

THE LUMBERMEN RAISE OBJECTION RATES ON SHIPMENT EASTWARD TAKEN UP

Railway Commissioners Hear the Complaints of Manufacturers and the Answers of Railway Company.

At the concluding sitting of the railway commissioners in Vancouver it was decided that in connection with the interlocking switch at the crossing of the C.P.R. and V. W. & Y. railway at Sapperton that the C.P.R. should have priority in crossing where two trains came together, but as it was agreeable to the C.P.R. the V. W. & Y. Railway Company should still operate the switch.

B. W. Greer brought in a report showing that different kinds of lumber were handled under special tariffs on account of difference in weight and quality. Dr. Mills wished to know whether the railway company did not establish minimum weight to cover inequalities in bulk.

Mr. Greer admitted that it did, but went on to say that it was carrying laths, lumber and shingles at very low rates, and it would be very unfair to expect the company to give such rates as would enable manufacturers employing antiquated machinery to compete with those having up-to-date plants.

In regard to the question of the company granting the same rates for rough cedar as for the boundaries of Manitoba, it was exactly the position taken by the railway companies in the United States.

Hon. Mr. Blair wanted to know if there was any position in the States analogous to the position of Manitoba. Mr. Greer said that he was referring to rates on cedar and fir only. He added that if the company reduced the rates to Manitoba, the railways from Washington threatened to adopt a lower rate and so shut the British Columbia mills out of the Manitoba markets altogether.

Dr. Mills wanted to know if it was fair to overcharge a commodity to make up for the deficiency of another. Mr. Greer said that was the principle upon which all freight rates were based. He said it was unfair to expect the same rate on a commodity that would go ten tons to a car as on one that would go twenty. He added that owing to an agreement between the millers and the retail dealers that they would not sell to any but the trade, the American manufacturers had been allowed to get in, and then came this agitation for low rates. The retailers had found that they could buy from the Washington mills at lower rates than the British Columbia mills, and the price of lumber was cheaper from New York to Vancouver than from Montreal to Vancouver.

Mr. Greer said that was not so. If the company was charging excessively it would be crippling its own traffic. He said that water carriage in the United States accounted for cheaper rates. "You admit then that the rates are cheaper from New York to Vancouver than from Montreal to Vancouver?" asked Dr. Mills.

"Yes, sir. We cannot help admitting that. Water carriage, as I said, is a factor there. If the American roads raise their price then the freight goes by water." Hon. Mr. Blair asked as to trans-continental freight rates, but Mr. Greer said that he was not prepared with a statement, and did not think it was a matter for immediate consideration.

Fred W. Jones, vice-president of the Mountain Lumbermen's Association, then took the stand. He said the output from the mills for Manitoba and the Northwest this year would be about 250,000 feet, or about double the amount that was shipped from the coast to the south in the Northwest. The price of mountain shingles had also been ten cents per thousand less on the market than coast shingles.

Hon. Mr. Blair wished to know if the Mountain Millmen's Association had any connection with the retailers of the Northwest. Mr. Jones replied that it had not, though almost every dealer was an honorary member of the Retailers' Association, and it was generally understood that they should sell to none but retailers.

"Suppose," said Dr. Mills, "that a farmer in the Northwest had a deal of cash for a carload of lumber, would you send it to him?" Mr. Jones said it was practically impossible for the millmen to deal direct with consumers, as it would lead to great confusion. He said the Manufacturers' Association made its own price list, and on this the price of lumber was based. The C.P.R. had this list, and published it at different points along the road.

John Shields, of Kamloops, represented the Enderby, Annapolis and Kamloops mills of the association, corroborated Mr. Jones's statements. H. W. D. Miller, general manager of transportation for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, said that he could not add much to what he had said on Monday. He quoted a statement of Mr. Beckman, of the State of Washington, that the culled and common cedar of the United States was not shipped except after it had been made into shingles.

He read the following statement from the B. H. Alexander: "This certifies that we, the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company, have been obliged to reduce stock by selling in Winnipeg 280,000 feet of dimension cedar at \$17.50 per thousand feet, with freight at 50 cents per 100 pounds, as required by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. This will leave us about \$6.50 per thousand. The logs cost this company \$6.75 per thousand feet. British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company, per B. H. Alexander."

