: | :---: |
| From Smith Tyner Co. | 39 cars |
| From Merchandizers of wheat | 131 cars |
| From N. D. Wheat Growers Ass'n | 136 cars |
| From Farmers Elevators direct and through commission houses $\qquad$ | 438 cars |
| From individual shippers direct and through commission houses | 199 cars |
| Total | 966 car |

The Governor upon the presentation of his message to the Legislature exhibited a check for $\$ 160,206.57$, drawn by the State Mill and Elevator Association and made payable to the State Treasurer, represented as being earnings of the State Mill and Elevator over operating costs thereof, and asked the Legislature to concur in his suggestions that the check be turned over by him to the State Treasurer to apply upon unpaid interest upon Mill and Elevator Bonds. In view of the provisions of our existing laws, that the industrial commission shall out of any moneys derived from the operation of the Mill and Elevator Association, pay to the State Treas-
urer such earnings as the Commission shall deem advisable to devote to the purpose of paying outstanding interest and bonds of the association; the concurrence of the Legislature in his suggestion by resolution would be without force or effect, as the right to dispose of or apply such money lies with the Industrial Commission, and we therefore take no action upon this suggestion.

In as much as there can be no change in the system of audit now employed at the State Mill and Elevator, except in so far as the auditor employed by the Governor is concerned, without legislative action, and inasmuch as any legislative action at this time would cause unwarranted delay in the adjournment of this special session, and added expense resulting therefrom, we therefore recommend that no action be taken upon this matter at this time, but that the whole subject be referred to the Twenty-first Legislative Assembly for consideration to the end that such action may be taken in altering or simplifying such audit system as may be deemed expedient.

In this connection we further state that many citizens have a misunderstanding as to the difference in the reports made by K. C. Nelson, O. B. Lund and F. F. Burchard, the several mill and elevator auditors; the only material difference between these audits is the matter of whether depreciation, interest on operating bonds and interest upon construction bonds is properly chargeable as an operating cost.

We heartily endorse the Missouri River Diversion Project, sponsored by the Missouri River Diversion Association; but the statement of Mr. S. W. Thompson, President of that Association, made to this Committee, discloses that this project is progressing as rapidly and as favorably as could be expected, and that there is nothing required to be done by the Legislature at this time.

With reference to the recommendation of the Governor that a state-owned elevator be erected at Fargo, we would say that we do not believe that this is a subject which should be considered by this Special Legislative Session; and that therefore there need be no action taken by this committee thereon.

The Committee believes that no sufficient program for airports in this State has been developed, and no present demand of the municipalities of the State for immediate legislation exists, and that any attempt by the Legislature at this Special Session to pass legislation to that end would be ineffective. The Legislature is not justified in prolonging the session to give the subject the attention and consideration its importance demands. The Committee favors air-ports legislation, but feels that no urgent need exists therefor, and the various cities of the State are now working out a law to effect the desired end.

We are heartily in favor of any and all steps being taken which will bring new settlers to this state and new purchasers for our fertile, low-priced land; but we do not believe that this
is the proper time to appropriate $\$ 25,000.00$ to run a special advertising train to Illinois, Iowa and adjacent states.

We are fully in accord with the proposition stated in the Governor's message that cheaper transportation, both interstate and intrastate, upon farm products is very desirable and would result in much benefit to our farmers and to the State generally.

We believe, however, that this is a matter which can be safely left in the hands of our State Railroad Commission where it properly and legally belongs, and who, with the cooperation of our Attorney General, have been and are giving it the attention which it requires and deserves.

This committee desires to express its appreciation of the valuable services which the Facts Finding Committee has rendered in doing the work attendant to its investigation and in preparing its reports.

After carefully considering the Governor's message we fail to find anything therein requiring action by the Legislature at this time, nor anything constituting any emergency, justifying the calling of this Special Session or the incurring of attendant expenses. We therefore recommend that after the necessary appropriation bill, covering the expenses of this special session is passed, that the Legislature adjourn sine die.

> Respectfully submitted,
> FRANK E. PLOYHAR,
> Chairman of the Senate State Affairs Committee.
> EDWIN TRAYNOR, Chairman of the Special House Committee.

## STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR SORLIE

I have been invited to make a statement before the joint committee which has been appointed to consider my message to the special session of the legislature.

The first thing, perhaps, that your committee would like to know is why I called the special session. There are several reasons mentioned in my message, but, primarily, it was for the purpose of clarifying some of the insinuations made by the newspapers of the state in misconstruing the report of the Fact Finding Committee. I have no quarrel with the Fact Finding Committee. It was the purpose of that committee to ascertain, if possible, the Mill and Elevator losses for 1926.

