

Not only was no action taken by the Government in any way helping the householder, but doubtless in view of the abstraction of \$17,000,000, <sup>from available railway revenues</sup> as a result of the Government's action, no relief whatever has been given the users of anthracite coal, whose rates still stand at increases varying from 90% downwards.

Perhaps the most extraordinary part of the whole situation is the way in which very important and essential agricultural interests have been entirely overlooked. The farmers' party certainly always pretend to be a friend of the farmers. Dairying business is absolutely essential to the prosperity of Ontario and Quebec, yet increases in railway rates on butter of 80% still stand. There were similar rate increases on cheese and eggs. At the risk of repetition, not only for the purpose of showing the claim that the western farmers above all others <sup>of higher and exorbitant rates - that they only suffer is</sup> have pressed to be entirely without basis in fact, but also in the hope that some proper consideration may be given to other agriculturists, the following further tables are given. Important butter markets will be found in Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, and butter moves in carloads and less than carload lots. A few of the principal points shipping to these centres are picked out so that the rate situation may be plain.

FROM	IN CARLOADS (Butter)			
	TO TORONTO			
	Dec. 1, 1916	Dec. 1, 1921	Percent increase	Government relief given.
Wingham	26	47	80	Nothing
St. Marys	23	41½	80	
Woodstock	23	41½	80	
Thamesville	27	49	81	
Smiths Falls	30	54	81	