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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application)
of H. A. BROWN for authority to) Application No. 2368.
increase warehouse rates.)

BY THE COMMISSION.

O P I N I O N.

This is an application by H. A. Brown, who conducts a warehouse business at Honcut, Sutter County, for authority to increase his rates for the storage and handling of grain. His present rates are as follows:

Storage of Grain:	
To January 1st	50¢ per ton
For the season ending May 31st..	75¢ per ton
Shipping grain through the	
warehouse	25¢ per ton
Storage of Hops:	
For the first month	10¢ per bale
To January 1st	20¢ per bale
For the season ending May 31st..	25¢ per bale
Storage of Wool:	
For the first month	20¢ per bag
For each month after the	
first month	10¢ per bag

Under this application Mr. Brown is asking authority to establish the following warehouse rates for grain:

Storage to January 31st	\$.75 per ton
Storage for the season	1.00 per ton
Shipping through the warehouse50 per ton

No request is made for authority to increase the storage rates for hops or wool.

A public hearing was held in Honcut, July 18, 1916.

From the evidence it appears that applicant owns a wooden warehouse approximately 28 by 120 feet, located on land leased by him from the Southern Pacific Company at a rental of \$1.00 per year, which is served by a spur track installed at applicant's expense. The warehouse has a capacity of approximately 400 tons of grain; but according to Mr. Brown's testimony, his gross receipts for the year 1914 amounted to only \$87.50, while his gross receipts for the year 1915 amounted to \$191.49. Applicant had no data regarding his expenses for the year 1914, but he submitted the following as his expenses for the year 1915.

Labor	\$53.75
Rent	1.00
Insurance	16.50
Taxes	2.00
Horse used in handling grain	10.00
Repairs	21.75
Total	\$105.00

Applicant further testified that the approximate cost to him of the warehouse property was as follows:

Building	\$1200.00
Spur track	500.00
Scales	200.00
Total	\$1900.00

No protest was made against the proposed increase although it appears that applicant gave all of his customers due notice of the hearing. We find that 40¢ per ton is as high a rate as should be allowed for shipping grain through the warehouse, but that, subject to this modification, the application should be granted.

O R D E R.

H. A. BROWN engaged in conducting a warehouse in Honcut,

Sutter County, having applied to this Commission for an order authorizing an increase in his rates for the storage and handling of grain, and a public hearing having been held, and said application having been submitted and being now ready for decision,

WE HEREBY FIND AS A FACT that the existing rates are non-compensatory and unreasonable and that the rates hereinafter authorized are just and reasonable.

Basing our conclusions upon the foregoing findings of fact and upon the further findings of fact contained in the opinion which precedes this order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and he is hereby authorized to establish and collect the following rates.

For the storage of grain to January 1st ...\$.75 per ton
For the storage of grain per season	
ending May 31st	1.00 per ton
For shipping grain through applicant's	
warehouse40 per ton.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the collection of these rates shall be conditioned upon the rendering of first class service as heretofore given, such as receiving, weighing-in, piling, carrying in storage and such other service as it is customary for warehousemen similarly situated to give, and in addition thereto all ordinary re-sacking including the furnishing of sacks or otherwise placing the grain in proper condition for shipping.

The authority herein granted to increase rates is granted subject to the condition that applicant shall, within

15 days from the date of this order, file in duplicate with this Commission a complete schedule of his warehouse rates, including those herein authorized.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st.
day of July, 1916.

Max Thelen

H. D. Ryland

Frazer P. Devlin

Commissioners.