

Province, as it did not secure any reduction in rates. In quoting the terms of the guarantee the Hon. member stated that they were, "that the N. P. & M. R. should not charge more for hauling grain to Duluth than the C. P. R. charged for hauling grain to Port Arthur." The guarantee did contain this provision; but it also contained something more, namely, that the rates charged on grain from various points throughout this Province to Duluth should not exceed 21 cents per 100 lbs., which was 3 cents per 100 lbs. less than the C. P. R. tariff! When Hon. members attempt to quote documentary statements they only weaken their case by presenting them in such a mutilated form. To show that the effect of this bargain was to immediately reduce the rates on grain by 3 cents per 100 lbs., I would mention that it has been the custom of the C. P. R. to issue a grain tariff at the beginning of the grain season, which was maintained without change throughout the year; and very properly so, for if the company was to issue one tariff at the opening of the season, and afterwards lower it when the season had advanced, and a large portion of the grain had passed out of the hands of the farmers into the elevators of the dealers, then it would be the grain dealer who would be benefitted by the reduction and not the producer. But, as I stated, this has never been done by the company. Following out their usual practice, the C. P. R. issued on the 1st of September, 1888, their grain tariff for the year, and in nineteen days afterwards that company issued another tariff which corresponded almost with the rates guaranteed by the N. P. & M. R. contract as set forth in the letter containing the maximum rates, and from which the Hon. member for Cypress quoted; and I cannot agree with the Hon. gentleman in supposing that the C. P. R. was under the management of men so vacillating in character as to be uncertain, for nineteen days after the grain season had opened, regarding the very important matter of freight rates on grain for the season. I would rather believe that, having issued their tariff and afterwards learning the terms of the N. P. & M. R. contract, like shrewd business men, they promptly issued a new and reduced tariff, by which they doubtless expected to get the credit for being the first to reduce rates.

It now comes in order for me to show the actual benefit which this reduction of 3 cents per 100 lbs. will be on the crop which we have good reason to expect will be exported from

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