From statements that appeared in different newspapers the inference has been made not only of mistakes in judgment, but the integrity of myself and of men in charge of the Mill and Elevator was attacked. I deem it the function of this committee to determine whether in their opinion there has been any dishonesty in the conduct of the Mill and

Elevator affairs, and if, in their opinion, after study of the reports and after listening to the men directly in charge of the institution, the affairs were honestly conducted, I feel in justice to them and to my administration, that the committee should so report.

I have been in business for a number of years and have made lots of mistakes, and I expect that I will make a lot more mistakes while I am in business; but, it is from mistakes that we often profit. This is true of the losses of 1926.

The men who were in direct charge of the purchasing of wheat and the selling of flour were men in whom I have implicit confidence. Their judgment in the purchasing of wheat and the selling of flour was pretty much the same as the judgment of other millers and wheat buyers during the same period. They followed pretty much the same course that had been followed in prior years at the Mill and Elevator. However, there is no line of business that does not have to make some changes in methods at times.

The suggestions made by the Fact Finding Committee were very good, and I have worked into them just as fast as it has been possible to change over the method of doing business. Even before the Fact Finding Committee's report was made in the summer of 1926 I had a man go out amongst the farmers elevators and independent elevators to solicit their business, and in doing this the terminal elevator at Grand Forks was well filled with stored grain a month or two after threshing started, and this was the first time in the history of the terminal elevator that the grain people back in the country used the terminal elevator for storage.

It has been my intention ever since I took charge of the Mill to buy our grain locally and for this reason at the Session of 1925 I asked the Legislature to pass a law creating a terminal grain market at Grand Forks. As business men you will realize that this can not be done overnight, and we got no particular results from our terminal elevator and terminal grain market until the fall of 1926 . The results have been a great deal better during the fall of 1927.

Grain people, whether they are local elevators or individual shippers, must be educated along certain lines. This is a very slow process, but I feel that from now on we will be able to purchase practically all of our grain from such sources, and will not have to go before the commission men in Minneapolis to buy any grain that they may have back in the state.

You will have before your committee, Mr. Bell, the present grain buyer, and I am sure that he will be able to explain to you just how this method is working out, and how he hopes to have it work out. The former wheat buyer, Mr. Webster, was a man of the old school. He handled grain for 35 years in the old way, and it was impossible for him to visualize the new methods of marketing. There is not the least question
about his honesty, but his early training got him in a rut so that he could not get out, and for that reason I was obliged to make a change in buyers at the elevator.

You will have before your committee Mr. Spencer, the miller and manager of the State Mill. Mr. Spencer is a high-class miller, has been in the business for a number of. years, and I am sure that he will be able to explain to you all the difficulties pertaining to the milling industry, the purchases of wheat, the sale of feed, and the sale of flour in eastern territory.

I have called your attention in my message to the impossible audit situation at the Mill and Elevator, from a practical business point of view. I solicit your cooperation and will welcome your suggestions in working this matter out so that it can be handled in a practical way.

In the three years that I nave been in charge of the Mill and Elevator several changes have been made, some of which have been made upon the suggestion of the Fact Finding Committee. I have found that in the Mill and Elevator plant itself we must have 100 per cent cooperation and understanding between the men working there. If we do not have this we do not get the best results. If we could have this same. cooperation throughout the State and the right understanding there would be no question about the success of the Mill and Elevator.

In my message I called your attention to the fact that I took over the organization at a time when it showed an operating loss of $\$ 35,000$. This was principally due to lack of cooperation within the organization itself. It has been my policy since I took charge to get the people working in connection with the Mill and Elevator to understand one another. This understanding exists not only at the Mill but amongst the salesmen and the elevators supplying the Mill with wheat. I believe that as time goes by the people who sell flour and the people who handle wheat will better understand the wonderful service that can be had because of the Mill and Elevator. It has created a new market and our people now have a choice of three markets where they formerly had only two.

You will note from the auditors' reports that 1927 was the most successful year the Mill and Elevator has had. I lay this primarily to the better understanding and cooperation on the part of the men connected with the Mill and Elevator, and the improved efficiency resulting from it.

To operate a successful business of any kind, all the people connected with it, or who work with it, must be in a frame of mind where they will cooperate with the organization and help each other in working out the various problems concerning the institution. This has been hard to bring about at the Mill and Elevator. Possibly a wrong start was made in the beginning. At any rate, I feel that now we have improved conditions at the Mill and Elevator.

