

to subsidize one line he would answer it in the negative. It was far better to have opposition. As a matter of fact London was no dearer port than Liverpool, and if A. G. Jones & Co. would carry apples from Wolfville to Liverpool he could not see any reason why another line would not carry apples at the same rate to London.

MR. GEORGE THOMSON thought that if the Association were to decide to send all their apples together, and make an arrangement with one particular line to carry the whole of them, they would be in a position to get a very much cheaper rate.

The SECRETARY said that if there ever was a time when the principle of subsidizing was a useful one that time had gone by. The Furness line, through having the subsidy, had advantage over other lines, and were in a position to crowd out competing lines whenever they saw fit. Since the subsidy had been given certain gentlemen in Halifax possessing a large London trade had been completely crowded out of the business owing to the fact that the Furness line could defeat any effort they might make to give a low rate in carrying freight. In conversation with an agent of one of these rival lines of steamers recently, he was informed by that gentleman that the subsidy would eventually kill the London trade if the fruit exporters did not take care; and he (the Secretary) in reply had promised that gentleman, who was about starting for London, that if he would use his influence while in London to secure an opposition line to run from Halifax he (the Secretary) would do his best to have the subsidy withdrawn so that competition would be fair and equal. It was to be regretted that no representative of Messrs. Pickford & Black was present, but he had done his best to procure the attendance of one of the firm at this meeting of the Association.

MR. STARRATT said he would gladly co-operate in the endeavor to lessen the freight on apples, as he was by no means satisfied with the treatment received from the present subsidized line. (Applause).

DR. REID said that the steamers did not take the most ordinary precautions to preserve a proper temperature in carrying the apples across the ocean. With proper apparatus a continuous current of cool air might be maintained, but under the present want of system in regard to this matter many apples are lost through being overheated.

The Association here adjourned to resume at 7 P.M.