

house; it was not eight, nor seven nor six tons; she could not say how much less than that it was, but they had never had six tons at one time because the space allotted for the coal would not hold six tons.

Mr. G. C. Mooring the representatives of the Board at the test also received his coal from the Connell Coal Co. at the contract price subsequent to the test.

Edward F. Rush being asked to explain as to the entry in Mr. Raymer's book stated: "I have no statement to make, only I have no remembrance of anything of the kind; all the explanation that I have to make is that I have no remembrance of getting any coal without paying for it.

Q.—Would you go any further than that, did you get any coal or not?

A.—I have no remembrance of it.

Q.—Cannot you go further?

A.—I do not know that I can.

Q.—Could they have given it to you without your knowledge?

A.—I could not say that, I have no recollection.

A number of the caretakers complained as to the quality of the coal during the first two years, that it was dirty and left a great deal of ash. Subsequently the complaints were so numerous. It is stated that they were shown how to fire up in such way as to get rid of their complaints. The evidence shows that a number of these men dealt with the Connell Coal Co. for coal for their own personal use, receiving the coal at the same rate as the contract with the School Board. These caretakers certified to the Board the number of tons of coal delivered as per receipts of the weighmasters of the different weigh scales in the city. I find a large quantity of the coal delivered was not represented by the city weigh scale certificates; a number of them were reported as having been lost and duplicates were sometimes obtained in order to be produced to the Department in support of the accounts of the company. In many cases Miss Anketell, who had the checking of the accounts for the Board, had to refer to the original tickets in the possession of the Coal Company, and when she satisfied herself as to them the accounts were passed by her and paid for by the Board. In going over the different accounts with the Board during the years 1906 to 1911 there was only a small sum in dispute, and the adjustment of some I have left in the hands of Mr. Kerr, the Clerk of Supplies.