

The CHAIRMAN.—There is no part of it would be evidence to us.

Mr. SLOAN.—If the tariff commission would accept that as evidence, what objection is there to it being received here ?

Mr. LANCASTER.—I understand the witness to say the letter contains some facts or figures and that is why he wants to put it in ?—A. Well, I will read the letter if you do not mind (reads) :—

EXHIBIT No. 159.

DECEMBER 13, 1905.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,
Chairman Tariff Commission.

DEAR SIR,—In accordance with my promise to the commissioners when I appeared before them at Brandon in justification of my statements that the price of lumber was lower on this side of the line than from competitive mills in the United States, I enclose herewith two price lists: one issued by the Pigeon River Lumber Company, of Port Arthur, and the other by the Grand Forks Lumber Company, of Grand Forks, Minnesota. There is no discount from the Pigeon River list except for cash, although there has been a slight reduction as shown by notice attached to the price list. The Grand Forks list is subject to a discount as per notice attached to that list, and effective on the 5th instant. I certify these lists to be the ones which I am buying the extra lumber necessary for my trade. The prices in both cases are, of course, f.o.b. cars at Winnipeg, which is a competitive point and has been the largest market for American lumber. The lumber in most common use both in Winnipeg and at country points is:—

2 x 4 to 2 x 12-12 to 20 ft.
Shiplap No. 2 and 3.
No. 2, 3 and 4 boards.

Below I give some examples of the difference in price:—

American list—	Difference.
2 x 4—12, 14 and 16	\$21 25
Less reduction December 5	1 00
	\$20 25
Canadian list—	
2 x 4—12, 14 and 16	17 50
	\$2 75
American list—	
2 x 6—12, 14 and 16	\$21 25
Less reduction December 5	1 00
	\$20 25
Canadian list—	
2 x 6—12, 14 and 16	17 50
	\$2 75
American list—	
2 x 12—12, 14 and 16	24 25
Less reduction December 5	1 00
	\$23 25
Canadian list—	
2 x 12—12, 14 and 16	20 00
	3 25
American list—	
No. 2, 8-inch shiplap—12, 14 and 16	\$24 25
Less reduction December 5	1 00
	\$23 25