

present Government the same benefits have been extended to shippers on other railways operating in the Maritime provinces regardless of the restrictive condition imposed by the Duncan Commission. Up to the calendar year 1929 a saving of over \$2,000,000. to Maritime shippers has been effected by extending the benefit of this recommendation to include shippers on railways other than the Canadian National. This applies, for example, to apple shippers in the Annapolis Valley from stations where the Canadian National does not compete with other railway systems.

New Car Ferry for Prince Edward Island.

It was recommended by the Duncan Commission that the matter of improved communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland should be investigated by the Department of Railways with a view to supplying a more satisfactory service. In accordance with this recommendation officials of the Department of Railways made a careful study of the situation and on May 22nd, 1928 it was announced by Hon. Chas. Dunning, that provision would be made for an additional car ferry in order to meet the requirements of the people of Prince Edward Island. Since this date a sum totalling over \$3,500,000. has been expended or appropriated for the new ferry and improvements in the existing terminal facilities.

Harbour Commission for St. John and Halifax.

It was recommended by the Duncan Commission that with respect to the harbours at St. John and Halifax the Federal Government should establish statutory harbour commissions. Legislation implementing this recommendation was introduced in the Session of 1926-27. Under the terms of this legislation Harbour Commissions were established at Halifax and St. John and have been functioning successfully during the past few years. Advances of \$5,000,000. in the case of St. John and \$5,500,000. in the case of Halifax have been authorized by Parliament to be used in the development of these great national ports.