I feel that at the present time a better condition exists at the State Mill and Elevator than at any time in its history. A
better spirit of cooperation exists among the men working at the institution, there is better coordination among the department heads. There is a policy of operation in effect that is making the Mill and Elevator an institution that is of service to the grain men and the farmers of the state. The men who will appear before you will give you a better understanding of the problems of the Mill, Elevator and Terminal. If, after hearing their statements and studying the reports that are before you, your committee can give any constructive criticism that will assist in increasing this service, your suggestions will be given careful consideration.

In conclusion, I further recommend to this committee that you give sincere consideration to all other recommendations that I have made in my message. If you will do this I feel that you will make this session the most constructive in the history of the state.

GRAIN PURCHASES OF NORTH DAKOTA STATE MILL FOR 1927 CONSOLIDATED, AS TAKEN FROM THE REPORT OF K. C. NELSON, AUDITOR OF NORTH DAKOTA MILL AND ELEVATOR ASSOCIATION

| Midland Grain Co., Minneapolis | N. Dak. | Outside | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Smith-Tyner Co., Oswego, Mont. |  | 117,757:15 | $35,952: 05$ $117,757: 15$ |
| Cargill Elevator Co., Minneapolis | 46,287:35 | 7,417:00 | 53,704:35 |
| Levant Elevator Co., Grand Forks | 31,226:30 | 8,191:30 | 39,418:00 |
| McCabe Bros. Co., Minneapolis | 9,038:30 | $5,319: 55$ | 14,358:25 |
| Quinn̄-Shepherdson Co., Minneapolis | 78,156:20 | 179,178:05 | 257,334:25 |
| Benson-Quinn Co., Minneapolis | 200,037:20 | 29,182:10 | 229.219:10 |
| Salyards Grain Co., Minneapolis | 139,805:55 | 47,707:55 | 187,513:50 |
| Patton Kjose Co.. Grand Falls, Mont |  | 37,240:30 | 37,240:30 |
| McCaull-Dinsmore Co., Minneapolis | 31,022:55 | 50,301:15 | 81,324:10 |
| Atwood-Larson Co., Minneapolis | 8,311:50 | 122,209:45 | 130,521:35 |
| Hoover Grain Co., Minneapolis | 23,600:15 |  | 23,600:15 |
| W. C. Mitchell Co., Minneapolis | 2,563:05 | 29,772:10 | 32,335:15 |
| Sundry Old Line | 13,448:15 | 41,320:55 | 54,769:10 |
| Beecher-Barrett-Lockerby, Minneapolis | 83,565:25 | 37,485:35 | 121,051:00 |
| Banner Grain Co., Minneapolis....... | 13,247:10 |  | 13,247:10 |
| Hallett \& Carey Co., Minneapolis. | 1,405:30 | 27,289:45 | 28,695:15 |
| Total Old Line Companies | 693,175:45 | 764,866:20 | 1,458,042:05 |
| Country Elevators | 596,199:55 | 172,760:50 | 768,960:45 |
| Individuals | 71,458:30 | 13,594:50 | 85,053:20 |
| Total Country Elevators and Individuals | 667,658:25 | 186,355:40 | 854,014:05 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 1,360,834:10 | 951,222:00 | 2,312,056:10 |

## GRAIN PURCHASES-August 1, 1927 to December 31, 1927



Mrs. Craig moved that no action be taken on this report until'it is printed in the Journal, which motion prevailed.

Courtesies of the floor were extended to Geo. E. Lamb, Michigan City, N. D.; J. L. Van Buskirk, Berthold, N. D.; M. A. Johnson, Michigan City, N. D.; A. B. Purdy, Pembina, N. D.; A. J. McFadden, Neche, N. D.; John Holler, Drayton, N. D.; O. F. Bryant, Napoleon, N. D.; J. D. LaMoure, Pembina, N. D.; E. E. Greene, Jamestown, N. D.; Alma Zlichmister, Goodrich, N. D.; Rosella Brelje, Elgin, N. D.; Ruth Matheny, Blackwater, N. D.; Ruth Dennis, Flasher, N. D.; Floyd Lyons, Garrison, N. D.; Ruth Dennis, Flasher, N. D.; Thomas, N. D.

Mr. McCay moved that the House do now recess until 10:00 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

Which motion prevailed.

C. R. VERRY,<br>Chief Clerk.

## SEVENTH DAY AFTER RECESS AND EIGHTH DAY

House of Representatives, Bismarek, North Dakota, January 17, 1928.

The House assembled at 10:00 a. m., pursuant to recess taken, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

The Speaker announced that the House was on the seventh order of business.

