

Mr. CHEVRIER: I do not want you to do it now but you could do this before the end of the hearing?

Mr. KNOWLES: I will try to do that.

Mr. BELL (*Saint John-Albert*): I understand Mr. Knowles has been requested to make a further investigation in view of certain evidence that is available from Mr. Frawley in regard to Ontario and Quebec. I wonder if it would not be in order to suggest that all areas in the three regions, be considered in this regard? The reason for my saying that, Mr. Chairman, is, I am afraid there may be an incorrect impression given as to the ultimate effect of this in the eastern and western regions, and I think we should have the whole story.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I would be perfectly happy with that; I would be delighted if that information is brought forward.

Mr. BELL (*Saint John-Albert*): I do not wish to ask Mr. Knowles to do a lot of extra work, but I think something should be done for the other regions, if you are doing it for the central region.

Mr. KNOWLES: From that statement it seems to me that it could be re-compiled province by province. However, it takes a lot of detailed work to do these things and I do not think I can guarantee to have it done before this committee is through its meetings. There is a tremendous amount of work involved which I do not think people realize.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I understand, Mr. Knowles, that much of this is done already and the information which you have in your hand has been passed by the economics and statistics branch of the board?

Mr. KNOWLES: In so far as I know, that is the only information the board has as to the basic figures on the point. What is done with them afterward is that the provinces usually pick out their own shipments and do the compilation themselves. Evidently somebody has been interested in the province of Ontario and has taken out those figures. We have ten provinces—and ten times ten makes 100 calculations. While I do not want to dodge anything, Mr. Chevrier, there is a tremendous amount of work involved in the request made by you and other members. However, I will try to get it done.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I would very much like to have the information; I think it is very material for this committee.

Mr. HEES: Might I suggest, as Mr. Knowles has said, it will take some considerable time. I know Mr. Knowles will get this information as early as he can, but it is quite understandable that it may not be available before the committee concludes its hearings. I do feel certain that the hon. members who requested the information will agree that if Mr. Knowles does his best, then that is reasonable.

Mr. CHEVRIER: I do not think anybody can complain, if he does the best he can.

Mr. FISHER: Possibly this was answered before, but I want to understand clause 7 of the bill. The Maritime Freight Rates Act allows a 30 per cent subsidy on goods coming in and a 20 per cent subsidy on goods going out of the maritimes.

Mr. KNOWLES: That is 30 per cent going out. Going in they pay the normal rate—the same as anybody else.

Mr. FISHER: And internally?

Mr. KNOWLES: Internally it is 20 per cent.

Mr. FISHER: How is this subsidy going to apply? Possibly that was answered this morning and I did not hear it. Will this 16 per cent, or what-