

Under a guarantee from the Department to the railway as to earnings, a limited cold-storage fast freight service for the transportation of fresh and mildly cured fish was inaugurated, and the Department undertook to pay one-third of the express charges on all shipments in less-than-carload lots, on shipments from the Atlantic coast to points in Quebec and Ontario, and from the Pacific coast as far east as Manitoba, inclusive.

With these facilities and express rates the dealers soon showed their ability not only to gain control of the markets, but to expand them. Last year the transportation facilities were further greatly improved by the inauguration of a limited cold-storage express service from the Atlantic coast to Montreal. It is anticipated that this service will shortly be enlarged and extended farther west.

The volume of the business now being done will be appreciated from the following:

During the fiscal year 1913-14 the Government's share of the express charges, on shipments from the Atlantic coast, was \$37,518.00 and from the Pacific \$44,114.00. In addition, several carload lots per week, on which no assistance is given by the Department, reach Montreal and Toronto from the Pacific coast, and shipments have also reached carload capacity lots from the Pacific coast to Winnipeg and Calgary. The above figures take no account of the now quite large quantities of fish that are being shipped in cold-storage fast freight cars.

While the expansion of the trade during the past few years is very gratifying, it is only an index of what can and should yet be done. Fishermen, transportation companies, wholesale and retail dealers must all do their part, as the consumers must be provided with a prime article. Careless handling on the part of any one of these will prevent this being done.

The Department desires to express its cordial thanks to the New England Fish