Mr. Traynor moved that the Report of the Special Select Committee be adopted.

Mr. Twichell asked that the vote on the adoption of the Special Select Committee Report be by roll call as it involved the expenditure of money. Request was granted.

## 1 HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the adoption of the Special Select Committee Report, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 80 ; nays, 30 ; absent and not voting, 3.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Plath |
| Bell | Holthusen | Polfuss |
| Boekel | Jardine | Rabe |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Traill | Rulon |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, Ward | Sleight |
| Bubel | Johnston | Sperry |
| Burns | Kapfer | Standley |
| Butt | Kierleber | Steedsman |
| Cox | Kelly | Streich |
| Diekerson | Larviek | Tester |
| Ehr | Lofthus | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Ellingson | Lynch | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Elken | McDowall | Traynor |
| Erickson, McLean | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Ferris | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Fettig | McManus | Twichell |


| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Flom | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Fowler | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Freeman | Miller | Watt |
| Frojen | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Gudmestad | Muus | Westford |
| Halcrow | Oberg | Wilson |
| Hauge | Olafson | Worner |
| Helbling | Opdahl | Zimmerman |
| Henrickson | Owings | Mr. Speaker |
| Hildebrand | Peters |  |

Those voting in the negative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Messrs. |  |  |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, McKenzie | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Johnson, McKenzie | Renner |
| Burkhart | Kamrath | Richardson |
| Carlson | Keidel | Signalness |
| Craig | Lavik | Siverson |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lee | Swendseid |
| Fedje | Levin | Svingen |
| Gilchrist | Lillehaugen | Thatcher |
| Hanson | Lyon | Treffry |
| Iverson, Griggs | McCay | Yeater |

Absent and not voting:

Messrs.
Conway

Messrs.
Shurr

Messrs.
Swett

So the report was declared adopted.
Mr. Fowler moved that the vote by which the report was adopted be reconsidered and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.
Mr. Anderson of Sargent wished to explain his vote and have it recorded in the Journal:
"I vote 'no' on this report for this reason: There were witnesses put on the stand that testified under oath. I fail to find any record in the Journal of this proceeding. I believe the members of this Legislature and the public are entitled to know what this testimony was."

Mr. Burkhart desires to vote as follows:
"Mr. Speaker, I cannot conscientiously vote 'aye' for the adoption of this report for the following reasons: First, I believe that the committee went without their province in recommending that no legislation be taken up at this session; second, that the auditing system, which is acknowledged to be one of the principle reasons for so much contention at the State Mill, is not going to be taken up at this session. Therefore, I vote 'no'."

Mr. Carlson wished to explain his vote and have it recorded in the Journal:
"I believe this report covers entirely too many recommendations to be voted upon intelligently at one time."

Mr. Erickson of Kidder explained his vote as follows:


#### Abstract

"Mr. Speaker: I wish to explain my vote and have it recorded in the Journal. Personally, I have been against the call of the Special Session but am forced to vote against the adoption of the committee report for the reason that I feel the committee was stacked against the Governor, for two reasons: First, the floor leader of the majority side of the House was appointed on the committee; the floor leader of the minority side was left off. Second, every member who has declared himself against the Governor in the past year received an appointment on the committee. The three members of the Facts Finding Committee were on this committee. Therefore, I vote 'no'."


Mr. Fedje explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal:

## Mr. Fedje explained his vote as follows:

"Mr. Speaker: The Legislators were called in to consider certain recommendations set forth in the Governor's message, which, in my opinion, is very vital to the taxpayers and the citizens of our state. I cannot wholeheartedly vote for all of the report because there are certain facts concerning the management of the Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks, not contained in the report. The Mill and Elevator at Grand Forks is in better shape now than it ever was in the history of that institution. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I vote 'no'."

Mr. Iverson of Griggs explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal:
"Mr. Speaker: As a member of this assembly I have some rights and privileges attendant to that office which I hold inviolable. When this assembly, through its Speaker, selected this special committee certain powers were given to it, and certain matters were delegated to it for investigation and report its findings to this assembly. When the report of this committee is presented to this assembly we find that this committee has abrogated all the powers of this assembly even to the point of stipulating its adjournment and the climax of its arrogancy is reached when, by a member of this committee, an ultimatum was laid down demanding its report to be adopted without any alterations and this was followed by a threat that dire result would happen if the report were not adopted. I resent such arrogancy by the committee. Therefore I vote ' n '.'."

Mr. Lee explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal:
"I vote ' $n o$ ' on this report, because it admits conditions at the Mill that should be corrected, and then refuses even to attempt to rectify them, thereby ignoring the purpose of the Governor for calling us together. I vote 'no'."

