

APPENDIX No. 1

Q. He is the division court clerk ?—A. Yes.

Q. And among your farmers have you any stock-breeders ?—A. Stock-breeders ?

Q. What stock-breeders are on your line ?—A. The firm known as John Miller & Sons.

Q. They are prominent stock-breeders —A. Stock-breeders, yes, Shorthorns and Clydesdales.

Q. And Graham Bros., are they on the system ?—A. No, they are not. We have connection with those people, not with them personally, but we go into Claremont.

Q. Now tell us, Mr. Hoover, in as short a form as you can, the effort your company made to obtain connection with the Canadian Pacific station at Locust Hill ? First of all, tell me, do most of the people who are subscribers in your company do business with the C.P.R. as customers, as passengers, and giving and receiving freight ?—A. Yes, I think that with the exception possibly of three subscribers who live in Markham, and of course right at the Grand Trunk there, I think all others are really patrons of the C.P.R.

Q. You are all patrons of the C.P.R. ?—A. Yes.

Q. That is, you travel by it ?—A. We travel and get our goods.

Q. And you ship by it ?—A. Yes.

Q. You get all your freight, how ?—A. By C.P.R., we have always done so.

Q. Now, tell us, have you made any effort to have your line put in the C.P.R. station at Locust Hill ?—A. Yes.

Q. And whether you succeeded or not ?—A. I made application to our agent, our C.P.R. agent at Locust Hill.

Q. Yes ?—A. He was very favourable, would like to have the telephone, and I think he took the matter up with Mr. Timmerman, at that time divisional superintendent.

Q. At Toronto ?—A. And I visited Mr. Timmerman myself. He approved of it but what became of it after that I am not in a position to state. I think it was no doubt handed on to his superior officer.

Q. And then what happened ?—A. I waited possibly a month and became anxious. We wanted to finish the equipment of the line by installing as we expected the telephone in Locust Hill station and not getting any reply I wired to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy at Montreal.

Q. Yes ?—A. And asked him to grant us the privilege of installing the telephone at Locust Hill. In the course of a couple of hours I got a reply saying that owing to an agreement which existed between the railway company and the Bell Telephone Company he was unable to grant the privilege of installing a telephone there.

Q. Did he ever send you a copy of that agreement ?—A. He did.

Q. Have you got it ?—A. I have not. It was handed over to the Crown Attorney of Ontario county.

Q. Then that agreement is part of the record in an action that was entered, I think, to compel service being given ?—A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you got a copy of it ? I would like to produce it and ask Mr. Hoover if it is a copy. The C.P.R. deliberately declared it was their policy by reason of this contract with the Bell Telephone Company not to allow any private telephone company or any company other than their own, to have access to their railway stations. Was that not the substance of it ?—A. That is right.

Q. Mr. Hoover, I would like to know what arrangements you made, after the refusal of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to let you enter their stations, to do business with the station at Locust Hill in regard to the telephone?—A. We installed a telephone as near the station as possible in a private house.

Q. Yes ?—A. We gave those people of course free access to the telephone over our line and we paid them 5 cents for a messenger service going to the railway station and inquiring as to freight.

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