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to Mr. Meakins
Corn Brooms*

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MEAKINS & SONS LIMITED

Hamilton, December 9, 1919.

Dept. of Trade and Commerce,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sirs,

In reference to ocean freights on corn brooms from Montreal and St. John via the Headline to Dublin and Belfast, cannot something be done to regulate these ocean freights? We have been shipping quite a few corn brooms to Ireland, but our customers although not objecting to the price of the corn brooms object strongly to the freight rates paid by them on the corn brooms from Montreal. They state that a dozen corn brooms shipped by the Headline to Dublin from Montreal cost them 11 shillings per doz. ocean freight, while the cost of the same broom shipped by the Headline from Baltimore to Dublin or Belfast costs them from 5/4 for the small grades up to 7/8 for the very largest corn broom. They would average about 6/6 per doz. The difference between 6/6 per doz. and an average of 11 shillings is such a great difference that there is absolutely no chance for us to compete, although these goods are in great demand both in Ireland and Scotland, and we know that we can manufacture them as cheap here as they can be manufactured in the United States.

It seems too bad to see this trade lost to us, more especially when the same line of steamers carries the goods from West St. John to Ireland as carries the goods from Baltimore to Ireland. Cannot something be done in the matter?

We remain,

Yours truly,

MEAKINS & SONS LIMITED

W.C. Meakins.