Mr. Lillehaugen explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal:
"After listening to the testimony before this committee, I find this report to be misleading, in parts misrepresenting facts; and as a whole covering to much territory. Therefore, 'no'."

Mr. Lyon explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal:
"Mr. Speaker: I vote 'no' because the people do not know, and have no way to find what the evidence contained as no transcript of evidence was made; second, that emergency measures such as the mill audit situation, terminal elevators and other legislation is barred from further consideration."

Mr. Signalness explained his vote and wanted his remarks recorded in the Journal.
"Mr. Speaker: We are asked here to register our vote for or against this report. I feel that this report contains too vital points to be considered so lightly. We have no record of the testimony given at this hearing. I was at the hearings and heard the testimony. I believe that a lot of the testimony given was not verified and is misleading and did not show the true condition existing at the mill and elevator. I vote 'no' against the adoption of this report."

Mr. Swendseid explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal.
"As a member of the Joint Committee I did not support this report as it came out of the Joint Committee and cannot do so now. I therefore vote 'no.'

Mr. Thompson of Burleigh county explained his vote and asked that his remarks be recorded in the Journal.
"When I came down here, I did not know what I was coming here for, and we appointed 17 of the best men in the House and 17 of the best men in the senate on the Select Joint Committee. They have put in a great deal of time on this report and I do not believe in keeping this session going 30 or 60 days and running up expenses. Therefore, I vote 'aye.'"

Mr. Twichell moved that in view of the fact that the Lund Audit of the State Mill and Elevator for the first six months of 1927 has not been printed in the House Journal as ordered earlier in the session, I now move that such oversight be corrected by the publication of such audit in the House Journal of this day; that in the House Permanent Journal of the first legislative day, such audit be printed so as to immediately precede the Pool-Schantz audit, as printed in such Journal.

Mr. Twichell moved that we adjourn.
Motion prevailed and the House stood adjourned.
C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

## EIGHTH DAY

The House assembled at 2:00 p. m. o'clock pursuant to adjournment, Speaker John W. Carr, presiding.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. Paul S. Wright.
Roll call.
All members present except: Bell, Burkhart, Conway, Fowler, Hauge, Johnston, Lee, Lillehaugen, Plath, Renner, Siverson, Sperry, Streich, Watt, Westford.

The Committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your committee on Revision and Correction of the Journal have carefully examined the Journal of the Fifth Day after recess and Seventh Day and find it correct. H. H. ROBERTS, Chairman.
Mr. Roberts moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

Mr. Trubshaw moved that all absent members be excused.
Which motion prevailed.

## REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Committee on Insurance made the following report:
Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Insurance to whom was referred:
House Bill No. 1: A Bill for an Act Amending and Reenacting Section 189B9 of the Supplement to the 1913 Compiled Laws of North Dakota Annotated and Enacted in 1925, Relating to the Duty of Assessors Relative to Listing Land for Hail Insurance.

Have had the same under consideration and recommend that the same be indefinitely postponed, for the reason that the joint committee recommends that no legislation be enacted.
D. L. PETERS,

Chairman.

Mr. Peters moved that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Jardine moved that W. F. Reko be retained as chief mailing clerk to complete the mailing of House Journals, at his present wage of $\$ 5.00$ per day, such additional employment not to exceed six days.

Which motion prevailed.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the election of W. F. Reko as mailing clerk, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 98 ; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 15.
Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Hoffman | Owings |
| Anderson, Divide | Holthusen | Peters |
| Anderson, Sargent | Iverson, Griggs | Polfuss |
| Boekkel | Iverson, McKenzie | Quam |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Foster | Rabe |
| Brown, Adams | Jardine | Richardson |
| Brown, Stutsman | Johnson, McKenzie | Roberts |
| Bubel | Johnson, Traill | Rulon |
| Burkhart | Johnson, Ward | Shurr |
| Burns | Johnston | Signalness |
| Butt | Kapfer | Siverson |
| Carlson | Keidel | Sleight |
| Cox | Kierleber | Standley |
| Craig | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Dickerson | Larviek | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lavik | Tester |
| Ellingson | Levin | Thatcher |
| Elken | Lillehaugen | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lofthus | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Erickson, | McLean | Lynch |
| Fedje | Lyon | Traynor |
| Ferris | McCay | Treffry |
| Fettig | McGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Flom | Tweten |  |
| Freeman | McGinnis | Van Berkom |
| Frojen | McManus | Veitch |
| Gilchrist | Martin | Wedel |
| Gudmestad | Meidinger | Westford |
| Halerow | Miller | Wilson |
| Hanson | Montgomery | Worner |
| Helbling | Muus | Yeater |
| Henrickson | Oberg | Oimmerman |
| Hildebrand | Olafson | Opdahl |

