

Province	Tonnage	Value	Average rate per ton
Ontario .....	2,601,309	\$11,705,890 50	\$4 50
Quebec .....	2,072,308	10,919,431 26	5 26
New Brunswick .....	258,831	1,941,232 50	7 50
Nova Scotia .....	319,698	2,589,553 80	8 10
Prince Edward Island .....	91,286	748,545 20	8 20
British Columbia .....	431,714	2,730,214 41	6 32

Total tonnage shipped east and west, 5,775,146; value, \$30,634,867.67.

Average rate per ton, eastern \$5.22.

Average rate per ton to British Columbia, \$6.32.

Mr. WRIGHT: Why is the rate so much higher to British Columbia when the distance from Alberta is so much shorter?

Mr. CARDIFF: It has been stated from this side of the house and from the other side that the western farmer is not getting sufficient for his grain and that therefore, we are being allowed freight assistance. I would point out that when that freight assistance was given by the government, the ceiling price was raised just about that time to the extent of the freight assistance.

Mr. WRIGHT: I assure the hon. member that, in inquiring about this freight assistance, I was not trying to intimate that we in western Canada object to it. We have no objections to it whatever.

Mr. CARDIFF: I was not making any particular reference at this time to what the hon. member said, but on Friday evening several hon. members spoke of western Canada receiving this freight assistance. When the freight assistance was supplied the price of the feed went up to the extent of the freight charge, and while we appreciated the fact that we were getting freight taken off, I think the western farmer is receiving just as much for his grain, and always will, so long as we have a Minister of Agriculture who comes from the west.

Mr. GARDINER: With regard to the statement just made, I feed hogs and cattle in both eastern and western Canada, and those that I feed in the east are not very far from where the hon. member who has just spoken lives. Last year I shipped a carload of grain from my farm in Saskatchewan to my farm in Ontario, and I must say that the grain was landed in Ontario without any cost to me. I could have fed the grain at exactly the same price on my farm in Saskatchewan as I was feeding it at in my farm in Ontario, which indicates to me that by the action of this government something happens between the two farms which makes it possible for one to move the grain all the way from the

west down east, if he farms in both places, and to feed it here at the same cost as if he lived and fed it on a farm in western Canada. I am not saying that that is any greater help to eastern farmers than to western farmers because there is involved in that, ten cents on oats and fifteen cents on barley, which goes to the western farmer, and there is involved in the freight assistance given to the eastern farmer an average of somewhere about twelve cents a bushel.

Mr. SENN: On barley.

Mr. GARDINER: Well, on the average of the different feeds that are used. So that I think one is treated just about the same as the other. It is our intention that they should be, and I think that is the way it is working out. I do not think it can be contended that anybody is getting any particular advantage over some other person.

Mr. CARDIFF: I do not think so either. But the minister will admit that the time the price was put on grain the market price was raised to almost the same amount as the freight assistance.

Mr. GARDINER: I will not admit that, no. There has been no rise in the selling price since the price was first set.

Mr. CARDIFF: But the selling prices of the commodities which are sold here have been maintained right through.

Mr. GARDINER: There are different prices on grain products that are sold in eastern Canada; because—again—I purchase them in both places, and I have purchased grain in Huron county for feed and have bought it at three different prices. When I go there to buy it and ask why I have to pay a higher price for one lot of grain than I pay for another, they tell me it is made out of grain that is of a higher grade, and I assume that that is the reason for the grain costing me more. But so far as I know there has been no increase in the selling price since the ceiling was first established.