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This report, although not submitted to the House, became public and as a result of negotiations between Western grain growers and the Government, the matter was again opened up to the end that the Committee ~~might~~, ^{should} ~~arrange~~, carry out the arrangement made between the Government and the grain growers, and provide that the suspension of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement should not apply to western grain and flour. X

The Western grain grower was undoubtedly entitled to relief, but also were other agriculturalists in the prairie provinces and over the whole country. So also were the producers of basic commodities everywhere. The great evil resulting from Government action is that it prevented any intelligent economic survey of the rate situation by the Railway Board. It entailed a cut of some 17 million dollars ^{consequent on the last year's figures} in railway revenues. It prevented any fair, equitable treatment as between the grain grower on the one hand and ^{the stock raiser, dairy and mixed farmers -} the workers of our forests and mines, ~~as well as other agricultural activities~~, and ~~as against~~ ^{the ultimate} consumers of all products other than western grain and flour. ^{on the other}

Contrary to the evidence
The proceedings of the Committee, and the attendance of many witnesses were rendered a farce. ^{final finding, which was} ~~The question was never con-~~ ~~sidered on its merits.~~ The Committee did not function except to carry out ^{an} ~~the~~ agreement made by the Government for the sake of retaining office.

The Government well knew that their action meant that no proper relief could be given to freight rates generally in Canada; that it was impossible to give the grain grower arbitrary benefits of some 17 millions on the basis of last year's movement, and at the same time expect that the Railway Commission ^{could} ~~would~~ bring down excessive freight rates in Ontario and the rest of the country. Mr. McLean, the senior member for Halifax, admitted and presented a report to the House, that