Absent and not voting:

Messrs.
Bell
Conway
Fowler
Hauge
Kamrath

Messrs.
Lee
McDowall
Plath
Renner
Sperry

Messrs.
Swendseid
Streich
Swett
Twichell
Watt

So Mr. Reko was declared elected.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## By Committee on Agriculture

Whereas, the farmers of North Dakota, together with the farmers of other parts of the United States, are suffering because of the inequalities existing between agriculture on the one hand, and industry and labor on the other; and
Whereas, these inequalities are results in large part of the insufficient protection afforded agriculture by our tariff laws; and

Whereas, there have been put forth various plans that are now before the United States Congress for the correction of these inequalities; and

Whereas, the Agricultural Equality Committee, created by the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, has requested that a like Committee be created in this state to cooperate with them and with like committees in other states, with the object of formulating a unified program, thus enabling all the agricultural states to present a solid front to Congress and more efficiently back up our Senators and Representatives in a demand that Agriculture be placed on a parity with other useful industry:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that a joint committee of three members be appointed, one by the President of the Senate and two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, consisting of actual farmers, one from each Congressional District, to form an Agricultural Equality Committee of North Dakota whose duty it shall be to meet with like bodies of other states with the purpose of permanently improving the condition of agriculture; and further that for the purpose of defraying any necessary travel or other expense a suitable appropriation be made from the General Fund.
Mr. Rabe moved that the Resolution be printed in the Journal and no further action be taken.
Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.
Which motion prevailed.
Mr . Twichell moved that the rules be-suspended at this time.

Which motion prevailed.
Mr. Twichell asked that the Resolution be adopted by Roll Call.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

## Introduced by Mr. O. E. Erickson

A Joint Resolution Requiring that Any Available Balance of Eight Hundred Dollar ( $\$ 800$ ) Appropriation Provided Under Chapter 8 of the Session Laws of 1927 for Repair of Members' Seats in the House Chamber, Shall be Used for the Purchase of New Curtains for the House Chamber, Bronzing of Radiators, and Varnishing Woodwork in the House Chamber.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring:

Whereas, there is an available surplus of approximately Two Hundred Ten Dollars ( $\$ 210.00$ ) in the amount appropriated for repair of members' seats in the House Chamber, under Chapter 8 of the Session Laws of 1927, and

Whereas, the House Chamber needs new curtains, and it is desirable that the radiators be re-bronzed and woodwork revarnished:

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of North Dakota, the Senate concurring, that any available balance in the fund appropriated for repair of members' seats in the House Chamber, under Chapter 8 of the Session Laws of 1927, or so much thereof as may be nececcary, be used for the purchase of new curtains for the House Chamber, the bronzing of radiators and the varnishing of the woodwork.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the adoption of Resolution No. 6, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 104; nays, 0 ; absent and not voting, 6.
Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Iverson, Griggs | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, McKenzie | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Johnson, Foster | Rabe |
| Bell | Johnson, McKenzie | Richardson |
| Boeckel | Johnson, Traill | Roberts |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Ward | Rulon |
| Brown, Adams | Johnston | Shurr |
| Brown, Stutsman | Kamrath | Signalness |
| Bubel | Kapfer | Siverson |
| Burkhart | Keidel | Sleight |
| Burns | Kierleber | Standley |
| Butt | Kelly | Steedsman |
| Carlson | Larvick | Swendseid |
| Cox | Lavik | Streich |
| Craig | Lee | Swett |
| Dickerson | Levin | Svingen |
| Ehr | Lillehaugen | Tester |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, McLean | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Fedje | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Ferris | McCay | Traynor |
| Fettig | MeGauvran | Treffry |
| Flom | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Fowler | MeManus | Twichell |
| Freeman | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Gilchrist | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Gudmestad | Miller | Watt |
| Halerow | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Hanson | Muus | Westford |
| Helbling | Oberg | Wilson |
| Henrickson | Olafson | Worner |
| Hildebrand | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Hoffman | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Holthusen | Peters | Mr. Speaker |
| Jardine | Plath |  |
|  |  |  |

Those voting in the negative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ellingson | Frojen | Trubshaw |

## Absent and not voting:

| Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :---: |
| Conway | Hauge |
| Elken | MeDowall |
| So the resolution was adopted. |  |
|  | A RESOLUTION |
|  | Offered by Mr. Kelly |

