

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

ROOM 301,

THURSDAY, March 9, 1916.

The Committee met at 11 o'clock, a.m., the Chairman, Mr. Jameson, presiding.

THE CHAIRMAN: It was the intention to-day to take the evidence of Mr. Hayes, of the Intercolonial railway and of Mr. A. E. McDonald, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, but the latter gentleman, through the local solicitor of the Canadian Pacific, has informed me that his attendance is required to-day at a meeting in Toronto which was arranged before he received his summons from this Committee. He also says that it would not be convenient for him to attend here on the 14th or 15th of this month because of other imperative engagements. Therefore, when we rise this morning we might consider adjourning to a date which will suit the arrangements of this gentleman, who appears to be rather busy.

Mr. C. A. HAYES was called, and having made affirmation was examined as follows:

By the Chairman:

Q. What is your official position on the Intercolonial?—A. General Traffic Manager.

Q. How long have you been with that railway?—A. A little over two and a half years.

Q. Before that time what experience had you in railway work?—A. About thirty years' experience.

Q. With what company??—A. About twenty years with the Grand Trunk and the previous period with the Boston & Maine.

Q. Then you have had a general railroading experience?—A. Yes, in the traffic department.

Q. Can you state the rates on shipments of fresh fish by refrigerator car, in carload or less than carload lots, from Mulgrave to Quebec?—A. Not from Mulgrave to Quebec. I think, though, the rate to Quebec is the same as the rate to Montreal.

Q. Give the rate from Mulgrave to Montreal on carload and less than carload lots?—A. The carload rates on fresh fish are 28 cents per 100 pounds, on less than carload lots, 38 cents per 100 pounds.

Q. You think the rates to Quebec are the same?—A. My impression is that the rates to Quebec are the same.

Q. What are the rates on carload and less than carload lots to Toronto?—A. Rates to Toronto on fresh fish: carloads, 35 cents per 100 pounds, less than carload lots 70 cents per 100 pounds.

Q. Now give the rates to Hamilton?—A. Mulgrave to Hamilton, the carload rate is 36 cents per 100 pounds. The less than carload rate I cannot give you, but I think it would be 72 cents per 100 pounds.

Q. And the rates to London, Ontario?—A. The carload rate to London, Ontario, is 40 cents per 100 pounds. I cannot give you the less than carload rate to that point.

Q. What is the carload rate to Windsor, Ontario?—A. I have not that information.

Q. Have you the rate to Winnipeg?—A. I have not that either.

Q. Nor the rate to Calgary and Vancouver?—A. No.