

## APPENDIX No. 5

Q. Are the rates the same from St. Mary's and Stratford, the one being a competing point on the railways, the other not?

A. To Winnipeg?

Q. Yes, or to Edmonton.

A. To Winnipeg 53 cents; to Edmonton \$1.04, from all Western Ontario.

Q. I would like to know if the rate is the same from Stratford as it is from St. Mary's. One place is a competing point through which both the C.P.R. and Grand Trunk Railway pass, and the other is simply a Grand Trunk Station.

A. These rates from Ontario are blanketed for all railways without distinction, regardless of whether they are competing or non-competing points, or whether they originate on the C.P.R. or not. These rates are blanketed from all Western Ontario points to the West.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. The rates are agreed upon by the different railways?

A. They are practically fixed by the C.P.R., which has the through line, but the same rates apply over the different lines in Ontario.

*By Mr. Steele:*

Q. Evidently the railway companies do not always enforce these rates because, as a matter of fact, there is a different rate between those two points I have mentioned.

A. Do you mean from Stratford and St. Mary's to the West?

Q. Yes, the rates on apples from those points to the West.

A. I am surprised to learn that.

Q. I cannot give you the figures but I know there is a different rate.

A. And it applies to some point West of Port Arthur?

Q. Yes, to Winnipeg.

A. What you say is, the rate is different from St. Mary's to what it is from Stratford?

Q. Yes. I don't know whether it applies to carload lots, but a farmer can ship a few barrels from St. Mary's cheaper than he can from Stratford.

A. By freight?

A. That is surprising to me.

*By Mr. Douglas:*

Q. Perhaps the blanketing applies only to carloads.

A. It applies to everything. I think Dr. Steele will find there is some mistake if he will look into the matter.

*By Mr. Armstrong (Lambton):*

Q. This does not apply to express rates?

A. I am speaking of freight rates.

*By Mr. Merner:*

Q. I don't think it is applicable to freight rates. I made a shipment from Hensall to Leduc, Saskatchewan, north of Regina, and I was charged 88 cents per hundred pounds. There is no railway competition there.

*By Mr. Wright:*

Q. What would the rate be from Stratford?

A. The same.

*By Mr. Merner:*

Q. There is no competition at the Western point I have named and still I had to pay that much.