Be It Resolved, that the following named House employees heretofore elected, and assigned to the following positions, and designated by the following ittles, be allowed the following compensation per day, from and including the day upon which the oath of office was administered to them, viz:
La Verne Hanson, desk reporter......................................\$ 6.00
K. Gronhovd, doorkeeper andn assistant sergeant-at-
arms
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { O. L. Mennes, gallery doorkeeper and assistant ser- } \\ \text { geant-at-arms } & 5.00\end{array}$
Joyce Roberts, page and messenger.................................. 4.00
John Ulsrud, page and messenger .................................. $\quad 4.00$
Joe Goddard, page and messenger ................................... 4.00
E. L. Skinner, postmaster and messenger.......................... $\quad 5.00$
W. F. Reko, chief mailing clerk........................................ 5.00
A. C. Nedrud, assistant mailing clerk............................... 5.00
H. P. Asseltine, assistant mailing clerk............................. 5.00
C. A. Rust, assistant mailing clerk.................................... 5.00

Peter Schantz, janitor …......................................................... 5.00
Mike Halsey, telephone messenger and assistant mailing
clerk
V. A. Corbet, proof reader …..................................................... 5.00

Mr. Kelly moved the adoption of the resolution.

## HOUSE ROLL CALL

The question being on the resolution of Mr. Kelly, the roll was called, and there were ayes, 110 ; nays 0 ; absent and not voting, 3.

Those voting in the affirmative were:

| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Aljets | Iverson, Griggs | Polfuss |
| Anderson, Divide | Iverson, McKenzie | Quam |
| Anderson, Sargent | Jardine | Rabe |
| Bell | Johnson, Foster | Renner |
| Boeckel | Johnson, McKenzie | Richardson |
| Bohnsack | Johnson, Traill | Roberts |
| Brown, Adams | Johnson, Ward | Rulon |
| Brown, | Stutsman | Johnston |
| Bubel | Shurr |  |
| Burkhart | Kamrath | Signalness |
| Burns | Kapfer | Siverson |
| Butt | Keidel | Sleight |
| Carlson | Kierleber | Sperry |
| Cox | Kelly | Standley |
| Craig | Larvick | Steedsman |
| Dickerson | Lavik | Swendseid |
| Ehr | Lee | Streich |
| Ellingson | Levin | Svingen |
|  | Lillehaugen | Tester |


| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elken | Lofthus | Thatcher |
| Erickson, Kidder | Lynch | Thompson,Burleigh |
| Erickson, McLean | Lyon | Thompson,Ramsey |
| Fedje | McCay | Traynor |
| Ferris | McDowall | Treffry |
| Fettig | MeGauvran | Trubshaw |
| Flom | McGinnis | Tweten |
| Fowler | MeManus | Twichell |
| Freeman | Martin | Van Berkom |
| Frojen | Meidinger | Veitch |
| Gilchrist | Miller | Watt |
| Gudmestad | Montgomery | Wedel |
| Halcrow | Muus | Westford |
| Hanson | Oberg | Wilson |
| Helbling | Olafson | Worner |
| Henrickson | Opdahl | Yeater |
| Hildebrand | Owings | Zimmerman |
| Hoffman | Peters | Mr. Speaker |
| Holthusen | Plath |  |
| Absent and not voting: |  |  |
| Messrs. | Messrs. | Messrs. |
| Conway | Hauge | Swett |
| So the resolution was adopted. |  |  |
| Mr. Freeman moved that the Report of the Mill and Ele- |  |  |
| vator for the last five months of 1927, be printed in the Journal and also the Permanent Journal. |  |  |
|  |  |  |

## MESSAGE TO THE SENATE

> House Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 17, 1928.

Mr. President: I have the honor to inform you that the House has adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, and your favorable consideration is requested.

Very respectfully
C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

## House Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 17, 1928.

Mr. President: I have the honor to inform you that the House has adopted the report of the Special Select Committee to investigate the Message of Governor Sorlie.

Very respectfully
C. R. VERRY, Chief Clerk.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Senate Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 17, 1928.
Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to inform you that the Senate has concurred in the House Concurrent Resolution No. 3 , and return the same herewith.

> W. D. AUSTIN,

Senate Chamber, Bismarck, North Dakota, January 17, 1928.
Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to inform you that the Senate has adopted the report of the Joint Committee of the House and Senate appointed to consider the Governor's Message.

Also have adopted House Concurrent Resolution relating to repairs in House Chamber.

