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RAIL COMMODITY MOVEMENTS BY M. D. ROYER Traffic Manager, Manila Railroad Company



The volume of commodities received in Manila during the month of September, 1931, via Manila Railroad are as follows:

Rice, cavans	170,000
Sugar, piculs	12,743
Copra, piculs	259,842
Coconuts	7,700
Desiccated Coconuts in cases	35,617
Tobacco	16,427
Lumber and Timber B. F	

The freight revenue car loading statistics for five weeks ending September 19, 1931 as compared with the same period for the year 1930 are given below:

PREIGHT REVENUE CAR LOADINGS

COMMODITIES	NUMBER OF PREIGHT CAUS		FREIGHT TONNAGE		INCREASE OR DECREASE	
	1931	1930	1931	1930	Cars	Tonnage
Rice	974	1,046	13.857	14,501	(72)	(644)
Palay	91	98	1,282	1,596	(7)	(314)
Sogar	26	31	374	265	(5)	109
Sugar cane						
Copra		1,550	13,435	12,247	125	1,188
Coconuts	431	228	4.944	2,590	203	2,354
Molasses	90	100000	2,332		90	2,332
Hemp	lane.	7	237	74	18	163
Tobacco	144	159	1,215	1,275	(15)	(60)
Livestock	91	88	455	426	3	29
Mineral Products		324	3.726	2.857	48	869
Lumber and Timber		266	5,738	5,688	(11)	50
Other Forest Products	6	11	32	74	(5)	(22)
Manufactures	224	314	3,075	4,478	(90)	(1.403)
All others including LCL		3,615	27,535	22,536	178	4,999
Тотац	8,197	7,737	78,257	68,607	460	9,650

		SUMMA	RY _			
Week ending August 22, 1931 Week ending August 29,	1,391	1,587	11,514	13,759	(193)	(2,245)
1931	1,847	1,489	18,155	12,831	358	5,324
Week ending September 5, 1931	1,625	1,526	16,029	13,288	99	2,741
Week ending September 12, 1931	1,711	1,599	16,510	14,106	112	2,404
Week ending September 19, 1931	1,620	1,536	16,049	14,623	84	1,426
Total	8,197	7,737	78,257	68,607	460	9,650

NOTE:-Figures in parenthesis indicate decrease.

The Banqueteers

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their trade with the mainland, (2) oppose prohibiting them from going to the United States, (3) oppose extending the coastwise shipping laws of the United States here.

But though Secretary Hurley talked whenever called upon, and seemed to talk frankly, he never revealed very much of what he proposed to tell President Hoover, whose special envoy to the Philippines he was. He indeed took with him back to San Francisco Colonel Van Schaick, to work with General Parker in getting material together—no doubt his ideas about his report when he left Munila were vague even in his own mind. When he gave his first interview to the press in Manila, the day he arrived here, he emphasized the fact that his latest stated opinion on the Philippines was in his letter of May 15, last year, with which all our readers are familiar. This remains his latest opinion, as it has always been his first. He found nothing in the Philippines now to make him less conservative about the islands than he was in that celebrated letter. The only other factor to consider is American opinion about American questions affected by the Philippines. No one can forecast what turn this may take.

-W.R.