

We may well ask what have the Ontario farmers, content as they are to be the tail of the Western grain growers' kite, done for the primary Ontario farming interests which they have claimed is suffering so grievously.

Many other illustrations could be given to show that the Western grain growers' railway rates were not unduly raised in proportion to other railway increases, but they are unnecessary.

The plain facts are:

- (1) That railway rates in Canada as elsewhere, were generally greatly increased;
- (2) That with the general price deflation, particularly in basic commodities the increases bore very heavily on the producers, of those commodities;
- (3) That the case of the Western grain grower was as good and no better than those engaged in other activities;
- (4) That the Government in the first instance admitted its total incapacity on the very complicated issue railway rates present;
- (5) That the Western grain growers insisted upon consideration as special privilege;
- (6) That the Government that admitted its incapacity arbitrarily granted the relief the grain growers claimed;
- (7) That as a result practically no action at all was taken by the Railway Commission;
- (8) That to the end the Government might obtain the Western grain growers' support in the House other producers in the whole country are handicapped by excessive rates as is the ultimate consumer everywhere;