Nothing Out of the Ordinary This Week - New Companies.

There was little of interest in last week's Gazette. The Hazel Dollar Steamship Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$200,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$200 each. Certificates of incorporation have also been granted to the Klovvna Club and the Trout Lake Water Supply Company, Ltd. The capital of the latter company is \$10,000, divided into 1,000 shares of \$10 each. The scene of this company's operation will be Vancouver.

A revision of the voters' list for Victoria and Esquimalt districts will be held at the court house on November 15. F. G. Hitt, of Victoria West, has been assigned to T. G. Hitt. The Vancouver League's assignment to Walter Shaw is also gazetted.

The following have received certificates of efficiency in assaying: John A. Reid, Keesland; James Buchanan, Trail; James A. McFarlane, Ferguson; Chas. T. Mitchell, Grand Forks; Frank Nichols, Nelson.

BOUND FOR HOP FIELDS. Large Crowd of Indians Arrived Here During Past Week.

During the past week a number of canny steamers arrived in this port with the Indians from the Fraser river. It is estimated that one thousand natives returned with little to show for their season's work through the failure of the sockeye salmon run. The Nlhat Indians camped in front of the Marine hospital, a large number sleeping in their large new sail boats. The Songhees again took up their residence in the buildings on the reserve. North of the railway bridge the Clayoquot natives erected their tents on the beach. The Port Simpson natives are camped on the point near Turp's ways. Near Russell's station the Albernis and Doggie's Cove Indians camped along the waterfront. A large number of Indians visited the railway bridge and commented on the early days of the city when the reserve contained a large number of Indians belonging to one tribe, and the strangers passing along were amused at the dress and mode of life of the aborigines. On Sunday evening the Port Simpson natives, accompanied by a song service in the camp, and were followed by the Clayoquot chanting their hymns. They on Monday left for Washington and the reserve now presents a deserted appearance. Along the waterfront twenty-five large sail boats were at anchor. The natives recently purchased the larger craft from the Japanese residents of Steveston, paying for them prices ranging from \$30 to \$180.

The West Coast Indian and Boat Navigators, and are displacing the cedar canoe with the larger boats. The East Coast Indians from the Fraser canneries will work in the hop fields at Agassiz.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PRIZE Won by Private Willoughby, of Australia—Results of Other Matches at Rifle Association Meeting.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—Private Willoughby, of St. Armand, Victoria, Australia, won the Governor-General's prize at the annual matches of the Dominion Rifle Association at Rock Hill, B.C., on Monday. G. W. Ching, a New Zealander, was second, and Sgt. Milligan, of Hamilton, third.

Capt. Forrest, Sixth Regiment, Vancouver, won the Minister of Militia's rifle league prize with 321. The Sixth Regiment won the President's prize, with 2,440, and Capt. Forrest was second in the Secretary's prize. In the shooting for the Gordon Highlander's trophy, the Sixth Regiment also won third prize and \$24.

The British Columbia Rifle Association team won the Lansdowne Cup and an annual prize of \$24. The individual cup was won by Private Willoughby, who scored 321. "Well, quite a bit," replied Mr. Perry, laughing. "It is a somewhat trying position for a man, no matter how good a shot he may be, to find himself pitted against 4,000 of the best shots in the British Empire. Particularly in that case of colonials, very few of whom are regular soldiers. When a man is taken out of a counting house or a factory and blundered down beside regulars, who are expert marksmen, he is necessarily keyed up to a pretty high tension."

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"Whatever success of mine had as a shot I owe not more to my own exertions than to the hard, systematic and untiring tutelage of officers connected, not only with the Royal Grenadiers in Toronto, where I obtained my first experience in the ranges, but those of the Duke of Cornwall's Own Rifles, the regiment to which I belong in Vancouver."

This was the modest fashion in which Private Perry, back in his native land from having obtained the greatest award that Bisleigh can bestow, referred to the considerations which made that achievement possible.

"The officers in the West, particularly," he continued, "take a great interest in seeing their men attain efficiency in the use of the rifle. They take particular pains to ascertain just what is in the new men. When they discover what they conceive to be talent they do all in their power to develop its latent powers. That is one reason they have a singularly large number of good shots on the coast."

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