

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, REPORT OF—
DISCRIMINATION IN RAILWAY RATES
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Cochrane, E. (East Northumberland)—5016.

understood there was difference of opinion—5016. Minister of Railways can settle it or be blamed—5019.

Cockshutt, W. F. (Brantford)—5021.

Resolution does not make its scope clear—5021. The country is suffering by reason of the discrimination in freight rates—5022. Can Railway Commission control rates of combined railway and steamship company?—5026.

Emmerson, Hon. H. R. (Minister of Railways)—5005.

All such tariffs have to be filed with the Railway Commission—5005. So far as material advantage is concerned, there could be no more important question—5013. The powers of the board—5014. The Grand Trunk system would comprise two railways—5015. Tariff is subject to the control of the board—5017. They have a right to determine as to the total freight rates—5018. Railway companies are common carriers subject to common law—5019. Has a remedy for misrepresentation—5020. It is within the power of parliament to make the necessary amendments to cover grievances—5021.

Fisher, Hon. Sydney (Minister of Agriculture)—5023.

Government has power to refer any matter to the Railway Commission—5023. Railway Act covers every individual instance—5024. Commission has absolute control over all freight rates in Canada—5025. Eastern Canada also suffers from this discrimination—5026.

Gordon, D. A. (East Kent)—4987.

Question is of the greatest importance to the greatest producing class—4987. Quotes United States rates on live stock—4988. Canadian farmers have to pay 3 cents per 100 lbs. more than United States—4989. Quotes rates on grain, Grand Trunk Railway United States tariff—4990. We are discriminated against to a very great extent—4991. Quotes figures to show discrepancies between import and export rates—4992. Compares United States and Canadian figures—4993 and 4994. Has not the attitude of our railways driven Canadians to Michigan?—4995. Uniform bill of lading should be provided—4996.

Hughes, Sam. (Victoria, Ont.)—5006.

Concerning grain rates—5006. Trusts government will put an end to this state of affairs—5007. Does not speak of only one railway running continuously—5014. Has the minister the power to publish rates?—5016.

McKenzie, Peter H. (S. Prince)—4984.

Moves concurrence in the report—4984. A matter that very seriously affects the welfare of the people as a whole—4985.

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Ontario farmer discriminated against in rates on cattle—4986. Time something was done for the apple trade of western Ontario—4987. Committee had not time to furnish information covering the whole country—5023.

MacLaren, A. F. (North Perth)—5001.

High time the Railway Commission was looking into this question—5001. Quotes figures for rates from different points in Ontario—5002 and 5003. What we want is equal rights and fair-play—5004.

Martin, Alex. (Queen's P.E.I.)—5026.

Discrimination in Prince Edward Island—5026-7. Hopes this government will take up this question seriously—5028.

Miller, H. H. (South Grey)—5029.

Railway Commission not to blame in the matter—5029. Letter from the Ontario People's Salt and Soda Company—5030. Have a right to expect reduced rather than increased rates—5031. Scant courtesy extended to cattle shippers on branch lines—5032. Railway investors have a good right to reasonable profit—5033. State-aided railways should not prop up the Stars and Stripes at the expense of the Union Jack—5034.

Schell, M. S. (South Oxford)—5007.

No doubt the Railway Commission has power to deal with these matters—5007. Rate is drawn to get as much as possible out of the farmers—5008. Export rates excessive, but lower than domestic rates—5009. By giving preference to American shippers, Canadian shippers are placed at a disadvantage—5010. Railway will not suffer by lower rates—5011.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—4984.

Please explain—4984. Generally admitted freight rates are too high—5004. Understands Railway Commission cannot deal with those rates—5005. If it can take action of its own motion, it should do so—5006. Can board control railways passing through Canada?—5014. Can the commission control rates not collected in Canada?—5023. If the commission has power to deal with it, it can be worked out—5025.

Taylor, George (Leeds)—4996.

The situation is going from bad to worse—4996. Reads a letter from M. E. Agar, St. John, N.B.—4997. Nearly all the railways in Canada and United States have joined this rate combine—4998. Nothing in this Act to allow us to come upon the railways for surcharge—4999. The same on every line of goods manufactured in the country—5000. Railway Commission should have settled it before—5001. Does the minister approve?—5017. The rate from Sydney to Brockville—5018. Has claims standing for four or five years