

EVIDENCE OF WITNESSES

20th April, 1921.

Mr. W. A. WARNE, Chief, External Trade Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, appeared as a witness and testified as follows:

By the Chairman:

Q. Will you please tell the Committee the amount of grain and kinds shipped from any port or by rail in Canada to the United States during the last seven years; presumably for home consumption in the United States? Before that question is answered I might say that Hon. Mr. Bennett and Hon. Mr. Willoughby were good enough to prepare a list of questions which has been submitted to the Department of Statistics and Mr. Warne has prepared his report based on these questions.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: While it is quite true that that is the way it was arranged, yet I think it would be better in order to have the report start from the beginning that we should first have the amount of grain produced in the northwest. I think we should start off with that as a foundation.

Mr. WARNE: That question was not asked, but that information can be obtained, and I will make a note of it. You want the amount of grain exported direct from the prairie provinces.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: First we want the quantity of grain that was grown in the West in order that we may know how much grain there was to be shipped.

Mr. WARNE: We have a statement showing the exports of the various kinds of grain and showing the amount that went direct to the United States, and the amount that went to other countries via United States ports.

The CHAIRMAN: The quantity of Canadian barley, oats, wheat, flax, buckwheat and other kinds of grain.

Mr. WARNE: We have here a statement of all grain shipped through Canadian Customs ports to the United States and to other countries from 1915 to 1921 inclusive. Then the whole thing is condensed showing the amount shipped to the United States and to other countries for seven years. I have another table that is coming up giving an analysis of this table and showing how much grain went out by ports, and how much went to the United States, and how much went to other countries via the United States. (*Vide Schedules A and B.*)

Hon. Mr. TESSIER: You mean by that going through the United States to other countries?—A. Yes.

Q. Starting from the Canadian ports going to United States and then being shipped from the United States ports?—A. Yes, I will have that information here in a few minutes.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: In the year 1915, there were shipped by way of Fort William 13,454,000 bushels of wheat and 10,000,000 bushels were shipped from Port Arthur. That would make 24,000,000 bushels in all that went to the head of the lakes. I would like to know where the rest of the wheat from the Northwest went that year?

Mr. WARNE: There was 27,000,000 bushels came to Montreal.

Q. Can you tell us how that came to Montreal; whether by vessel or by rail?—A. Most of it came by rail.

Mr. F. J. HORNING, Internal Trade Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, appeared as a witness and testified as follows:—

These statements have been prepared in answer to specific questions. During the season of navigation of 1920, there was shipped from Port Arthur and Fort