Very respectfully

> W. D. AUSTIN,

Senate Chamber, Bismarek, North Dakota, January 17, 1928.
Mr. Speaker: I have the honor to return herewith the following bill:

House Bill No. 3, which the Senate has passed unchanged.
Very respectfully

> W. D. AUSTIN,

The Speaker appointed at this time Mr. Burkhart, to escort Mr. A. B. Fusch to the rostrum, who addressed a joint assembly of the House and Senate on the Problems of Milling Macaroni.

The Speaker announced if there were no objections we would be on the fifth order of business.

## HOUUSE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT AND ENGROSSMENT

The committee on Enrollment and Engrossment made the following report:

Mr. Speaker: Your committee on Enrollment and Engrossment respectfully report that they have examined the following bills:

House Bill No. 3: A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation to provide for the Payment of Mileage and Per Diem of Members, Per Diem of Officers and Employees, Printing, Supplies annd all other Expenses of Special Session of the Twentieth Legislative Assembly.

And find the same correctly enrolled.

E. E. Veitch, Chairman.

Mr. Veitch moved the adoption of this report, which motion prevailed.

## SIGNING OF BILLS

The Chief Clerk announced that the Speaker was about to sign House Bill No. 3, and the Speaker signed the same in the presence of the House.

Mr. Peters moved that the Chair appoint a committee of two to notify the Senate that the House had completed its business and was ready to adjourn.

Mr. Peters and Mr. Lofthus were appointed as a committee of two to so notify the Senate.

The committee appointed to notify the Senate that we had completed our work and was ready to adjourn reported that they had performed such duty.

Mr. Twichell moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor that the House had completed its business and was about to adjourn, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Swendseid, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Burkhart were appointed.

Mr. Swendseid stated that the committee appointed to notify the Governor that the House had completed its business and was about to adjourn, had performed its duty.

Courtesies of the floow were extended to: Frank Heimes, Valley City, N. D.; Russell Holt, Orr, N. D.; PP. M. Hjelmstad, Grand Forks, N. D.; Joe Erickson, Hazen, N. D.; Geo. Slowey, Beulah, N. D.; Otto Bauman, Golden Valley, N. D.; Amos Rood, Valley City, N. D.; Nick Weiland, Beulah, N. D.; M. B. Nelson, Manvel, N. D.; N. J. Snyder, Donnybrook, N. D.;
A. C. Stoll, Sherwood, N. D.; M. J. Kempf, Ashley, N. D.; F. A. Sheank, Grafton, N. D.; Emil Borgeson, Park River, N. D.; Chester Thompson, Park River, N. D.; G. F. Washich, Minto, N. D.; Martin Olson, Butte, N. D.; John Ogren, Kulm, N. D.; Thom. Myling, Brinsmade, N. D.; Henry Pongo, Sheridan County; Jacob Stortz, Sheridan County; H. Hoffman, Stirum, N. D.; Dr. L. S. Platou, Fargo, N. D.; Ole Orstad, Edinburg, N. D.; County Judge R. G. McFarland and County Auditor A. H. Sherman, Jamestown, N. D.; D. L. Manning, Fargo, N. D.; C. W. Hall, New Rockford, N. D.; J. S. Prader, New Rockford, N. D.; S. W. Lyman, New Rockford, N. D.; John Topp, Grace City, N. D.

Mr. Watt-moved that the House adjourn sine die, and the House stood adjourned.
C. R. VERRY,

Chief Clerk.

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[^0]:    "Whereas to that end it is essential that a dam be constructed across the Missouri River at a point about eighty miles northwest of Bismarck, North Dakota, which will provide a storage revervoir by the backing up of the waters of this river for about one hundred and thirty miles and have a capacity of about one thousand billion cubic feet, and which would be amply sufficient to control floods equivalent to any which has ever passed that point; such a restraint of these flood waters, and their liberation uniformly when desired, would prevent such flood waters meeting the flood waters of the Mississippi in the future as they have in the past, and prevent the ravages that have been caused by this annual spring flood in the Missouri River below Montana, and where

[^1]:    Inventory, Jan. 1-26, net bushels
    695,840.55
    Purchases, Jan. 1-26 to June 30-26, net bushels .... 670,792.30
    Total
    1,366,633.25

[^2]:    "As far as we can determine, the practice of paying premiums above the highest market price, to Minneapolis commission companies is not good public policy, and it is unnecessary in connection with the State Mill. The contention that the payment of high premiums to the * * * Company, and other companies is beneficial to growers seems to lack force, for the reason that the *** Company purchased a large portion of grain sold to the Mill from line elevator companies. The *** Company made profits as high as nine and threeeighths cents per bushel on wheat bought from the line companies and sold to the mill."

