

## APPENDIX No. 5

*By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):*

Q. Is that the freight rate on apples?

A. That is the rate per hundred pounds on apples in carloads. So that taking Mr. Johnson's reasoning the companies are carrying apples free to Winnipeg all the way from Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

Q. You surely must be mistaken. Have you the freight rates from Winatchee and Yakima to Winnipeg?

A. It is 75 cents per hundred pounds.

Q. 75 cents per hundred pounds from those places in Oregon and Washington States to Winnipeg?

A. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN.—And the contention is that it costs our shippers 84 cents from Winnipeg to Lethbridge.

*By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):*

Q. Let me quote further from Mr. Johnson's letter to me:

'Your figures show that over the mountainous route from Yakima, Washington, to Calgary, the rate is 95 cents a cwt. Mr. McIntosh—'

He is the gentlemen who examines the rates for the Fruit Growers' Association—

'advises me that the rate from Yakima is 75 cents per hundred.'

Why is it that the fruit can come from Yakima, Washington, to Winnipeg, at a cheaper rate than fruit can be shipped at from Calgary to Winnipeg?

A. Take London, Ontario, which is a representative point. The rate to Winnipeg from London is 53 cents for a distance of 1,342 miles. Taking Yakima and Winatchee as central points in the Western United States, the rate is 75 cents instead of 53 cents, and the distance is 1382 miles from Yakima by the short route, and, 1,512 miles from Winatchee.

Q. What I want to get at is this: you told me that the rate from Lethbridge to Winnipeg is 50 cents.

A. No. What I said was that the rate from those Washington points to Lethbridge and to Medicine Hat was the same as to Winnipeg, 75 cents.

*By Mr. Douglas:*

Q. The same to Lethbridge?

A. Yes, the same to Lethbridge. As to the rate to Winnipeg, it looks on the face of it worse than Mr. Johnson argued, because according to his reasoning, the railways are carrying apples free from Medicine Hat and Lethbridge to Winnipeg.

*By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):*

Q. That is just what I want to get at.

A. I would like to explain that. To my mind the arrangement is distinctly in favour of the Ontario shipper in this way. I will take points in Washington that correspond with the Okanagan in British Columbia; take Yakima, Walla Walla and Winatchee, I think Mr. Ruddick will know that these are fairly representative points in Washington; now these points are served by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific Railways, and they make the rate to the Red River, that is to Grand Forks, Fargo and other points, 75 cents. Winnipeg is also a Red River point, Winnipeg claims the same rate and gets it. Now that rate on the Northern Pacific and Great