

STATEMENT OF COMPARATIVE PRICES

Material	1914	1920	Increase Percentage
Airbrake Material.....	Less 25%	Plus 50 %	100
Axles.....	2.25 cwt.	6.00 cwt.	166
Angle Bars, 60 lb.....	1.65 cwt. f.o.b. Soo	3.50 cwt. f.o.b. Soo	112
Angle Bars, 80 lb.....	1.65 cwt. f.o.b. Soo	3.50 cwt. f.o.b. Soo	112
Bolts, Track, 60 lb.....	3.10 cwt.	6.75 cwt.	117
Bolts, Track, 80 lb.....	3.10 cwt.	6.75 cwt.	117
Brake Shoes (Freight Car).....	35.00 net ton	80.00 net ton	128
Brake Shoes (Driving).....	56.00 net ton	95.00 net ton	69
Castings, (steel).....	4.75 cwt.	13.00 net ton	173
Castings (grey iron).....	2.30 cwt.	5.25 cwt.	128
Cement.....	1.66 f.o.b. Montreal	3.60 (April f.o.b. Longue Pt.)	116
Couplers (Sharon Freight).....	20.50 pair	56.00 pair	173
Coal Oil.....	.14 gal.	.27½ gal.	96
Fencing.....	.20 rod	.56 rod	180
Gasoline.....	.15 gal.	.40 gal.	166
Hose, air brake.....	.85 piece	1.70 piece	100
Hose, steam heater.....	1.17 piece	2.95 piece	152
Iron and soft steel bars.....	1.75 cwt.	4.00 cwt.	128
Lumber and Timber—			
Spruce Car Decking.....	22.00 M	47.50 M	115
Fir Car Roofing.....	33.50 f.o.b. Sudbury	90.00 f.o.b. Vancouver	168
Pine Lumber.....	27.00 M	70.00 M	159
Nails.....	2.00 cwt.	5.65 cwt.	182
Paints—			
C.N. Freight Car Red.....	.80 gal.	2.00 gal.	150
Pullman Car Body Color.....	.22 per lb.	.45 per lb.	104
White Lead in Oil.....	7.25 cwt.	16.15 cwt.	122
Boiled Linseed Oil.....	.60 gal.	2.50 gal.	316
Pipe.....	List less 74½—7½—2½	Less 30%	204
Rails.....	32.00 G.T.	60.00 G.T.	87
Steel and Iron Sheets.....	3.00 cwt.	10.55 cwt.	251
Spikes, track.....	2.07 cwt.	4.85 cwt.	124
Switch stands, Main Line.....	17.00	38.50	126
Switch Stands, Yard.....	16.00	36.50	128
Tie Plates.....	1.85 cwt. f.o.b. Ottawa	3.85 f.o.b. Toronto	108
Tires.....	2.10 cwt.	7.50 cwt.	257
Waste—cotton wiping.....	.0772½ lb.	.15½ lb.	118
Freight Car Wool.....	.0970 lb.	.2685 lb.	176
Loco. & Passgr. Car Wool.....	.1195 lb.	.33½ lb.	180
Wheels, freight car.....	28.00 net ton	43.00 net ton	53
Fuses.....	13.50	23.25	72
Uniforms, Conductors.....	20.00	40.00	100
Ties.....	.45	.81 f.o.b. part of shpt.	80
Coal.....	3.16 ton	6.86	111

Mr. P. F. CASGRAIN: May I ask the minister—

Mr. SPEAKER: Before the hon. member proceeds, I must direct the attention of the House to the fact that it is questionable whether the minister may be interrogated at this stage. If hon. members desired to question the minister, their scope of inquiry at present would be very limited, and I think it would be far better, as I have no doubt the House will agree, that questions be deferred until the House is in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. JACQUES BUREAU: I understand that we automatically go into Supply now, under the rules, and I would like to point out that there may be an opportunity for a general debate on the railway situation.

[Mr. J. D. Reid].

Mr. SPEAKER: I should have left the Chair without question put when the order for Supply was called in the first instance, but I then stated that I would ask the unanimous consent of the House for the minister to make a statement, following which I would leave the Chair, according to rule.

SUPPLY

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

Entomology—\$26,000.

Mr. MURPHY: Will the Minister of Agriculture explain the reason for the increase of \$8,000 in this item?

Mr. TOLMIE: This item for entomology covers the study of insects which has a relation to agriculture, many of these