

EXPRESS RATES INCREASE.

The express companies of Canada have applied to the Railway Commission for permission to increase their rates what they claim is approximately 30 per cent. Experts, however, who have examined the new rates, claim that the increase is more like 60 per cent. On small parcels in the parcels post limit the rates have been reduced. Plainly, this is an attempt to put the parcels post out of business. But on larger parcels the proposed new rates have gone soaring. On fruits, the increase goes as high as 150 per cent.; on cream, as high as 111 per cent.; and on poultry, butter and eggs, in some cases over 200 per cent. The organized farmers are making determined opposition to the new rates before the Railway Commission now sitting in the West. Investigation before the Railway Commission some years ago showed that the express companies were making huge profits upon practically no capital investment. It was an enormously-profitable business for the handful of men who owned the express companies. The recent investigation has not yet shown how much water there is in the express companies' capital, and whether there is any justification for increased charges. If these charges are allowed to go into effect it will strike the farmers very severely upon their small shipments of farm produce, as well as their purchases of fruit and other express parcels heavier than 25 pounds. It will be another severe burden upon the back of the farmer for the benefit of the few.

—Grain Growers' Guide.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE CHANGES
IN UNITED STATES BRANCH.

Mr. Ellis G. Richards for nearly twenty years United States manager of the North British & Mercantile will shortly retire from that position, after a most brilliant career in fire insurance. Mr. Richards became president of the National Board of Fire Underwriters in 1915. He will be succeeded as manager of the North British by Mr. Cecil F. Shalleross, United States Attorney, and New York manager for the Royal. Mr. Shalleross entered the service of the Royal in 1893, and after serving the company in foreign fields he came to New York in 1900 under the late Mr. E. F. Beddall whom he succeeded last August. He is said to be a man of exceptionally fine presence, thoroughly proved judgment, and splendid organizing ability.

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TRAFFIC RETURNS

Canadian Pacific Railway				
Year to date	1917	1918	1919	Increase
Jan. 31.....	\$8,941,000	\$10,570,000	\$12,797,000	\$2,227,000
Week ending	1917	1918	1919	Increase
Feb. 7.....	1,890,000	2,096,000	2,579,000	489,000
" 14.....	2,180,000	2,306,000	2,883,000	577,000
" 21.....	2,225,000	2,435,000	2,729,000	294,000
" 28.....	2,537,000	2,482,000	2,591,000	109,000
Grand Trunk Railway				
Year to date	1917	1918	1919	Increase
Jan. 31.....	\$ 4,741,088	\$ 2,976,338	\$ 4,402,229	1,425,891
Week ending	1917	1918	1919	Increase
Feb. 7.....	928,462	480,714	905,449	424,735
Feb. 14.....	828,671	531,316	947,889	416,573
" 21.....	956,487	683,121	974,220	291,099
" 28.....	1,139,386	834,925	1,260,470	425,545
Canadian National Railways				
Year to date	1917	1918	1919	Increase
Jan. 31.....	\$4,697,567	\$ 6,744,018	\$2,046,451
Week ending	1917	1918	1919	Increase
Feb. 7.....	1,003,473	1,436,757	433,284
Feb. 14.....	1,147,484	1,545,442	397,958
" 21.....	1,061,581	1,505,872	444,291
" 28.....	1,208,966	1,512,271	303,305

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