

RATE CUT ADVISED FOR FARM PRODUCTS

Joint Congressional Committee Files Report.

REVIEW IS EXHAUSTIVE

Greater Consideration of Relative Value of Commodities During Rate-Making Recommended.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22.—Transportation rates on products of agriculture, as on many other commodities, now "bear a disproportionate relation to the price of such commodities," and should be immediately reduced, according to findings of the joint congressional committee of agricultural inquiry, announced today by Chairman Anderson.

Not only should these freight charges come down, the report declared, but in the future rate making bodies and railroad traffic officers should give "greater consideration to the relative value of commodities in the making of rates," and let existing charges on high priced finished products stand, if necessary, to remove cost burdens from basic materials.

Exhaustive review of the transportation situation has convinced the committee, Chairman Anderson said, that "pyramided per cent advances of freight rates during the war and following years, caused dislocation of long-standing relationships between rates on agricultural and industrial products and between competitive enterprises and competitive territories," which dislocations should now be removed.

Readjustment Held Needed. The object of rate making bodies should be, he said, in present commission view, "to readjust rates so far as practicable . . . to the relationship existing prior to 1915." Effects of freight rates are emphasized, it was said, because on perishables "they amount normally to one-third of the selling price, and frequently two-thirds," and "purchasers and farmers are dependent in a marked degree upon transportation charges" in prices. The general result of increased railroad rates and depressed commodity prices was to bring railroad rates to an average of 160, or roughly 69 per cent above pre-war levels, while farm products stood at 102, or barely two per cent above pre-war.

Three Proposals Advanced. Outside of general considerations, the commission advanced three specific proposals to better transportation service for farmers, the first being the enlargement of competition in the distribution of commodities through which the largest number of consumers can reasonably be reached; the second was the extension of through rates on grain "to points of consumption through two or more competitive primary markets," and the third the extension of the principle that coarse grains, such as corn, should take lower charges than breadstuffs. Adequate car equipment should also be maintained, it was added.

Further, the commission found that "livestock shows marked fluctuations in shipment volume," and that railroads, stockyards and shippers should cooperate to even out the supply at market prices, thus preventing price and charge impositions while hay, as the bulkier farm commodity, required "a reduction in both freight and sales margin before there can be resumption of normal shipping conditions." Livestock distribution also must be brought down, it was held.

Wool Also Is Affected. On dairy products and on cotton the commission concluded that freight charges had not had so serious an effect as upon some other farm stuffs and, as to wool, Mr. Anderson remarked that its price "the producer has been depressed somewhat by freight rates, but primarily by disorderly and unscientific marketing."

Moving to the study of indirect freight costs affecting farmers as they enhance prices of things farmers buy, Chairman Anderson said that "fertilizer prices were found to be 100 to 200 per cent above pre-war levels, and that the cost of fertilizer was found to be 100 to 200 per cent above pre-war levels, and that the cost of fertilizer was found to be 100 to 200 per cent above pre-war levels."

Steel Freight Big Factor. Coal and steel, being of "intimate interest" to the railroads, the commission likewise declared that freight charges on steel represented 41 per cent of its cost, while bituminous coal should be subjected to "reductions in mine prices, freight rates and sales margins." Wages in the last named industry, it was added, "should be considered in the light of prevailing economic conditions," and marketing methods improved.

As to lumber it was suggested that railroads could "better afford . . . to make short haul business to give needed relief to long haul traffic," while petroleum products were found to be influenced "at all" by freight rates. Dry goods and other commodities were in this category, too, in the commission's expressed opinion.

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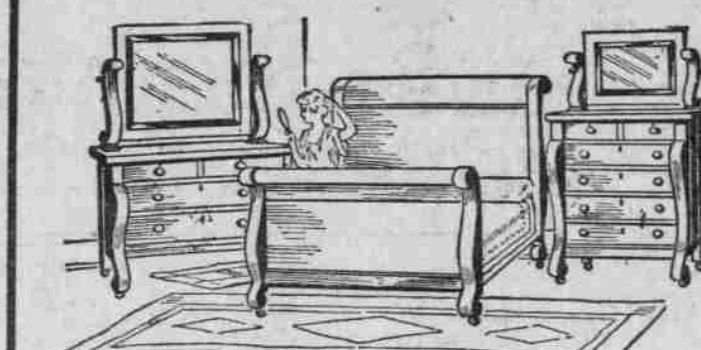
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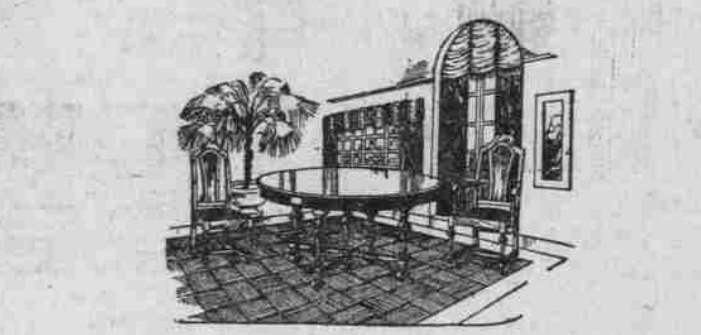


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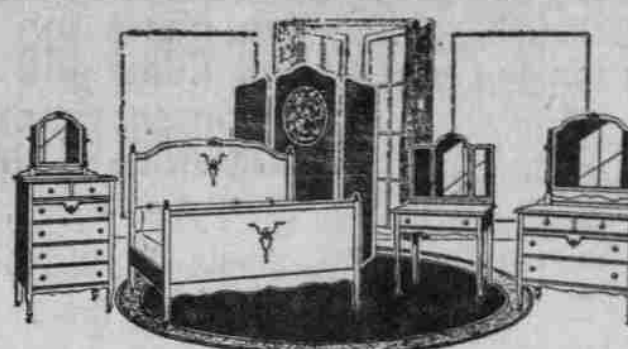
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