

The Railway Problem

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the provisional canal committee were put to an expense of £172,000 in the preliminary work of resisting the obstruction of the railways in parliament. The traceable expenses of the opponents of the bill were £100,000, but these outlays were trivial compared with the pains, labor and money squandered by the railways in obtaining possession of lands, buildings, etc., to be used to prevent the canal from being carried to completion. Seeing what might be done to block the scheme by the establishment of so-called vested rights, the Midland Railway Company had already attempted to buy up the Bridgewater Canal, whose property would form an important section of the projected work, but there arose such an outcry that the company gave way, and withdrew the bill. What then happened was that another company applied for a charter to buy the Bridgewater Canal property, but it afterwards transpired that the chief shareholders in the new company were eight men, all of whom were directors in the Midland and Sheffield companies.

Canal Served Twelve Millions

The service of the Manchester Ship Canal in giving new facilities to the middle portions of England, and in distinctly reducing the cost of living and the cost of manufacturing in an area containing a present population of twelve millions, can be demonstrated by a mass of facts and statistics. From the standpoint of the general interest it was immaterial whether these benefits were attained thru a canal or a railway. And can anyone suppose that if the dividends and traffic of the railways had not been in question, all this time of parliament, all the opposition of these petitions, all this huge expense and labor and all these vexatious and demoralizing influences would have been exerted to rob these millions of people of such manifest benefits?

Let us still keep in mind the fact before proved, that every pound of the money so misused was taken in profits from the very people whom the railway companies now sought to despoil. One argument by the railway interests against the ship canal was that it would never pay, that it was a waste of money and consequently against the public interest. Well, the Manchester Ship Canal Company—in spite of the increased costs for which the railways were to blame—paid its first dividend for 1915, and the Manchester Association of Importers and Exporters, in its last report, June, 1916, says of the service it has rendered: "Without the aid of the port of Manchester during the past year the district would have been in a sorry plight."

CO-OPERATIVE POULTRY FATTENING

Last fall the poultry department of the Manitoba Agricultural College conducted co-operative fattening of chickens for some of the farmers of the province. From the farmers' standpoint this work was quite successful and profitable. There were 1,567 chickens fattened and these were sold for \$1,559.00, practically \$1.00 for each chicken. About 75 old hens were sent in which brought down the average price considerably. It cost the farmer 16 cents to have each chicken fattened. This year the work will not be confined to chickens only, but turkeys will be included as well. But no Leghorns, ducks, geese or old hens will be taken. Farmers are advised to raise all the chickens and turkeys possible this year and to give them good attention during the summer so as to get them well grown by October 1 or even earlier. Prices for chickens and turkeys will be high this year on account of the small quantity carried over winter in cold storage.

The poultry husbandry department will be ready to receive chickens early in September, providing they weigh 3 lbs. or over. Turkeys will be received any time after October 1, but should be ready to fatten as soon after this date as possible so that they can be fitted for the Thanksgiving trade. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible with the poultry department for sending in stock to be fattened.

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Watrous, Sask., Dec. 16, 1915
"You have had six cars of wheat from me, which was my entire crop. I am well pleased with the way you have done business for me. Had I ten times this amount you would get all my business. I might say also that I am only one among a quite a number who have shipped from Watrous and are equally satisfied."

Humboldt, Sask., Dec. 13, 1915
"Just a word of appreciation for the handling of my grain this year. The returns have exceeded my best expectations in every case. I shall be pleased to give you my business again next year."

Harrowby, Man., Dec. 15, 1915
"Am writing you a few lines regarding my car of wheat. I must say I am well pleased. I got more than I expected."

Nutana, Sask., Dec. 7, 1915
"From the start I have been a supporter of the farmers' Company and since I had the privilege of observing the method and care exercised by your expert in looking after the grading of cars shipped to The Grain Growers' Grain Company, I am more than ever impressed with the advantage of shipping to our own Company. I have four more cars which will be sent to you when the price suits me."

Mervin, Sask., Oct. 27, 1915
"I take much pleasure in writing to thank you for the able manner in which you handled two cars of wheat for me. I sure like the way you kept me posted from the time you received the shipping bill until I got the adjustments and drafts. Everything was made so plain a child could understand it. In future I intend to do more business with your Company."

Carmichael, Man., Nov. 25, 1915
"Thanks for promptness and courtesy."

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Plumas, Man., Dec. 12, 1915
"I received yours of the 10th with check for balance due me on car of barley. I thank you for prompt settlement."

Cromer, Man., Dec. 21, 1915
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JAMES MASON,
GENERAL MANAGER.

Toronto, July 19th, 1916.



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