

The CHAIRMAN: That was gotten up from the items?

Mr. HENRY: Yes. With respect to the coal consumption, I can also give that.

Mr. HARRIS: Mr. Chairman, I think we would save a lot of time if we had a chance to review that statement between now and the next meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we take that up at the next meeting? In the meantime, the statements will be filed.

Mr. HENRY: I will just read it. Your question was the number of pounds of fuel per thousand gross ton miles. In 1923 on class one railroads in the United States it was 188 pounds; on the Canadian National system it was 142. In 1922 on class one railroads it was 186 in the United States. The corresponding figure on the Canadian National cannot be given, for the reason that it was not a system then. For the month of May, 1923, compared with the month of May, 1924, in the various regions, the consumption is as follows:—

Lbs. coal per 1000 G.T.M.	1924	1923
Atlantic Region	192	213
Central Region	142	146
Grand Trunk Western Region	131	146
Western Region	101	110
System	127	140

There is a reduction in each region.

Mr. HARRIS: Have you any general statement with regard to this?

Mr. HENRY: No, except that it indicates the result of a greater effort being made to effect fuel economy.

Mr. HARRIS: Any general statement with regard to the different regions? You spoke about some 40 divisions.

Mr. HENRY: The consumption, of course, depends a great deal upon many different factors. It depends upon empty car movement, for instance, upon grades and loading and all that kind of thing.

Mr. HARRIS: Have you any statement as to where these supplies were bought?

Mr. HENRY: Generally speaking, the supplies of coal utilized on the western region are obtained there.

Mr. HARRIS: You recollect I asked very distinctly about the increased cost, and you were going to bring in a statement with regard to the reason for the increased cost, in view of the fact that there has been a considerable reduction in the amount consumed, that is, the amount per gross ton mile.

Mr. HENRY: There was a slight decrease in the average price per ton.

Mr. HARRIS: A decrease in the price per ton?

Mr. HENRY: Yes, but there was also a substantial increase in the volume of business done.

Mr. HARRIS: What price was paid per ton, in any region you wish to give, preferably the Atlantic region? What was the average price per ton in 1923?

Mr. HENRY: The average price per ton on the whole system in 1922 was \$5.82 and in 1923, \$5.64. There was more coal, of course, consumed in 1923 than in 1922, because of the increased business.

Mr. HARRIS: So the price of coal decreased and the poundage per gross ton also decreased.

[Mr. W. D. Robb.]