

things developed to a much greater extent than they are now. It might be if gas was not in abundant supply, and I do not think it is as abundant as it is in Alberta, that all of the towns there would have rather skimpy and high priced gas; but there is a threat at any time of fields coming in in Wyoming, a real threat. This conversation would all be academic then because someone else would have the gas and those towns would be supplied.

*By Mr. Goode:*

Q. I am interested in what you said about the supply of gas not bringing industry into its path. I think we appreciate a good deal of the information you have at your fingertips and I would therefore ask the laid down cost of gas, in Vancouver, as compared to coal? I am trying to develop your theory that the pipe line will not bring in industry.—A. I think we expect the cost of gas to be less than the cost of coal in Vancouver.

Q. Can you tell the committee the ratio?—A. Approximately just slightly above—coal is just a slight amount above gas.

Q. In relation to calling coal 100 per cent what do you think the cost of gas would be to industries in Vancouver?—A. I do not know right now. I cannot remember the exact cost of coal—it has slipped my mind—perhaps you can tell me the cost of coal in Vancouver?

Q. The cost of coal?—A. Yes.

Q. Let us take the cost at \$15 a ton—it does not really matter.

Mr. GREEN: It is more than that.

Mr. GOODE: You may buy better coal than I can afford, but take it as \$15 a ton.

The WITNESS: It will take 20,000 cubic feet of gas or maybe 22,000 to supply the amount of heat that one ton of coal will supply. It varies between 18,000 cubic feet and say 25,000 cubic feet.

*By Mr. Smith:*

Q. It all depends upon the b.t.u.'s. in the coal?—A. Yes, the quality of coal and the use to which it is being put. The cost of gas there, delivered to the city gate and to the large industries is to be, as near as we can calculate it, between 34 and 36 cents; somewhere in that neighbourhood. I will have to do some arithmetic to figure it out.

Q. Is not that only the cost of transportation, without paying anything for the gas?—A. Transporting it, and the cost of the gas, according to the contract we have made with producers.

Mr. ADAMSON: Per 1,000 cubic feet?

*By Mr. Goode:*

Q. Can you give me the same figures for the cost of electricity as compared with gas?—A. If you were using electricity to generate heat? Any gas, at even twice the price of artificial gas, would be cheaper than electricity. There is no direct competition in the heating values as between the electric current and almost any fuel. Electric consumption is so much more expensive.

Q. In dollar costs?—A. In dollar costs.

Mr. CONNOLLY: I want to come to the matter Mr. Adamson was raising at adjournment last night. There are two or three points to be cleared up, however, before we get there.

Mr. ADAMSON: You are speaking now of markets?

Mr. CONNOLLY: Yes.