

APPENDIX No. 3

Q. I think you are mistaken in that. The sweetest smelt is the smallest.—A. That is what they say, the gentlemen from the coast, but up here they like their smelts large.

Q. You find it difficult to get a constant supply, do you?—A. We do. You can always get the three varieties of fish, cod, haddock and halibut, but often it is not very safe to buy it. I have seen fish offered here that was absolutely unfit for sale.

Q. Do you think the consumption of fish would be much greater if it reached you in good shape?—A. I have no doubt of it.

Q. And if a constant supply was available?—A. I do.

By Mr. Loggie:

Q. Do you use salt mackerel at the Rideau Club?—A. I can say yes, but I can also say no, not in any quantity. We have salt cod also, but not in any quantity.

Q. Where do you get your salt mackerel?—A. When we get any at all we get it locally. Only just enough to say we use it.

Q. There is a great difference in the quality of salt mackerel?—A. Yes. When we get fresh mackerel, not too large, there is a tremendous demand for it, but the supply seems to be very limited, judging by the supply we get in Ottawa.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. You have no trouble about getting finnan haddie in good condition?—A. No, it is very good.

Q. Do you use much?—A. We use a great deal of finnan haddie. We cannot get kippered herrings.

Q. Why?—A. I do not know, but we cannot get them locally.

Q. Did you ever try Digby herrings?—A. No, we never tried them.

Mr. PAYNE: What do you pay for your finnan haddie?

The WITNESS: Eighteen cents a pound for mild cured finnan haddie.

Witness discharged.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. J. L. Payne is here. I would ask him to take the stand again.

Mr. J. L. PAYNE, recalled, and further examined.

By the Chairman:

Q. At the close of your evidence as printed in No. 7, page 168, certain memoranda from the Statistics Branch, Department of Railways and Canals, were handed in by you. These memoranda, as printed, contain the information furnished by you?—A. Yes. The statement is one which I sent you as a result of your request at the last meeting.

Q. I would like to ask you, Mr. Payne, in continuation of some questions which were being directed towards the explanation of the express traffic in Canada as to what the position of the express companies in Canada is with reference to the ownership by railways?—A. The Canadian companies are all owned by railways, but there are two or three American companies doing a small business in Canada. The total business done by the express companies—that is attaching to the Canadian companies—would be represented by over 90 per cent.

Q. You mean express companies owned by Canadian railways?—A. Canadian companies largely owned by Canadian railways.

Q. Apply the same question to conditions prevailing in the United States, and what would you say with reference to their express companies?—A. I have the facts before me, and I have studied them with some little care, and have taken as my basis of estimate the gross earnings, and I have found that 90 per cent of the gross earnings

Mr. J. L. PAYNE.