

APPENDIX No. 5

A. Exactly.

Q. And we pay 66 cents a barrel more than they do, and that excess is paid to the same railway?

A. Yes, there are three railroads, I believe.

Mr. BEST.—That is most unfair and it needs looking into more than anything else in the whole industry. 66 cents more over the same railway is a shame.

By Mr. Schaffner:

Q. I would like to understand this. Do you mean to say that a carload of American fruit, packed in Winnipeg, goes to Medicine Hat for 60 cents less than Canadian apples?

A. No, no.

By Mr. Morphy:

Q.—Supposing we shipped only No. One apples to the Northwest, what could we do with No. Two?

A. We could not do anything.

Q. What is the percentage of No. Two's and No. One's?

A. I should think this year fully 50 per cent.

Q. That would be a tremendous loss. Have you any suggestion to offer as to what should be done with our No. Two's?

A. Send them still to the West.

Q. Would not the evaporators in this country take them?

A. They are not supposed to be very liberal. I know something about the evaporating business as well as the fruit business. Even at 20 cents a hundred we could not make any money this year. Last year we could make money at 60 cents.

By Mr. Thornton:

Q. What about evaporated apples?

A. Evaporated apples are not worth more than 5 cents a pound to-day.

Q. Is there not the same difficulty with evaporated as with green apples? That is, there is a lot of rubbish put on the market which destroys the demand for that class of stuff?

A. To a certain extent, yes, but not altogether. The evaporated trade is very much like wheat, there is a good market for it if once established, and the present price for good, prime evaporated apples is about 5 cents a pound.

Q. The evaporated apple is tied up with the green apple industry. They are on a par in many respects, but don't you think there is a lot of stuff on the market to-day that is absolutely worthless? You would not take it as a gift?

A. I believe some of it sells for 2 cents a pound. Evaporated apples want taking out of the demoralized state they are in at present just the same as green apples, and there would be a demand if the right kind of stuff were put on the market. I think myself that the evaporators should be inspected as regards the quality of goods they put up.

By Mr. Douglas:

Q. Coming down to straight business principles, is it not true that the man who puts up evaporated apples properly commands the trade? There is a brand called the "Lalor" which commands a very high price in Canada. Is it not because it is put up properly?

A. I know a good many manufacturers who get as high as 6 pounds of evaporated apples to the bushel of green apples. I have not been able to get 5 pounds myself, which shows that many packs are not properly dried.

By Mr. Morphy:

Q. What are the regulations regarding the inspection of evaporated apples?