

EXHIBIT G.—A statement of rates on lumber between eastern points on the one hand, and Rat Portage, Selkirk, Winnipeg and western points on the other.

By looking at this table you will note that there is material difference between some of the eastern rates quoted. As, for instance, Wiarton to Stratford 8c.; Muskoka to Hamilton $6\frac{1}{2}$ c.; and in dealing with this subject I have taken the lowest eastern rate named as against the Rat Portage, which is supposed to be the lowest western rate, and in doing so I find that the advance we pay on eastern rates, commencing at 154 miles, is 61%; at 228 miles 45%, 250 miles 60%, 280 miles 90%, or an average advance on eastern rates of 65%. That the rates from Selkirk are an advance on the higher eastern rates named at 65 miles of 50%; at 240 miles 95%; at 280 miles 105%; or making an average of the 5 points named of 73½%.

Q. Why not carry the mileage further over a greater distance?

A. We have done the best with the time and the tariffs at our disposal.

Q. Do not the tariffs give more information?

A. Yes. The reason given by the Secretary is that this is as long a distance as he could compare with Ontario rates, on account of these rates entering into another lumber district.

That the rates from Winnipeg are an advance over the highest eastern rates at 40 miles at 46%; at 100 miles 62½%; at 223 miles 90%; making an average at the three points named of 66%, or in other words two-thirds more than the eastern rate.

I would call attention particularly to this table as there has lately been a reduction in our rates; also because of its being required so much in the opening up of a new country and consequently the statement of Mr. Van Horne that it would be carried at about cost.

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