

HOUSE OF COMMONS,  
 COMMITTEE ROOM No. 301,  
 MONDAY, March 20, 1916.

The Committee met at eleven o'clock a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Jameson, presiding.

Mr. MOISE LAPOINTE called, sworn and examined.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. You live in the City of Ottawa, Mr. Lapointe?—A. Yes.

Q. And you are engaged in the fish business?—A. Yes.

Q. How long have you been engaged in that business?—A. Twenty-two years.

Q. You handle, I suppose, fresh and frozen fish as well as smoked and lightly cured fish?—A. Fish of all kinds, and poultry and game.

Q. Do you get part of your fish from the Atlantic coast?—A. Yes, we get it from pretty nearly every direction.

Q. How do you have it come from the East?—A. Which kind do you mean?

Q. Fresh fish?—A. Halibut and salmon?

Q. You do not get much of that from the Atlantic, do you?—A. No, I do not, I get haddock, cod—

Q. You get haddock, cod, halibut and other fresh fish? How do you get it?—A. In the summer time it comes by express.

Q. Do you find that it arrives in pretty good condition?—A. Yes, sometimes it is lacking a little in ice.

Q. Do you get it shipped to you direct from the Maritime Provinces or do you purchase from a Montreal firm?—A. Well, in the larger number of cases, we get it direct.

Q. Then sometimes it will be shipped to you from Montreal?—A. From Montreal.

Q. By express?—A. By express.

Q. What is the express rate from Montreal to Ottawa?—A. Seventy-five cents.

Q. Do you deliver fish in the city of Ottawa to your customers?—A. Yes, we do.

Q. What is the average weight of parcels to the householder?—A. The average would be about three pounds.

Q. What does it cost you per parcel to deliver it?—A. About five cents, four and a half to five cents.

Q. Do you deliver by teams?—A. Teams, yes.

*By Mr. Kyte:*

Q. You say it costs you four and a half to five cents to deliver three pounds?—A. Yes.

*By the Chairman:*

Q. Do you arrive at that conclusion by ascertaining the cost on your fish business, or is that common to all parcels along all lines of your business?—A. Well, that is pretty nearly common to all parcels, as nearly as possible.

*By Mr. Kyte:*

Q. That is for each individual order?—A. Yes, that is the way it figures out. Of course some parcels take a little longer time to deliver than others.