

APPENDIX No. 5

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. How many miles are you from the port of shipment?

A. It is 83 miles from Berwick to Halifax, and the greatest distance for any shipper is 120 miles.

Q. That is a reasonable freight rate?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there any railway competition between the two points?

A. There is only one railway, the C.P.R.

Mr. FOSTER (Kings, N.S.).—It used to be the Dominion Atlantic.

Mr. Wilson (Wentworth):

Q. The freight rate you gave of \$1.24 per barrel, is that for refrigerator cars or ordinary cars?

A. Ordinary cars.

Q. You do not use refrigerator cars?

A. We cannot get them when we need them.

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. What is the reason you cannot get them?

A. The railway company claims not to be able to supply them.

Q. Would the freight rate be higher if you used refrigerator cars?

A. No, they charge nothing extra for the refrigerator cars.

Mr. DOUGLAS.—They would charge for winter stock.

The WITNESS.—I daresay.

By Mr. Douglas:

Q. The chances are, the rate you have quoted would be by lake and rail to Winnipeg?

A. No, it is a straight rate.

Q. All rail?

A. Yes.

By Hon. Mr. Burrell:

Q. Are there many outside apples coming in from Ontario or other parts?

A. I do not think we are bothered much except a few come in from Ontario, but we have early in the season a good deal of American stuff.

Mr. Schaffner:

Q. What do you pay for freight?

A. \$1.24 per barrel.

Q. Then that statement by Mr. Johnson the other day that the Nova Scotian apples had a cheaper rate than Ontario is entirely wrong, because according to this letter the rate from Woodstock on this carload of apples is 97 cents per barrel.

Mr. DOUGLAS.—That is lake and rail route.

By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):

Q. Are your barrels the same size as the Ontario barrel?

A. No.

Q. What is the difference in weight?

A. Twenty pounds.

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. You can see how it is possible for one man to pay more per barrel for freight than another; one man takes a car with 30,000 pounds capacity and bills it at that rate whereas possibly he has put 35,000 or 40,000 pounds of actual weight in the