

put forward with much confidence by the Commissioners, and of placing in juxtaposition therewith, and with equal confidence, notes and corrections from my own pen, producing a "contrast" that even the Commissioners, I think, will allow extracts somewhat of its force from the "instructive" lesson which they would read to me on this question of local tariff.

Another cry that may be heard along all the other Trunk Lines of America, as well as ours, is that which charges on their managers the sin of fostering the "Through" or "Foreign" traffic, to the let and hindrance of "local" business. With this cry the report harks in, and in seeking to sustain their unqualified adoption of the popular sentiment, the Commissioners, precisely as in the other instances above pointed at, sadly misuse figures. Where and how I will be prepared to show in good time.

Apologising to the reader for the length of this preface, I will now proceed to single out a few of the most striking of the blunders from that part of the report which purports to have discovered the

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