

attract a larger tonnage to our shores. When that situation has been brought about there will be more wheat going through Canadian ports.

Mr. PRICE: Will the minister explain how it is that the Canadian Pacific railway can haul grain from the west to a Canadian Atlantic port and do it at a profit, and that the Canadian National, even with a shorter mileage, cannot?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): My hon. friend is ill advised. The rates are the same on the Canadian National and on the Canadian Pacific. But the Canadian Pacific have their line of steamers on the Atlantic running between Liverpool and various other countries. In winter time their Canadian port is the port of St. John, and the wheat they handle is carried on their liners. But that is only a small percentage of the shipping that would take care of the large wheat tonnage that might be seeking to go forward. As far as the two railways are concerned I think their rates are equal to either St. John or Halifax.

But, Mr. Speaker, in order that there may be no misunderstanding I shall set forth the facts. I do not believe that any hon. member, even for political advantage, should seek to depreciate the conditions which prevail in Canada and try to make them out to be worse than they really are. Now, the hon. member (Mr. Flemming) a few days ago made this statement, as reported at page 269 of Hansard:

I have here the figures showing the amount of grain shipped through Canadian ports and through American

ports respectively during the last five years, and I would point out that during the greater part of that five year period this fixed policy of the government was in full force and effect, this policy that was to take Canadian products through Canadian ports. And what do we find? The following are the figures:

And then he sets out the figures. Take the years 1920 and 1924; the figures were so startling and so far removed from my idea of the Canadian grain trade that I made a note of them at the time and had the matter checked up. The Statistical department give the figures, and they say:

We have checked the statement in Hansard of January 19, page 282, and find that the figures quoted show shipments of Canadian wheat only via eastern Canadian and eastern United States ports. They do not include direct exports for consumption in the United States or export shipments via Vancouver or other Pacific coast ports.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I propose to compare these figures, because I think it only fair that the people of Canada should have direct information on this point. My hon. friend on that date, January 19, page 269 of Hansard, said that in 1919-1920 there were shipped through Canadian ports 48,345,000 bushels of grain. Now in that year there were shipped, not 48,000,000 bushels of grain but 60,458,000 bushels of grain through eastern ports. There were shipped in that year not 13,000,000 bushels of grain, as the hon. member stated, via United States ports, but 22,000,000 bushels. I am going to pass on, but I ask permission of the House to place these figures on Hansard, starting from 1919-20 and continuing to 1924-25.

The figures are as follows:

Fiscal year ended	Eastern Canadian Ports	Via United States Ports	United States Grain via Can. Ports	Halifax and St. John	Vancouver, B.C.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
1919-20.....	60,458,550	22,295,698	12,379,992	17,847,300	70,439
1920-21.....	62,361,026	64,081,186	40,152,040	9,729,166	603,758
1921-22.....	66,072,914	118,277,210	89,573,232	10,422,121	7,984,231
1922-23.....	109,005,882	153,693,499	55,313,235	15,999,549	18,212,845
1923-24.....	152,264,158*	170,449,348	28,717,140	16,255,546	55,792,982
1924-25.....	100,516,631	111,265,612	88,641,161	8,784,062	25,111,891

I will take the year 1923-24, because my hon. friend did not give us all the figures. The hon. member stated that in 1923-24 there were 72,980,000 bushels of grain shipped through Canadian ports. As a matter of fact in the year 1923-24, 152,264,000 bushels of grain were shipped through Canadian ports, and in the same year there were shipped through the port of Vancouver 55,792,000 bushels. In other words, instead of a shipment of 72,000,000 as the hon. member for

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Victoria-Carleton told the House, there was a shipment that year of 207,000,000 bushels—quite a difference. If my hon. friend wanted to be fair and to show the true condition with regard to grain shipments, he would have shown that there were shipped via American ports 170,000,000 bushels of grain, and that in 1921-22 Canada received 89,000,000 bushels of American grain, and it passed through Canadian ports.