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It is not particularly difficult to figure out what the West would have to pay extra for shipping each car of wheat if a government comes in that allows the Crows Nest contract to be destroyed. Mr. Meighen has promised to destroy it. Speaking in the House of Commons on June 17, 1925, Mr. Meighen is reported as follows in Hansard:

"Surely now I am in a position to say that it is parliament's duty to turn its back upon the contract."

This is only one of a score of statements to the same effect by the present Prime Minister. He has committed himself up to the neck to kill the Crows Nest rates just as soon as he is able to command a majority in the House of Commons.

The Free Press presents herewith a table showing the actual cash per car of wheat that will be lost to the farmers of the West if the Crow rates are scrapped. While the figures have been prepared in relation to Manitoba points, a similar condition would be shown for Saskatchewan and Alberta. The table, which gives the rate per 100 lbs., is concise and authentic and should be preserved by any Western citizen who is looking for the facts. It follows:

	Sept., 1920	Prior to July 6, 1922	Crows Nest Rates July 6, 1922	Present rates lower per car 80,000 lbs. as below:	
				Lower than 1920	Lower than 1921
<b>From C.P.R. Main Line—</b>					
Rosser .....	21	19	15	\$52.00	\$32.00
to					
Kirkella .....	26½	23½	18	68.00	44.00
Grande Point .....	20½	18	15	44.00	24.00
to					
Emerson .....	21½	19	15	52.00	32.00
Selkirk .....	21½	19	15	52.00	32.00
to					
Riverton .....	24½	21½	17	60.00	36.00
Stony Mountain .....	21½	19	15	52.00	32.00
to					
Arborg .....	23	20½	16	56.00	36.00
<b>Line to Souris—</b>					
Murray Park .....	21½	19	15	52.00	32.00
to					
Newstead .....	23½	21	16	60.00	40.00
<b>Southwestern Manitoba—</b>					
College Spur .....	21½	19	15	52.00	32.00
to					
Medora .....	26½	23½	18	68.00	44.00
<b>Southern Manitoba—</b>					
Harbor .....	23½	21	16	60.00	40.00
to					
Dand .....	26½	23½	18	68.00	44.00
Goodlands .....	27	24	18	72.00	48.00
to					
Lyleton .....	27	24	18	72.00	48.00
<b>M. &amp; N.W. Railway—</b>					
Macdonald .....	21½	19	15	52.00	32.00
to					
Harrowby, Russell .....	27	24	18	72.00	48.00
Hugo .....	23	20½	16	56.00	36.00
to					

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