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Strictly Confidential.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen, M. P.,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Meighen,-

I am enclosing herewith copy of a statement furnished me by the Canadian National Railways showing the carload traffic carried by that railway from points in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to points in Ontario and Quebec for the year 1922. This information was given to me so that I might answer a statement made by the Premier of Nova Scotia to the effect that Quebec and Ontario bought very little from the Maritime Provinces, and, needless to say, it came as a surprise to him. It is fair to assume that, while the tonnage carried by the Canadian Pacific Railway would not be as large as that handled by the Canadian National Railways, it would represent a very substantial percentage.

With regard to fish, it will be observed that the tonnage shipped to Quebec was 5562 tons, and to Ontario 1385 tons. I am reliably informed that the value of the tonnage of fish shipped into Ontario is well over \$600,000. This tonnage, it is believed, will materially increase, as those specially interested are taking steps in that direction.

The tonnage of the other items speaks for itself, but notwithstanding what is said to the contrary, we find that in the year 1922 (and there is every reason to believe that this indicates the average annual movement of tonnage

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