

Questions

VANCOUVER GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Hon. Mr. STEVENS:

1. How many cars of grain were unloaded in the port of Vancouver during the months of September, October, November, December, and January, in each of the years 1922-23-24-25-26, and January, 1927?

2. Has the attention of the government been called to certain evidence recently given before the railway commission that some 2,500 cars of grain were being held back from forwarding to the coast owing to congestion at that point and for lack of shipping?

3. Have any steps been taken by the government to secure shipping for the removal of grain freely offered for shipment via Vancouver? If so, what?

Hon. Mr. RINFRET:

1. Department of Railways and Canals—

Cars of Grain Handled by Canadian National Railways to Vancouver, B.C.

Month	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Sept....	73	53	140	40
Oct....	308	652	552	2,746	1,160
Nov....	466	855	343	3,827	1,777
Dec....	437	2,420	598	1,690	1,689
Jan....	590	822	2,244	839	3,646	1,683
	1,874	4,749	3,790	9,242	8,312	1,683

2. The Canadian National railway management reports that on account of the large volume of tough and damp grain moving to Vancouver and the limited drying facilities, it was necessary to inaugurate some system for the purpose of avoiding blockade of grain and the consequent possibility of advantage being taken of the situation by speculators in moving grain to Vancouver without at the same time making provisions for steamship accommodation. The arrangement was originally advocated by the Vancouver harbour commissioners, grain trade at Vancouver and terminal railways. Cars are not accepted for shipment to Vancouver except on permit from the railway company. This is considered to be the only satisfactory method for shippers and carriers alike. The control of the situation is not in the hands of the Canadian

National railways, but rather in the capacity of the elevator to dry and handle shipments and also the number of available ships.

3. The Canadian Government Merchant Marine take the maximum quantity of grain offering for their steamers sailing from Vancouver.

Department of Trade and Commerce—

1. September, 1922, 143; October, 1,192; November, 1,373; December, 2,211; January, 1923, 2,260.

September, 1923, 151; October, 2,216; November, 2,203; December, 4,803; January, 1924, 5,179.

September, 1924, 293; October, 2,722; November, 3,413; December, 2,914; January 1925, 2,831.

September, 1925, 371; October, 5,427; November, 6,938; December, 4,334; January 1926, 6,888.

September, 1926, 168; October, 4,582; November, 3,651; December, 4,085; January, 1927, 3,464.

2 and 3. No information.

IMPORTATION OF MOTION PICTURE FILMS

Mr. FRASER:

1. How many motion picture films were imported into Canada during each of the years 1922 to 1926, inclusive, and from what countries?

2. What is the rate of duty on the said films?

3. Does the Department of Customs exercise any supervision or censorship over the said films so as to prevent the entry to Canada of motion pictures, (a) of an obscene character; (b) calculated to prejudice the public mind against Canadian and British sentiment; (c) of an aggressive pro-foreign type including propaganda antagonistic to Canadian interests; (d) falsely interpreting Canadian life?

4. How many motion picture films were produced in Canada during the same period and how often were they exhibited?

5. Has the government considered the advisability of having a careful detailed survey made of the motion picture films exhibited in Canada?